

Reading The Skies

winter winds
blow snow
choking
the world
to a chill
pale
silence

chickens scratch at ice
hogs roll
hunting
for a scrap
of life
to eat

listen to radio
click the TV
why don't
you watch
the fields?

bleating
breaks
in a frost-claimed meadow
one goat
chomping
at a few stray strands

forced through rime
to reclaim the world

he cries
in the long cold
a foghorn blares
in the dark
chill
mist
is fleeting
a moment before
the first
spring sun
flashes juicy
rising jonquils

pinkletink peepers
sing
warm
tangerine

-Tain Leonard Peck

DEDICATION

BRUCE STONE



Bruce Stone has been the Town Accountant for twenty amazing years. In that time, he has shepherded the town from paper ledgers written in pencil to a dynamic accounting office with any data you could ever need available with a few clicks of the mouse. Bruce's facility with numbers and his agile mind has made him a resource for others; not only in West Tisbury but other towns and regional bodies as well. If you don't know something, and there is a state law about it, Bruce will have an answer in minutes. But Bruce is more than just a numbers guy. For 20 years Bruce has been a congenial, hardworking, fun and friendly co-worker.

Town Counsel Ron Rappaport said "what immediately comes to mind is the old EF Hutton ad: *"When EF Hutton talks, people listen..."* I feel that way about Bruce-- whenever he spoke at town meeting, no one questioned what he said—because he was not doctrinaire, or personal, and it was obvious that he just knew what he was talking about—and everyone understood that. A voice of unquestioned competence".

Co-workers have consistently commented on Bruce's ability to guide them through all of their questions with patience and good humor.

It will be very difficult to fill Bruce's shoes, we will miss his wise counsel. As Bruce steps into retirement with Rascal perched behind him on the recliner and golf clubs at the ready, we send all our best wishes for a happy life!

DEDICATION

JOYCE ALBERTINE



The Town of West Tisbury recognizes Joyce Albertine who will retire from her post as the Director of the Up-Island Council on Aging in May of 2024 after 38 years of diligent service. For nearly 4 decades, Joyce has led the agency in providing critical services to better assist our aging community and as a direct result, the greater community as a whole. Her expansive knowledge of the ins and outs of health insurance, availability of local and state resources, along with her interest in programs that promote physical and mental wellbeing has created a space that for years, older adults and their loved ones could turn to for guidance, support, and comradery.

While no longer in her longstanding role at the Up-Island Council on Aging, we know she will not be far away (unless in Aruba) and always willingly to offer a helping hand.

We wish Joyce a happy and fashionable retirement and hope she will visit us often, perhaps even joining her COA friends on a trip or two in the years to come.

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**TOWN OFFICERS
2023
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

MODERATOR

Daniel A. Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2024
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jessica Miller	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

BOARD OF HEALTH

Timothy Barnett*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Kenneth Vincent	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Jessica Miller	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Eric Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Michael Colaneri	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Larry Schubert	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Maria McFarland	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

TOWN CLERK

Tara J. Whiting Wells	Term 1 Year, Expires 2024
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TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year, Expires 2024
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CONSTABLES

Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
John Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Greg Orcutt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Clark Rattet	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
John Christensen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Kim Angell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lynne Hoeft	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Robert Hauck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Micah Thanhauser	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

Fran Finnigan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Wendy Nierenberg	Term 1 Years, Expires 2026
Emily Fischer	Term 1 Years, Expires 2026

PLANNING BOARD

Virginia Jones	Term 5 Years, Expires 2024
Leah Smith	Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Amy Upton	Term 1 Years, Expires 2025
Matthew Merry	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027
Heikki Soikkeli	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

John Rau*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2023
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Lisa Amols	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Mark Bernard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Matt Gebo	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
David Small	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEST TISBURY REPRESENTATIVES

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

LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

Peter Wells	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
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*Resigned

TOWN OFFICERS
2023
(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise noted)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(Members appointed by various town boards)

Michael Colaneri	Lawrence Schubert*
Jefrey Dubard	Jim Klingensmith*
Rise Tierney*	Kanta Lipsky
Amy Upton	Ivory Littlefield
Simon Bollin	Julius Lowe

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Jennifer Rand

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

Kathleen Hoffman	Term 1 Year
Christopher West, Assistant	Term 1 Year

BYWAYS COMMITTEE

Cathy Minkewicz*	Katy Upson
Cynthia Aguilar	Harriet Bernstein*
Ivory Littlefield	Kanta Lipsky

CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

Leon Brathwaite

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

John Christensen

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Erik Peckar*	Nicola Blake
Jennifer Rand <i>(alternate)</i>	

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

(Members appointed by various town boards)

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

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

Malcolm W. Young	Term 1 Year
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jessica Miller	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

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

CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kate Warner	Sue Hruby
Russell Hartenstine	Garrison Vieira*
Virginia Jones	Robert Hauck*
Donna Paulnock	Nicola Blake
Jeremie Rogers	

COALITION TO CREATE A MV HOUSING BANK

J. Skipper Manter	Term 1 Year
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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(Members appointed by various town boards)

Nancy Dole	Angela Luckey*
Bea Phear	Cheryl Lowe
John Rau	Jefrey Dubard
John Christensen	Mary Sage Napolitan
Ernie Thomas	

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Oliver Osnoss	Rachel Baumrin
Abby Bailey	Sara Rosenthal
Andrew Lester	Greg Pachic

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Donna Paulnock*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Chris Lyons – Associate member	Term 1 Years, Expires 2024
Fred Barron	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Geraldine Brooks	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Angela Luckey	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Michael Turnell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Whit Griswold	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

CONSTABLES

Will Whiting*	Term 1 Year
Nathan Vieira	Term 1 Year
Evan Fielder	Term 1 Year
Gary Montrol	Term 1 Year

COUNCIL ON AGING

Nancy P. Cabot*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
J. Skipper Manter*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Anna Alley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Cynthia Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Beth Kramer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Joyce Albertine	Term 1 Year
Bethany Hammond, 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

Rise Terney	Term 1 Year
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DUTCH ELM DISEASE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Russell Hartenstine, Director	Term 1 Year
Janelle Gadowski, Deputy Director	Term 1 Year

ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

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

FENCE VIEWERS

Joanie Ames	Term 1 Year
Richard Hammond	Term 1 Year

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN

Gregory Pachico	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
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HEALTHY AGING TASK FORCE

Skipper Manter	Term 1 Year
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HERRING WARDEN

John Hoy Term 1 Year

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Mazer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Sean Conley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Nancy Dole	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Carol Sarason	Term 1 Year, Expires 2024
Anne Fischer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Charlie Kernick	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Josh Gothard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

HOWES HOUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Skipper Manter	James Klingensmith*
Bernadette Lyons	Bethany Hammond
Kathy Logue	Richard Andre

INSECT CONTROL WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

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

INSPECTOR OF SIGNS

Joseph Tierney Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

IMPROVING GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE

John Christensen	Cynthia Mitchell
Susan Silk	Susan Wasserman
Andy Zaikis	

JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Matthew Sudarsky Term 1 Year

KEEPER OF THE DAM

David Bouck Term 1 Year

LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

(Members appointed by various town boards)

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

LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Richard Burt*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jill Bouck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Karin Stanley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Ellen Weiss	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Anne Fisher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION
SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Ernest Thomas Term 1 Year

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Harriet Bernstein	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Hal Garneau	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Irene Tewksbury	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Paul Doherty	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

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

Alan Look Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

**MILL POND WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER

Cass Luskin Term 1 Year

PARKING CLERK

Beth Kaeka Term 1 Year

PERSONNEL BOARD

Jim Klingensmith*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2023
Leon Braithwaite	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Hunter Morman	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Janice Haynes (employee rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Brian Smith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Larry Schilmeister	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

POET LAUREATE

Tam Leonard-Peck Term 3 Years

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Matthew Mincone, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Matthew Gebo, Lieutenant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Garrison Vieira, Sergeant*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2023
Bradley Cortez, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Jeremie Rogers, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Nikolaj Wojtkielo, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026
Connor Bettencourt, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Daniel Durawa, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Mark Nickowal, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Bradley Fielder, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Noah Stobie, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2026

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Samantha Smith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Jeffrey Stone	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025
Diane Demoe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

SPECIAL OFFICERS

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Jen Rand	Term 1 Year
Russel Hartenstein	Term 1 Year

RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER

Tara J. Whiting-Wells	Term 1 Year
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REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (VTA)

Robert Wasserman	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.**	Term 3 Years, Expires 2023
Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Hermine Hull	Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Ray Gale	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024
Kenneth Jones, Deputy Constable	Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

SHELLFISH AGENT

Will Reich	Term 1 Year
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SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

SHORT TERM RENTAL COMMITTEE

John Rau	Dan Rossi
Karen Overtoom	Sheila Morris
Reid Silva	Bea Phear

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Bradley Cortez*	Alexandra Pratt*
Terry Kreidman	Loren Ghiglioni
Susanna Sturgis	Arielle Faria
Ted Jochsberger	Elaine Cawley Weintraub

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Bruce Stone Term 3 Years, Expires 2024

TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR

Katherine Logue Term 3 Years, Expires 2025

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tim Boland	Jevon Rego*
Jeremiah Brown	Oliver Osnoss
Angela Luckey*	David Fielder
JT Hunt	Emily Ellingson

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jennifer Rand Term 3 Years

TOWN COUNSEL

Ronald Rappaport Term 1 Year

TRI TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Cynthia E. Mitchell Term 1 Year

TRUANT OFFICER

Matthew Mincone Term 1 Year

UIRSD ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TASK FORCE

Doug Ruskin Term 1 Year

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

Brian Athearn Term 1 Year

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Deborah V.B. Wells	Term 5 Years, Expires 2024
Jeffrey Kaye – Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2024
Patrick Barrett	Term 2 Years, Expires 2024
Casey Decker	Term 2 Years, Expires 2025
Larry Schubert	Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Andrew Zaikis	Term 5 Years, Expires 2025
Julius Lowe	Term 5 Years, Expires 2027

*Resigned

**Deceased

REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

In 2023 the vaccine mandate was finally lifted and committees started to meet in person or in hybrid form; we finally felt like the worst of Covid was behind us and it became time to do some housekeeping. We had to look at the way things were being done and work on ways to improve our methods. In May a citizen brought questions to us about the way new committee members were vetted and how they were trained. It was to become the beginning of a new Improving Governance Task Force (IGTF). They were charged with looking at the appointment process and policy, and coming up with a handbook for new committee members, new and old. We drafted an application for potential new committee members, now in use, and in the fall a survey went out to get an idea of how the current members felt and where we needed to improve our training. IGTF are currently working on the handbook and soon our committees will all be on the same page. We are always looking for new citizens to get involved and share their knowledge and experience with us guiding the town.

We also created a social media policy and a Facebook page to enable us to get more information out to the public. A request to fly a non-governmental flag at the end of November prompted the creation of a Flag Flying Policy which took effect in December. In short it says: The following flags may be flown from Town-owned property: the United States flag; the Commonwealth flag; a POW/MIA flag; and the Town of West Tisbury flag.

The Howes House project continued to be discussed, including cost sharing with the other towns, but early on in the year the project began to stall as we got more input from townsfolk about their ideas for the building. By August we stopped action altogether to regroup. Eventually, it came to light that there were issues with the Council on Aging board terms and we needed to reorganize that board. New members were appointed in October, including Cynthia from the Select Board, and they began working on the old bylaws and will continue to drive the Howes House project as it moves forward.

The Select Board got involved in the Accessory Dwelling Unit discussion right from the very beginning to be sure it was ready for the voters at Town Meeting. We ultimately felt it was not quite ready for the Annual Town Meeting and it was slated for Special Town Meeting in the fall, where it unfortunately failed to pass. The Affordable Housing Committee may bring it back to voters after more public input.

Some of the other projects that came before us this year included the VTA charging stations at the bus stop at the Town Hall, Tree planting by the Tree Advisory Committee, and the North Tisbury bridge discussion continued. We heard a proposal for new electric car charging stations at West Tisbury school and discussed changing the chargers at Town Hall to pay stations.

Other projects that were started and we will continue to work on in 2024 are working with the Historic District on the Village Cemetery fence which needs to be partially replaced, painted or removed. Dealing with the PFAS situation is also ongoing, but after we got a MA DEP Notice of Responsibility we were able to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to offset some of the costs of clean up.

During the summer we met with representatives from the MV Commission to discuss the Governors roundtable on affordable housing on the Cape and Islands. We also looked into the steps necessary to sign on to an opportunity from the MA Housing Partnership called Complete Neighborhoods which is about planning and creating affordable housing in rural areas. Aquinnah has said they are interested and the director of the program has suggested that the 6 island towns should apply for a regional plan. The MV Commission is offering support to facilitate the application process and we look forward to participating.

With input from our Principal Assessor MacGregor Anderson, the Select Board has agreed to explore adopting the Residential Tax Exemption for the future. Mac has been through the process in another town and knows what needs to be done. He will be providing us with a time line and information on how to proceed and in the fall of 2024, we will be ready to consider it.

At the very beginning of the year we had to say good bye to Health Agent Omar Johnson after 6 years when he chose to leave the island. His assistant Alex Lam moved up to take his position, and Sarah Toste was hired to be the Assistant Health Agent. The Board of Health also lost Tim Barnett who retired after 21 years on the board. Rhonda Connelly retired as the Board Administrator for the Affordable Housing Committee after 22 years and Wanda Higgins was hired to replace her. Sergeant Garrison Vieira resigned from the Police Department but only went as far as the Chilmark Police Department so is still 'around'. And then the end of the year Town Accountant Bruce Stone announced his pending retirement in 2024. As did Joyce Albertine, our Council on Aging Director, after 38 years on the job. All will be missed and we look forward to working with all of the new members of our West Tisbury family for years to come.

As we move in to 2024 we extend our gratitude 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. We couldn't run this town without you all.

And just a reminder that there are always boards and committees looking for new members to get involved. We would love to welcome some new faces to come and work with us in town government.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Skipper Manter, Chair
Jessica Miller
Cynthia Mitchell

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
January			
27	Jason Allen Gale Natasha I. Hartman	Gale Hartman	West Tisbury, MA
February			
14	Scott M. Savoie Robyn Elaine Maciel	Savoie Savoie	West Tisbury, MA
May			
24	Thomas Mayhew Coye Linsay Kaye Bumila	Coye Coye	Edgartown, MA
June			
10	William Mayhew Fielder Olivia Marie Higham	Fielder Fielder	Oak Bluffs, MA
24	Jacob Packard Kozloski Aliia Saifutdinova	Kozloski Kozloski	Miami, FL
24	Christian Robbins Henze Nina Elizabeth Patterson	Henze Henze	New York, NY
July			
8	John Rene Brosens Amanda Rose Roberts	Brosens Brosens	New York, NY
August			
24	Michael S. McManamy Melissa C. Ruttan	McManamy McManamy	Chilmark, MA
September			
23	Jackson Paul Warner Jordan Wilkes Larsen	Warner Warner	New York, NY
23	Todd James Hitchings Abigail Lorane Entner	Hitchings Hitchings	West Tisbury, MA
30	James Tobey Shiverick Rosalee Ingram Lawson	Shiverick Shiverick	Denver, CO

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
October			
15	Marc Josue Edmond Sasha Saint Sulne	Edmond Edmond	Margate, FL
19	Paul Brian Caval Elizabeth H. Eisenhauer	Caval Eisenhauer	West Tisbury, MA
December			
3	Antonio Saccoccia Ann Kathleen Hunt	Saccoccia Saccoccia	West Tisbury, MA

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
February		October	
11	Susan Allyn Safford	6	Harry (Tad) C. Crawford III
12	Michael J. Flynn	14	Robert Philip Fischer
March		20	Jonathan Bernstein
30	Janice H. Cramer	24	Peter F. Lenkoski
April		November	
1	Peter James Vann	2	Edward L. Pierce
30	Thomas Anthony Wetherall	10	Dennis B. White
May		14	Waylon M. Sauer
2	James H. Price	18	Gertrude W. Russell
8	Alvida R. Jones	23	Mark E. McGoldrick
20	John Louis Zannini	24	Robert J. Francis Jr.
June		27	Irene T. Price
19	Patricia Ware Vann	December	
20	Henry R. Gaudet	12	Clifton H. Athearn
September		14	Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.
29	Ann R. Fielder	17	Linda M. Fischer
		26	Charlotte C. Fallon

BIRTHS

Due to the passing of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts 1991, which prohibits the sale and distribution of the names of children under the age of 17, only the total number of births for West Tisbury will be published in the town report. In 2023, this number was 22.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:21pm who declared a presence of 142 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were seven amendments from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Question 1: Prop 2 ½ override for HVAC at Library.

Question 2: Prop 2 ½ override for MVRHS feasibility study

PASSED

ARTICLE 1: To elect Officers on the Official Ballot.

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

ARTICLE 3: Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2024.

Line item 313-5600 reduced to \$0.00 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 4: Vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 27.3

(Year-Round Pay Schedule) and Section 27.4 (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect a wage adjustment of 4.4% effective July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 5: Vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 27.3 (Year- Round Pay Schedule) to adjust the pay scale by 10% and vote to raise and appropriate \$415,000 to cover the cost of implementing this change effective July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 6: Vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 12-4 as follows by deleting the following wording in **bold**:

- Section 12-4: Vacation Benefits upon Termination. Upon termination... (see by law for complete text) with **the following exceptions:**
- **The employee had not completed his/her probationary period.**
- (a) **The employee failed to give proper notice of termination. (See termination of employment).**

(e) The employee was terminated due to delinquency or misconduct on the part the employee.

ARTICLE 7: Vote to amend Section 27-1 the Personnel Bylaw to add the position of Administrative Clerk/ Building Department and the position of Community Service Officer at Grade 2 on the Year- Round Classification Plan and further to amend Section 27-1 to delete the position of Summer Parking Officer.

ARTICLE 8: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$19,200 for the purpose of planting 16 trees at various locations throughout the Historic District.

ARTICLE 9: Vote to transfer \$10,000 from the FY2023 budget line 141-5120 Assessors Personal Services to FY 2023 budget line 141-5700 Assessors Expenses.

ARTICLE 10: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$24,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet the certification of values as required by Massachusetts state law.

ARTICLE 11: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$75,000 and Appropriate from of the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund \$75,000 for repairs and upgrades to town buildings as prioritized by the Facilities Maintenance Committee and the Select Board. **2/3 VOTE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY YES 144 NO 0**

ARTICLE 12: Vote to appropriate \$1,200,000 to pay the costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Public Library...Further, to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$1,200,000 as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, § 7(1) or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that this vote shall be contingent upon the Town voting to exempt from the limitation of total taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, § 21C (Proposition 2 ½) **2/3 VOTE**

PASSED YES 144 NO 1

ARTICLE 13: Vote to amend Section 3.1, USE TABLE of the zoning bylaws, USE TABLE, by adding the language in bold italic; Further vote to amend Section 14.2, “Definitions in this bylaw” by adding the language in **bold italics:...**

MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED

ARTICLE 14: Vote to amend Section 4.4-3 of the zoning bylaws by adding the language in **bold italic:**

Affordable Accessory Apartments

In order to help provide affordable year-round rental housing within the context of West Tisbury’s pre-dominantly single-family home character, and to provide an opportunity for supplemental income to senior citizens and other homeowners in West Tisbury, who might otherwise find it difficult to remain in their homes due to increasing energy and maintenance costs and/or concerns about security and health, one apartment may be allowed by Special Permit from the ZBA as an accessory use to a single-family dwelling, on any sized lot, subject to the following conditions:

~~9. Accessory Apartments shall be occupied only by Family Members or Caregivers if the Owner chooses not to rent to a qualified applicant for year-round housing.~~

9. *If the owner chooses not to rent to a qualified applicant as defined in the Affordable Housing Committee Guidelines, then affordable accessory apartments shall only be occupied by family members or caregivers, as defined in Section 14.2 of the zoning bylaws.* **2/3 VOTE YES 144 NO 0**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED (Strike #9 and replace with new language)

ARTICLE 15: Vote to amend Section 8.8-5 Swimming Pools, of the zoning bylaws by deleting the stricken language and adding the **Bold Italic language:**

8.5-4 Swimming Pools

A. Pools, General

1. ~~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 all the requirements of State Building Code CMR 780 Section 421.~~

The design and construction of pools and their enclosures must be in compliance with the regulations of the current edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code with MA amendments (referred to hereafter as the "Massachusetts State Building Code")

2. 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 *or so as to meet the requirements of the current Massachusetts State Building Code.*
3. See original by law.
4. See original by law.
5. *Energy Use: If a swimming pool is heated or if a water heating system is added to an existing pool--*
 - a. *applicants are ~~required~~ 'encouraged' to use a fossil fuel-free heating system, such as solar thermal panels or a heat pump pool heater, and are encouraged to use on-site renewable energy generation to power the heating system; and*
 - b. *'the installation of a pool cover is encouraged' ~~a pool cover shall be installed~~ to retain heat and to serve as a winter safety cover for off-season use.*
6. *Screening and Landscaping: A screening plan shall consist of native, non-invasive species, and must be perpetually maintained for the life of the pool.*
7. ~~*Fire Protection: An accessible and functional standpipe is required for pools containing more than 10,000 gallons of water with the design, placement and operation to be approved by the West Tisbury Fire Chief.*~~
8. *Drainage: The concentration of potentially hazardous chemicals in the water must be significantly reduced and properly tested before any necessary draining of the pool water directly into the ground of the property.*

B. Pools Permitted by Right

1. See original by law.
2. See original by law

3. All such pools must be in compliance with the regulations and requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code in effect at the time the application is submitted.

C. ***Pools and equipment*** by Special Permit

1. ***Additions of heating systems to existing swimming pools*** and all other on-ground pools and in-ground and above-ground pools, spas and exercise pools meeting the definitions of the Massachusetts State Building Code in effect at the time the application is submitted.

2/3 VOTE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED YES 145 NO 0

ARTICLE 16: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$25,000 to conduct a Visioning Session in the Town of West Tisbury.

ARTICLE 17: Vote to approve \$2,000,000 borrowing authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study relating to the possible replacement or reconstruction of the District High School... This approval of the District's borrowing is conditioned upon and subject to an affirmative vote of the Town to exclude the amounts needed to repay the Town's allocable share of this borrowing from the limitation on local property taxes contained in G.L. c. 59, §21C (also known as Proposition 2½)

ARTICLE 18: Vote to Raise and appropriate \$14,240 to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for continuing and community education in Fiscal Year 2024 provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

ARTICLE 19: Vote to Raise and appropriate \$96,000 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase of services related to conducting a Space Needs Study for the West Tisbury School building...

Article Information: *The estimated total cost of the UIRSD West Tisbury School Space Needs Study is \$120,000.*

MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20: AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT FOR MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (See warrant for full content)

ARTICLE 21: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash up to the sum of \$35,858 to provide two electric vehicle charging stations, including 4 charging points, for public use at the West Tisbury School. This appropriation will also cover the software and maintenance costs for five years. The cost of electricity will be covered through a charge for a "fill-up".

ARTICLE 22: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$100,000 to be placed in the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 23: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$43,000 to put towards the purchase and equipping of one all-wheel drive hybrid police cruiser in FY 2024 and to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the cruiser being replaced in manner that is in the best interest of the Town at that time. In the event of

unforeseen major repairs, a portion of the \$43,000 may be used towards those repairs.

ARTICLE 24: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$95,000 to be put toward the purchase and equipping of a dump truck for the Highway Department.

PASSED AS AMENDED (\$90,000)

ARTICLE 25: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of up to \$8,000... Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to manually lower the dunes PATH at Lambert's Cove Beach 'to increase accessibility.'

PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Unemployment Compensation Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 5E.

ARTICLE 27: Vote to transfer \$3,000 in the FY 2023 budget line 913-5170 to the Unemployment Compensation Fund and in addition to raise and appropriate \$3,000 in FY 2024 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

ARTICLE 28: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,000 toward Transportation Engineering services for design work and/or technical analyses on Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, for Fiscal Year 2024.

ARTICLE 29: 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 2024 revenues, in the following amounts: Open Space reserve \$70,000; Historical Resources reserve \$70,000; Community Housing reserve \$70,000; Undesignated reserve \$455,000

And to Appropriate for the administrative expenditures \$35,000 from the FY 2024 Community Preservation Fund Revenues.

ARTICLE 31: Vote to Appropriate \$54,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund to The Field Fund for the West Tisbury field irrigation program.

ARTICLE 32: Vote to Appropriate \$9,000 from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund and \$71,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard as West Tisbury's share of the Permanent Supportive Housing project for residents who may need medication supervision.

ARTICLE 33: Vote to Appropriate \$208,995 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to pay down principal and interest to retire the Scotts Grove affordable housing development debt.

ARTICLE 34: Vote to Appropriate \$79,517 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund and \$155,483 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Vineyard Preservation Trust for the replacement of the Grange Hall roof.

ARTICLE 35: Vote to Appropriate \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund to the West Tisbury Parks & Recreation Department for rope railings at Lamberts Cove Beach.

ARTICLE 36: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$5052.60 as the apportioned share of the county budget supplemental income.

ARTICLE 37: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$28,240, as the apportioned share of the necessary improvements of the Dukes County Health Care Access building.

ARTICLE 38: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$16,910, 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.

ARTICLE 39: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$8,411, to support the 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.

ARTICLE 40: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$6,861, to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

ARTICLE 41: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$81,527, 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.

ARTICLE 42: Vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, \$14,366, 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.

ARTICLE 43: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$25,851.60 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 provided all six towns vote to approve their share.

ARTICLE 44: Vote to Raise and Appropriate (~~or transfer from free cash~~) \$30,000 to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D.

PASSED AS AMENDED (-)

ARTICLE 45: Vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town pursuant to the provisions of M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for fiscal year 2024 to be credited

with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limits
Wetlands Protection Bylaw	Filing fees	Conservation Commission	to pay for expenses of the Commission related to the administration of the Bylaw	\$2,000

ARTICLE 46: Vote to appropriate \$965 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Transportation Network Companies in accordance with Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016, Amending Chapter 6, Section 172, subsection (a) of the Massachusetts General Laws 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, specifically, to supplement the Complete Streets Program established in section 1 of chapter 90I of the Mass. General Laws.

ARTICLE 47: Vote to accept, for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the Town, the provisions of M.G. L. Chapter 39 Section 23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions are met.

ARTICLE 48: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$745,000 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2024.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED (+\$5,000) For a total of \$750,000

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following bylaw:
Construction and Landscaping Noise

The generation of noise from non-public, outdoor construction and landscaping activity shall be prohibited at any hour on Sundays and legal holidays as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Exceptions.... *see warrant for full text.*

FAILED

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

13 April 2023

Registered Voters 2,752;
Total Ballots Cast 368 (13.37%)

MODERATOR		LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2)	
Blanks	21	Blanks	89
Daniel A. Waters	347	Emily Fern Fischer	334
SELECTMAN (3 years)		Wendy G. Nierenberg	311
Blanks	31	PARKS & RECREATION	
Jessica D. Miller	337	Blanks	141
BOARD OF HEALTH		Matthew D. Gebo	314
Blanks	38	David L. Small	281
Erik B. Lowe	3	CONSTABLE	
BOARD OF HEALTH (1 year)		Blanks	33
Blanks	45	John J. Powers	335
Kenneth L. Vincent	323	LAND BANK COMMISSIONER	
BOARD OF ASSESSORS		Blanks	48
Blanks	59	Peter S. Wells	319
Maria G. McFarland	3	Question 1 (Library HVAC)	
TOWN CLERK		Blanks	25
Blanks	17	Yes	288
Tara J. Whiting-Wells	351	No	55
TREE WARDEN		Question 2	
Blanks	31	(High School Feasibility)	
Jeremiah Brown	337	Blanks	25
FINANCE COMMITTEE (2)		Yes	259
Blanks	125	No	84
Kimberly A. Angell	304		
John R. Christensen	307		

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:35 pm who declared a presence of a 5% quorum of 159 voters. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

PASSED

ARTICLE 1: Vote to appropriate from free cash \$13,250) to the Fiscal Year 2023 budget line 132-5700 Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 2: Vote to raise and appropriate \$3,396,970.22 to fund budget line 313-5600 of the Town's FY 24 Budget. This is the Town's line item for the MV Regional High School's FY 24 assessment.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to Appropriate from free cash \$2,250 to pay a prior fiscal year invoice from Araujo Brothers Inc. submitted by the Board of Health.

There was a 'sense of the meeting vote' as follows:

To approve a resolution asking that the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee commits to accepting NO anonymous donations either in cash or in-kind above \$5,000 dollars for legal action, experts, project design or permitting related to any and all fields on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School campus.

PASSED Y 94 N 30

To approve a resolution asking that the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee commits to an all grass campus with no artificial turf fields.

PASSED Y 92 N 31

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 14, 2023

The moderator called the meeting to order at 6:20pm there being a quorum present. There were 141 voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There was one (1) floor amendment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

PASSED

ARTICLE 1: Vote to appropriate from free cash \$20,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget line 151-5305 Legal Services.

ARTICLE 2: Vote to appropriate from free cash \$12,875.89 to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget line 510-5700 Expenses- Board of Health.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to appropriate from free cash \$25,000 to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget line 176-5305 Board of Appeals Legal Services.

ARTICLE 4: Vote to amend the Lambert's Cove Beach bylaw to allow dogs on Lamberts Cove Beach before 10:00 am daily from June 15th to ~~September 15th~~ Labor Day annually. ~~(changes are shown in bold or strikeout)~~

FAILED

ARTICLE 5: Vote to create the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to be established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B. **(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, PASSED Y 141 N 0)**

ARTICLE 6: Vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$5,146.91, the amount of opioid settlement funds received

to-date, to transfer to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will dedicate 100% of all opioid settlement funds received by the Town to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024 or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, PASSED Y 141 N 0)**

ARTICLE 8: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$6,928.38 to reflect the 10% wage increase (budget line 161-5110) for the elected office of Town Clerk for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023.

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, PASSED Y 141 N 0)

ARTICLE 9: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$13,478.04 to reflect the 10% wage increase (budget line 220-5120) for the Fire Chief for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 10: Vote to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000 to line-item 132-5700 Reserve Fund of the Town budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Capital Improvement Planning Committee by law, Section 1, as follows: *(changes are shown in bold or strikeout)*

Section 1:

The ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **Select Board** shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, composed of one member or representative each from the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **Select Board**, the Finance Committee, the Planning Board, the Board of Assessors, **and the Energy Committee**. The Town Treasurer, **the Inspector of Buildings** and the Town Accountant shall be ex-officio members. The ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **Select Board** shall also appoint ~~two~~ **one at-large member to the committee**, to increase the total voting members ~~to seven~~ **nine**. The Committee shall choose its own officers, determine the length of terms and procedure for filling vacancies.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00, to be expended under the authority and direction of the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust to Fund the ADU Pilot Program as outlined below.... *see warrant for full text*

FAILED

ARTICLE 13: Home Rule Petition/Amend West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its senator and representative in the General Court to file a home rule petition for a special act to read as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND OF THE TOWN OF WEST TISBURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, or **by law** to the contrary, the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust, established pursuant to G.L. c. 44 sec. 55C, may expend funds for community housing for households earning up to 150 percent of the County of Dukes County median household income as reported from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, **except for any Community Preservation Act funds which will be subject to the income limits set forth in the act.**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

Insert bold language.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To the Select Board:

The number of registered voters in

	December 2023	December 2013
Democrat	1,099	1,013
Republican	120	167
Green Party USA	3	3
Green Rainbow	4	9
Libertarian	3	5
American Independent	1	1
United Independent Party	3	0
Socialist	2	0
Inter 3rd Party	1	0
Working Families	1	0
Pizza Party	0	0
Un-enrolled	1,533	1,099
Total	2,770	1,958

The Street List of Residents in December 2023 was:

Voter	2,771
Non-Voter	539
Total	3,310

The Board of Registrars lost one of the longest serving town official in December. Tony Rezendes was first appointed in 1970 and was a fixture at elections for all of those 53 years. His knowledge and expertise as well as his wit and kindness will be deeply missed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Kirby
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr. **
Hermine Hull

Tara J. Whiting-Wells,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AND WEST TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ---

The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee (WTAHC) and the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund (WTAHT) are pleased to report on the update of several new developments. The Committee is in support of Island Housing Trust (IHT) to build nine units on 401 State Road At Lambert's Cove Road and two units on 88 Pin Oak Circle.

401 State Road IHT and their team from Union Studios worked on the development of the project with the oversight and collaboration of the Committee. The project consists of 5 buildings with two separate units to each totaling 9 residential units of 1 – 2 bedrooms and a Community Unit to house an office, and community room for common interests.

88 Pin Oak Circle will be a duplex style development which will have two units of 1-2 bedrooms.

ADU Program the Aid for ADUs Pilot Program was developed and proposed at a Fall Town Meeting. It did not pass and the WTAHC will continue to work towards adoption. The program will assist homeowners renovate existing structures to accommodate affordable housing for our year-round community.

AMI - Area Median Income The community voted to raise our AMI limit from 100% to 150% at the Fall Special Town Meeting. Once adopted by the Commonwealth, this will give more options for our year-round housing community.

The Committee is actively looking into other sources of affordable housing. An opportunity was identified on Stoney Hill Lane by Great Plains Road to buy and bundle unbuildable lots for affordable housing. The Town Council has been engaged by the Select Board for feasibility.

As always, the Committee appreciates any help the West Tisbury Community could give in this effort.

To recap the ways that this help can be made:

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

6. Speak to the WTAHC about converting your home into an affordable home with a deed rider.
7. Donate your home in your will to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

A useful handbook containing relevant information is available on the third floor of town hall, by calling the WTAHC administrative assistant (508-696-0102 ext. 121) or by emailing affordhouse@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Membership

The membership has had several changes since the last report. Kanta Lipsky, Simon Bollin, Ivory Littlefield, and Julius Lowe have joined as Committee Members.

Meetings this year were virtual and hybrid. While this presented some difficulties, work was accomplished. The Committee extends a welcome to the townspeople to be a part of the mission to create affordable housing. Anyone with ideas and a willingness to help in this effort should come in person or via Zoom to the meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. A link to attend via Zoom is available on the town website. Link is on the town posted agenda.

Gratitude

Many thanks go out to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed and continue to give their time and expertise to creating affordable housing solutions. Thanks to all who help the WTAHC, WTAHT and Town strive to reach their affordable housing goals. Special thanks to Rhonda Conley, who dedicated 20+ years in the role of Administrative Assistant and Welcome Wanda Blake Higgins, who has joined us in that role beginning July 2023.

Respectfully submitted by:

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee

Jefrey DuBard, Chair
Amy Upton, Vice Chair
Mike Colaneri, Board of Assessor's Rep.
Ivory Littlefield -At Large
Amy Upton-Planning Board
Julius Lowe, ZBA
Kanta Lipsky, BOH
Simon Bollin, Select Board Appointee
Wanda Blake Higgins, Administrative Assistant

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust

Skipper Manter, Chair
Cynthia Mitchell
Jess Miller
Along with WTAHC members

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Select Board
and West Tisbury Residents:

This has been a great first year in my role as Animal Control Officer of West Tisbury. It has been really wonderful to get to know the animal owners of the Town and form relationships with so many citizens.

It is dog licensing season. It is a State Law. There is a renewal form in with your census. Citizens can also apply for a license online or print an application off of the Town website. **YOU CANNOT LICENSE YOUR DOG WITHOUT A CURRENT RABIES CERTIFICATE.**

Due to the increase in domestic animals on the Island, some vets may no longer be taking new patients. Anyone who is considering a new pet, please make sure you have proper vet care available. BE AWARE that you may have to go off island to find a vet.

With the growing veterinary shortage, it is also imperative that any animal owner has a plan in place in case of emergencies.

I sent out letters to West Tisbury Horse owners urging them to fill out the MVHC Horse Identification form and also to have a plan in place if your horse is old or even in the case of an emergency. Any West Tisbury residents interested in any information regarding this subject please don't hesitate to reach out to ACO Hoffman and I'd be more than happy to discuss it with you.

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

Because of the vet crisis on the island, in September I held a Pet First Aid and CPR class at the public safety building. It was a great class! Anyone interested in attending a future class please contact ACO Hoffman. I would love to hold another one!

We had a very successful rabies clinic in March. We are aiming to do another one this April. Keep checking the Animal Control Town Page for more info.

In November I attended the yearly Truckin' MV event hosted by the Montessori school. It was such a wonderful event. One of the things I love the most about this job is meeting kids and being able to show them what I do and educate them about animals in their community.

I also held an assembly for grades K-3 at the West Tisbury Charter School. I had so much fun teaching the kids about dogs and dog behavior. They learned how dogs show their feelings, how to meet and greet new dogs and how to react when confronted with "not so nice" dogs. I think it is imperative to teach

children proper dog etiquette. I hope to be able to do more things like this in the future. I strongly believe that a large percentage of this job is education. Anyone interested in holding an event for children please feel free to reach out to my office for more information.

In October I received the “Paul Murphy Golden Bone Award” from the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts. It is awarded to a “Dog-Gone Good ACO in recognition of dedication and efforts to promote professionalism through Animal Control in your Municipality.” It was a huge honor to be nominated and chosen.

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



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In calendar year 2023 we lost West Tisbury resident and data collection consultant Ed Pierce. The Board and Staff offer our most sincere condolences to his family.

It was a busy year for the department as we completed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 re-certification in the Spring, and the FY24 interim revaluation in the Fall. Value adjustments for FY24 were driven by qualified sales from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The FY24 tax rate was set at \$4.30, down from \$4.36 in FY23.

The final FY23 total number of applications for Real Estate and Personal Property tax abatements was 36. We have two property owners who have appealed to the Appellate Tax Board.

The FY24 Recap shows a tax levy increase of 3.2% vs FY23 to \$19,591,394.

The tax base grew by 4.6% to \$4,556,138,190.

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

FY23 Pro Forma Recap

I. Tax Levy Calculation

la.	Total amount to be raised (from page 2, lle)	<u>25,330,291.21</u>
lb.	Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, lli3)	6,346,976.19
lc.	Tax Levy (la minus lb)	<u>18,983,315.02</u>

II. Estimated Levy Limit Calculation

lla.	FY 2023 base	<u>17,721,891.00</u>
llb.	FY 2022 adjusted new growth	<u>-2,919.00</u>
	Subtotal of lines lla plus llb	<u>17,718,972.00</u>
llc.	2.5% of subtotal	<u>442,974.00</u>
lld.	Override or Underride	<u>.00</u>
lle.	Debt and/or capital expenditure exclusion(s), stabilization override, other adjustment, water/sewer	<u>1,326,499.00</u>
llf.	FY 2023 levy limit plus exclusions	<u>19,488,455.00</u>

If lc above is less than or equal to llf, stop	
If lc above is greater than llf, continue	
llg. Extimated FY 2023 new growth	0.00
llh. FY 2023 limit plus exclusion(s) and estimated new growt	19,488,445.00

Information about the department is available on the Assessors' page of the Town website, www.westtisbury-ma.gov. Citizens can download their property records and find other helpful information and forms. We're here to help you.

Respectfully,

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The West Tisbury Board of Health is pleased to present the annual town report for the fiscal year ending 2023. This report highlights the various activities, initiatives, and accomplishments of the Board of Health in promoting public health and ensuring the well-being of the residents of West Tisbury. The West Tisbury Board of Health is dedicated to safeguarding the health and well-being of our community. In the past year, our focus has been on various initiatives to ensure public health standards and to address emerging challenges. The efforts and collaboration of all the Island Boards of Health have continued to work as one community when needed, a collaboration that continues to serve the residents of the island well.

Environmental Health:

Monitored and maintained water quality standards in collaboration with relevant authorities. Conducted inspections to ensure compliance with sanitation and hygiene regulations.

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

COVID-19 Response:

Implemented and updated safety protocols in accordance with state and federal guidelines; the 2023 Community Flu and Covid Clinic was a success both in terms of the number of vaccines administered and the overall collaborative effort. Clinical volunteers, staff from Island Health Care; and the Martha's Vineyard Hospital along Health Agents and community volunteers came together at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High school to safely coordinate and administer 189 flu shots over the course of an 8-hour period as well as 266 Covid-19 vaccines. The clinic was open from 9am to 5pm, and was made available to anyone on the Island, regardless of insurance. A communal effort with the six island towns, have continued to offer free Covid tests with the assistance of Island Health Care.

Total # of attendees seen at the clinic: 307

- # of persons 6months through 18 yrs: 59
- # of persons 19 years and older: 248

Total # of flu vaccines administered: 189

- # of flu vaccines given to persons 6months through 18 yrs: 39
- # of flu vaccines given to persons 19years and older: 150

Total # of COVID19 vaccines administered: 266

- # of COVID vaccines given to persons 6months through 18 yrs: 46
- # of COVID vaccines given to persons 19years and older: 220

Food Safety:

Conducted regular inspections of food establishments to ensure compliance with safety standards. Offered guidance and resources to local businesses to maintain high food safety standards and regulatory enforcement.

Community Outreach:

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

Ticks & Mosquitos: 9 outreach & media events, 9 article features, 12 presentations, 4 deliverables, and 1 webinars/trainings.

Vector Control:

The six island towns have continued to work in collaboration with the tick program overseen by Patrick Roden-Reynolds. Completed approximately 115 residential yard surveys May-July and continued regular monitoring of 6 public hiking trails March-October. Patrick observed the spread of lone star ticks island wide. For the first time we collected 4 individual Asian Longhorn ticks, confirmed by Sam Telford, from private properties in Chilmark and Aquinnah. We had no positive West Nile Virus samples in 2023 compared with 4 from 2022. Implemented measures to control mosquito and tick-borne illnesses. Provided educational resources to the community about preventing vector-borne diseases.

Emergency Preparedness:

Reviewed and updated emergency response plans to address the potential of emergent public health crises. Conducted drills to ensure the readiness of local health services in case of emergencies.

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

Collaboration and Partnerships:

Worked collaboratively with other town departments, community organizations, and regional health agencies to address health-related challenges.

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

Acknowledgements:

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

MV 161th Agricultural Fair - Garrison Viera (Fair booth Mngr.)

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

Public Health Excellence Grant:

Fernando Lana - Public Health Educator / Inspector – Participated in food inspections in both Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish establishments on island.

Worked with Patrick Roden-Reynolds and Lea Hamner on the structuring of an early 2024 visit to landscaping companies for a presentation on tick bites and diseases prevention. Assisted all Health Agents on organizing a hands-on Fertilizer course to attend both CEU's landscapers and the Brazilian landscaping community on Island. Interpreting assistance in both Portuguese and Spanish for Tisbury School, OB School, High School, West Tisbury School, and Edgartown School.

Lea Hamner, MPH - Contract Epidemiologist - Reviewed existing literature, data, and public health information collection systems to understand historical and current information on tickborne diseases. There are over 95 different infectious diseases that are required to be reported to, and investigated by, local public health departments in Massachusetts. She also joined the School Health & Safety meetings to help support a chickenpox response in an island school, including an after-action review to continuously improve outbreak response protocols. Lea has also provided weekly acute respiratory illness updates to public health partners, highlighting trends in COVID-19, influenza, RSV disease transmission as well as vaccination coverage. She has also emerged as a leader of the Regional Epidemiologists of Massachusetts – a collaborative network of Shared Services Agreement epidemiologists working to build cross-jurisdictional epidemiology programs.

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

Patrick Roden-Reynolds - Public Health Biologist

Licenses and Permits 2023:

Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits.....	1
Bathing Beaches.....	11
Bed & Breakfast Permits.....	0
Body Art Establishment & Practitioner	1
Camp Permits.....	4
Well Permits.....	18
Septic System Permits.....	51
Lawn Fertilizer License	1
Food Establishment Permits.....	19
Temporary Food Establishment Permits	76
Motel Permit	3
Tent Permits	0
Septic Pumping permits	231
Septic Hauler License	3
Septic Installer License	27
Tobacco Vendors License.....	0
Pool.....	13
Barn Permits.....	4

Looking ahead, the West Tisbury Board of Health remains committed to proactively addressing public health issues, fostering community well-being, and adapting strategies to meet evolving needs. We appreciate the continued support and engagement of the community in promoting a healthier West Tisbury and island

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Lowe
Jessica Miller
Ken Vincent

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

2023 Building Statistics

Permits			
Camping Permit	2	Residential Short Permit	130
Certificate Of Inspection	10	Shed Application	8
Change Of Use Permit	0	Sign Permit	0
Commercial Building Permit	11	Smoke And Co	
Commercial Certificate		Modification Permit	32
Of Occupancy	0	Solid Fuel Appliance Permit	6
Commercial Short Permit	1	Sprinkler And Fire Alarm	
Mechanical Permit	14	Systems Application	23
Residential Building Permit	164	Tent Permit	39
Residential Certificate		Trench Permit	2
Of Occupancy	0	Total Building Permts	442
Total Value of Construction		\$	94,259,345.00
Total Permit Fees Collected		\$	201,618.00
New Single Family Dwellings			18
New Accessory Apartments			2
Solar			463.18kW

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

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

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

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

POWER SUPPLY

During calendar year 2023 (CY23), 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 CY23 remained below the utility's basic service residential price, while also being 100% renewable.

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

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

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes during the winter months. Over the last fifteen years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production; however, natural

gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. This creates a supply shortage of natural gas for electricity production during winter cold snaps, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England power supply customers. Until such time as this issue is resolved, either through additional natural gas 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.

This past winter (2022-2023) especially, consumers saw a significant increase in electricity prices. These increases in prices reflected the increase in New England-wide wholesale electricity market prices, which was largely driven by increased natural gas prices due to the war in Ukraine and a reduction of alternative sources of electricity generation (e.g., coal, nuclear). While prices did not dramatically spike this winter (2023-2024), they remain elevated when compared to past years and are unlikely to decline over the next few years. The Compact will continue to seek ways to help customers reduce their electricity costs through innovative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2023, the Compact had approximately 2,011 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 CY23, the Compact focused on the following regulatory proceedings at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU):

- Grid modernization (DPU docket 21-80):
 - o The Compact continued to participate in this docket with a focus on ensuring that customers on the Cape and Vineyard are able to benefit from Eversource's proposed grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investments. The Compact's key concern is that municipal aggregations and their competitive suppliers be able to access the data available through smart meters in order to design and offer time varying electric rates (TVR) to their customers.
 - o In CY23, the Compact participated in monthly AMI stakeholder sessions that were required as part of the DPU's order in this docket regarding TVR and data access for competitive suppliers.
- Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (DPU Docket 22-55)
 - o The Compact participated in this docket advocating for the approval of Eversource's Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (CIP). Cape Cod CIP seeks to resolve the significant barriers to interconnection faced by distributed energy resource facilities requesting to interconnect to the electric power system in the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard area.
- Municipal Aggregation Investigation (DPU Docket 23-67)
 - o The Compact and several other Massachusetts cities and towns are participating in an investigation the DPU opened into Municipal Aggre-

gation. Specifically, the DPU proposed a draft Guideline and Template Plan for Municipal Aggregations that the Compact views as being overly prescriptive. The Compact is advocating for recognition of municipal control and decision-making in the operation of aggregations.

- Eversource Electric Sector Modernization Plan (DPU Docket 24-10)
 - o In the fall of CY23, Eversource filed a draft plan with the Grid Modernization Advisory Council. The Compact submitted comments on the draft plan highlighting Cape specific issues. Eversource will be required to file its Electric Sector Modernization Plan with the DPU in early CY24. The Compact plans to participate in the adjudicatory process at the DPU when it begins.

In the fall of 2022, the Compact redesigned its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) to align with legislation that passed as part of the Massachusetts Climate Act in the summer of 2022. The Compact filed its redesigned CVEO with the DPU in November 2022 and received approval in January 2023. The Compact began implementing the program in June of 2023. The redesigned CVEO will serve 100 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. A limited number of customers will also receive battery storage.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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 (\$0.03301 for residential customers and \$0.01589 for commercial and industrial customers).

Jan – Nov 2023	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	10	\$0	0	\$244,550.36
Residential	331	\$7,992.00	39,960	\$487,817.73
Commercial	14	\$9,462.60	47,313	\$59,901.02
Total	355	\$17,454.60	87,273	\$792,269.11

Note: The data above does not include activity in December 2022 due to the date of this publication. The data above does not include activity in December 2023 due to the date of this publication.

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REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Introduction

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee is charged with reviewing “proposed capital outlays, projects and improvements involving major tangible assets and projects” with a view to recommending and prioritizing those capital improvement projects which should be undertaken over the next five years. These assets and projects are defined as those costing over \$25,000 and having a useful life of five years or more. Our charge is to prepare a capital budget for the next fiscal year, considering the relative need, impact, timing and cost of the various requested expenditures, as well as to project a capital program for the next five years. The following narrative and the chart at the end of this report outline the FY 2025 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY2029.

Summary

If all of the FY 2025 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$2,486,217 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed debt). For FY 2025, this spending breaks down as follows:

- \$850,006 in general fund debt payments
- \$840,000 on Town projects funded by CPA
- \$796,210 in tax levy, free cash or redirected prior appropriations

Policy

- If all of the FY 2025 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$2,486,217 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed debt). For FY 2025, this spending breaks down as follows
- The Town’s capital improvement program shall provide for consistent debt service and capital spending that is as close to level as possible over time, so that taxes do not fluctuate excessively due to capital spending.
- The Town and the Finance Committee shall support maintenance budget lines adequate to maintain the value and condition of the Town’s buildings and equipment in a proactive manner.
- The Facilities Maintenance Program shall incorporate energy efficiency as a central part of its mission and shall work in concert with the Energy Committee to carry that out

Recommendations

The Committee recommends that the Town continue the ongoing work to improve the Facilities Management Program, by ensuring that the implementation phase is adequately staffed and funded going forward. The Committee would like to recognize the diligent work of Louis de Geofroy, our Facilities Consultant, who has worked to document and organize our facility maintenance, as well as helping Joe Tierney, our Building Inspector, with the actual routine in-house work involved. The Committee recommends that the Town continue the feasibility, design and planning work with the Council on Aging and the two

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

Recent Events Affecting the Capital Program

- The new dump truck for the highway department and new police cruiser were delivered just before this writing.
- The new Tri-Town Ambulance building in Chilmark was completed in the summer of 2023. West Tisbury has agreed to bear up to one-third of this facility’s ambulance-related debt cost; this cost will begin to be included in the Tri-Town budget/assessment in FY 2025.
- 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. Going forward, only incidental maintenance and custodial expenses will remain in the individual departmental budgets.

Requested Capital Projects FY2025 – FY20309

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

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

Affordable Housing. The Affordable Housing Committee is working on developing the next project at the intersection of Lambert’s Cove Road and State Road, with a focus on housing residents over 55 in nine rental units plus a shared community space. This \$4.95 million project will be funded by a variety of funds, including a request for West Tisbury Community Preservation Funds at the April 2024 Annual Town Meeting, as well as similar requests from other island towns and other sources of funding. The committee is also developing a new pilot program to help fund and encourage increased development of affordable accessory apartments.

Energy Committee. In response to the passage of the 100% Renewable by 2040 resolution at Town Meeting, the Energy Committee is working on a 5-10 year plan to renovate our municipal buildings so that they are more energy-efficient and ready to be converted to meeting all their energy needs with electricity generated from renewable sources. The intent is for the cost of additional solar arrays and battery banks to be funded by grants or developers, but the cost of making town buildings ready for these installations will need to be borne by the Town.

As part of this effort, the Public Safety Building (PSB) Space Needs Committee will consider upgrading the PSB by considering placing Solar panels on the roof and battery storage located on site and the installation of either Level 2 or Level 3 chargers adjacent to the building for use by future electric and/or hybrid public safety vehicles.

In addition, West Tisbury, as part of the Commonwealth's Green Communities Program, requires a 20% reduction in energy use in the town's buildings over the next few years. For our town, this will primarily focus on significant energy reduction initiatives and upgrades at the West Tisbury School..

Fire Department. There will be a \$100,000 FY 2025 request to add more funds to the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, in preparation for the replacement of a tank truck and the chief's command vehicle over the next 3-5 years. Funding for a new fire hydrant tank on Tiah's Cove Road will be requested at the Annual Town Meeting, at a cost of \$75,359.

Highways. There will be a \$45,000 FY 2025 request to purchase a new pickup truck for the department, with a plan to replace the oldest pickup truck for the department and purchase a second pickup truck over subsequent years.

The Planning Board's Complete Streets Sub-Committee was granted funding from Mass Trails in June, 2022 in the amount of \$115,000. These funds paid for a design to create connector paths along Old County Road, which was completed in June 2023. Preparation for public meetings to publicize the design and take comments is under way.

Library. The HVAC system in the library has failed only nine years into its expected 15-year life, but the manufacturer is out of business. \$1.2 million was approved for borrowing at the 2023 town meeting; the project specifications have been finalized and it will soon be put out to bid. An additional \$1.8 million in borrowing will be requested at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting and on the ballot, due to escalating building costs and larger than anticipated scope.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle every 18 months. The FY 2025 \$30,000 request continues that program.

Schools. The high school has secured MSBA approval to proceed with a major renovation of the school building. The MSBA-guided feasibility study is under way to determine the scope, rough design and cost of the project.

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

Town Buildings. There will be a \$100,000 FY 2025 request to continue the work of ongoing maintenance and repairs to buildings on a coordinated town-wide basis.

The Howes House Building Committee is in a hiatus phase, while the governing board is reconstituted and works on strategic planning and hiring a new director. It is hoped that the Visioning project planned for April 2024 will inform the future of this building project as well.

In addition, a Public Safety Building Space Needs Committee has been appointed by the Select Board to work on the intersection of several projects at the Public Safety Building, including the need for sleeping quarters for EMTs stationed in West Tisbury, planned installation of EV chargers, repair or replacement of heating for the apparatus bay, a new roof, and the installation of solar panels and connected battery storage for resilience.

Tri-Town Ambulance. TThis is the first year we will be paying our one-third share of the new Tri-Town Ambulance building in Chilmark, There are three Tri-Town ambulances, one stationed in each town. A portion of the ambulance service receipts are designated for and are expected to fund the purchase of the next ambulance, which will likely be purchased in FY 2025. The ambulance service goal is to purchase a new ambulance every five to six years thereafter.

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 Select Board's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Schubert (Assessors)	Matthew Merry (Planning Board)
Richard Knabel (At-Large)	Cynthia Mitchell (Select Board)
Kathy Logue (Treasurer/Collector)	Clark Rattet (Finance Committee)
Bruce Stone (Town Accountant)	Joseph Tierney (Building Inspector)
Richard Andre (Energy Committee)	

FY2025 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2026-2030

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount (1)	Priority	Funding Method (2)	Voted FY2024	Proposed FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	PAYOFF
Projected Capital Program:												
Town Projects:												
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing - 401 State Road	4,955,748	1	CPA		800,000	256,480					
EV Chargers	Install Two EV Chargers at WT School	35,858	2	Taxes	35,858							
Fire	Fire Department Equipment	Ongoing	1	Taxes	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Fire	Install new fire hydrant tank	75,359	1	Taxes		75,359						
Highways	Highway Equipment/Road Repair	Ongoing	2	Taxes	95,000	46,500	70,000					
Howes House	Renovation/Addition	8,000,000	1	CPA/Debt	0	0	105,300	280,800	275,535	270,270	265,005	2046
Library HVAC	Remediate/upgrade HVAC system	3,000,000	1	Taxes	0	255,000	432,933	420,200	407,467	394,733	382,000	2034
Parks & Recreation	Beach railings and ballfield irrigation	84,000	2	CPA	84,000	0						
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	43,000	30,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	
Town Buildings	Town Building Maintenance	Ongoing	1	Taxes	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Regional Projects:												
Ambulance Building	New Ambulance Building	6,109,775		Taxes		218,615	205,942	200,445	194,948	189,450	183,953	2044
MVRHS	Feasibility Study for Renovation	2,000,000	1	Taxes		10,736	64,416	60,122	57,974	55,827	0	2055
Up Island Schools	Energy Upgrades/Expansion	35,000,000	3	Taxes	0	0			500,000	500,000	500,000	2060
	Subtotal, Projected Capital Program				507,858	1,636,210	1,378,072	1,204,567	1,678,924	1,653,281	1,573,958	
Existing Projects:												
Affordable Housing	Scott's Grove Housing Project	\$3,271,500		CPA/Bond	209,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2024
County Building	Center for Living County Bldg.	1,600,000		Reg. Assess	25,852	26,453	24,649	0	0	0	0	2026
Highway	Highway Building	925,500		Bond	249,097	0	0	0	0	0	0	2024
Highway	Road resurfacing	2,588,800		Bond/St. Grant	173,639	169,958	165,850	161,510	157,170	0	0	2028
Library	Expand building	1,500,000		Bond	115,150	112,775	110,125	107,325	104,525	101,563	0	2029
MVRHS (2013)	Roof/Exterior Repairs	2,124,000		Reg. Assess	29,664	0	0	0	0	0	0	2024
Police	New station	2,495,000		Taxes/Bond	160,800	157,200	153,600	150,000	146,400	142,800	138,900	2035
Refuse District	Redesign/expansion	2,500,000		Reg. Assess	31,581	30,709	29,838	28,966	28,094	27,222	26,350	2037
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,450,000		Bond	279,644	266,944	259,038	250,988	242,794	234,313	0	2029
WT School (2016)	Repair/renovate Interior	995,000		Reg. Assess	89,152	85,968	82,784	0	0	0	0	2026
	Subtotal, Existing Capital Program				1,363,578	850,006	825,883	698,788	678,983	505,897	165,250	
Total					\$1,871,436	\$2,486,217	\$2,203,955	\$1,903,355	\$2,357,906	\$2,159,178	\$1,739,208	

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

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

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

We have been working on making the fence at the Village Cemetery look good again and are still working with the Historic District Commission to determine whether we are painting, removing portions or replacing them. Otherwise, the cemeteries are looking good and being well maintained by Just-In-Time MV.

We tasked Alan Gowell with doing an inventory of available plots in the Lambert's Cove Cemetery this year and help us to get more organized. Sales have gone up over the last few years and we wanted to be sure we had the plots to sell. There were 7 lots sold at the Lambert's Cove Cemetery and 2 burials. At the Village Cemetery on State Road there were 17 lots sold and 16 burials, one of them being a green burial and only the second we have done in West Tisbury.

Thanks as always to Richie Olsen and the Assistants to the Cemetery Superintendent, Jesse Oliver and Brian Athearn. Alan Gowell for keeping it all organized, Just-In-Time MV for grounds keeping and Maria McFarland for maintaining the database.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We revised our Committee Mission such that we are working to:

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

We met with Town officials, including the Chair of the WT Planning board and have participated in initial WT Visioning planning as we work to promote the vision that all Town activities are viewed through a “Climate Lens”. ***Save the date for the Visioning Forum April 26-27, 2024. We need your participation.***

We continue to work with our Town Emergency Management officials. For the latest Emergency Preparedness links go to: westtisbury-ma.gov/emergency-management. We especially urge all individuals and businesses to log onto westtisbury-ma.gov, and follow the link to the "CodeRed Community Notification Enrollment" page.

We participated in Joint Climate Committee meetings coordinated by the MVC. In the pipeline for 2024 is a new Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP 2.0) which includes help to update our Town plans and to provide equity training and a pilot grant opportunity.

The Climate Book Club, initiated by Committee members and supported by our beloved WT Library, read a wide range of books related to Climate. From “Saving Us” - A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World By [Katharine Hayhoe](#) to Greta Thunberg’s “The Climate Book” – an essential handbook for combatting the Climate Crisis. We then moved on to our favorite yet “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants” by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

MV Climate Action Plan:

We continued to work with the MVC to implement the Martha’s Vineyard Climate Action Plan. Released in 2022, The Vineyard Way Climate Action Plan (thevineyardway.org) provides a comprehensive 20-year roadmap for eliminating fossil fuel use on the Island, while helping communities adapt to sea-level rise, storms, and other climate impacts in the years ahead. See also: mvcommission.org/climate-change

Plan Updates:

In May, the WT Climate and Energy Committees took part in the Climate Action Fair at the Ag Hall, which was a huge success. The overarching goal of

the Fair was to inspire the Island community to take individual action, and to encourage all – individually and collectively – to make the Island as resilient as possible against the impacts of climate change.

In keeping with the theme, “Reduce, Reuse, Renew,” the Fair offered solar consultations, bike tune-ups, lessons on mending clothes, tips on waste reduction, advice on sustainable landscaping, and an electric vehicle showcase of more than 15 EVs.

Next year’s Fair is planned for May 19 from 12-4 at the AG Hall. The theme for 2024 is “Resilient Landscaping”.

Other CAP Highlights:

Land Use, Natural Resources, Biodiversity: BiodiversityWorks sold thousands of native plants to residents through their Natural Neighbors Program see: biodiversityworksmv.org

Food Security: The West Tisbury farmers market is now able to process SNAP/HIP. Native seeds are now incorporated into the Community Seed Library.

Public Health and Safety: The MV TickProgram (mvboh.com/tickborneillness) compiled and distributed public health materials for residents and visitors.

Economic Resilience: Vineyard Power is working with schools to discussion renewable energy and energy efficiency with an focus on career pathways for older students as well as collaborating with ACE MV to establish an on-island certification/training program for HVAC installers.

Nicola Blake
Sue Hruby
Russ Hartenstein
Kate Warner
Garrison Vieira

Special thanks to our Admin Assistant: Amelia Smith

“Even a wounded world is feeding us. Even a wounded world holds us, giving us moments of wonder and joy. I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift.”

— **Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants**

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

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

This translates into \$3,688,905 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 2023, the CPC received eight applications. On the basis of eligibility, public input and its own evaluation, the CPC recommended six projects for funding on the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in April of 2023. The following is the list of projects and the resulting Town Meeting vote.

Annual Town Meeting – April 11, 2023

- DCRHA Rental Subsidies (\$50,000) – Approved
- West Tisbury Field Irrigation Program (\$54,000) – Approved
- Harbor Homes Permanent Supportive Housing (\$80,000) – Approved
- Scott's Grove Debt Retirement (\$208,995) – Approved
- Grange Hall Roof Replacement (\$235,000) – Approved
- Rope Railings at Lambert's Cove Beach (\$30,000) – Approved

In the fall of this year, the CPC received ten applications, eight of which will be presented to the voters at the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lowe, Member at Large, Chairman
John Christensen, Finance Committee
Nancy Dole, Historic District Commission
Jeffrey DuBard, Affordable Housing Committee
Ernie Thomas, Conservation Commission
Mary Sage Napolitan, Member at Large
Beatrice Phear, Planning Board
John Rau, Parks and Recreation

Maura Valley, Administrative Assistant

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Select Board:

In 2023, things in the West Tisbury Town Hall are back to normal. We are still meeting via zoom.

In 2023, Donna Paulnock resigned from the Commission. We were sorry to lose her. Ernie Thomas has replaced her. Also, Chris Lyons has joined the Commission as an Associate Member. Welcome to you both.

Individual members continued their roles as appointees to other committees. Peter Rodegast serves as the Commission's appointee to the West Tisbury Land Bank Advisory Board and Ernie Thomas has replaced Angela Luckey as the Commission's appointee to the Community Preservation Committee. Angela continues to serve on the Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee.

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

Administrative Review: None

Determinations:

Map 1 Lot 16/ septic system replacement
Map 6 Lot 2/determination of intermittent stream
Map 13 Lot 8.1/public trail at Cedar Tree Neck
Map 36 Lot 24/ porch addition
Map 43 Lot 10/ tree clearing

Orders of Conditions

Map 1 Lot 17/SE79-453/ demolition of existing single-family dwelling and construction of same
Map 3 Lot 14/SE79-455/ construction of a two-car garage
Map 3 Lot 49/SE79 454 / Construction of a new house
Map 6 Lots 6, 72 and 7.4/SE79-454/ reconstruction of revetment and extension/ pending
Map 11 Lot 44/SE79-451 demolition of existing of single-family dwelling and construction of same
Map 23 Lots 3.1 and 3.2/SE79-425/ removal of overhead utilities and burial of same
Map 23 Lots 4, 5, and 9/SE-426/ removal of overhead utilities and burial of same
Map 35 Lot 6.7 /WTCC23-001/swimming pool
Map 35 Lot 7 /SE79-448/demolition of existing single-family dwelling and construction of same, guest house and pool

Map 38 Lot 7. 1/SE79-449/demolition of existing single-family dwelling and construction of existing barn

Map 39 Lots 7 & 8/ SE 79-466/ House, garage, pool

Map 43 Lot 13/ SE79-447/ demolition of a single-family dwelling and construction of same

Amended Orders of Conditions: None

Appeals: Map 6 Lot 2/ Superseding Determination of Applicability granted by DEP

Certificates of Compliance:

Map 3 Lot 49/ SE-393/ house never built/

Map 7 Lot 130/SE79-426/ driveway

Map 12 Lot 5.12/SE79-313/construction of a studio

Map 35 Lot 1.10/SE79-252/dock never installed

Map 36 Lot 18/SE79-416/ demolition, new construction, landscaping

Map 38 Lot 2/WT2021-02/ construction of new house, guest house and pool

Map 39 Lot 9/SE79-428/ renovations, SE79-431/ plunge pool and 2nd story addition and SE79-459 septic system upgrade

Water Withdrawal Bylaw Permits: None

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

Ongoing projects:

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

James Pond: The 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. The Buzzards Bay Coalition and local land owners are pursuing a project to improve the outlet to James Pond. The MVC continues its work on monitoring water quality in James Pond.

Wetlands Protection Bylaw Regulations: The board has been working to create revisions to the Buffer Zone section of the bylaw regulations and a new section covering view channels. This work is ongoing.

Conservation Restrictions: There were no new conservation restrictions approved in 2023.

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

Brandy Brow: The Commission continues to monitor the condition of Brandy Brow and relies on the help of the Highway Department with mowing and fence mending. In 2023, 2 posts and 7 rails were replaced in the split rail fence. The path that crosses Brandy Brow has many exposed roots as it runs along the West Tisbury Road. Signs will be posted alerting folks to the tripping hazards the roots can cause. Polly Hill Arboretum is planning to plant 5 multi-stemmed Shad trees on August 27 as part of the West Tisbury Tree Advisory Arbor Day planting. Four flowering Dogwoods are also planned.

Map 18 Lot 1/Margaret K. Littlefield Greenlands: The Land Bank continues to maintain the walking paths at Greenlands for the Town. This year, the Commission voted to ban electric bikes in Greenlands. Signs will be posted.

Agricultural Preservation Restrictions: Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society (Map 25 Lot 1.1). The town under the care of this board is a co-holder of the APR with Vineyard Conservation Society. Members participated in the review and approval process for events at this property.

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

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

Whit Griswold, Chair
Peter Rodegast, Vice Chair
Fred Barron, Member
Geraldine Brooks, Member
Angela Luckey, Member
Ernie Thomas, Member
Michael Turnell, Member
Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

It is our goal to keep both our hardware and software, including web-based applications and the town web page, well maintained and up to date. We strive to do this within our annual budget so that our costs to the taxpayers are as constant as possible from year to year. Exceptions to this are when major upgrades and conversions are required, beyond what an annual budget can accommodate. Major accomplishments during FY 2023 included the following: upgrades to one of our servers, server software and security/firewall protections, and four new workstations. Ben Hopkins of IT Services MV continues to give us strong and immediate help, as well as to monitor our systems regularly to keep our stance proactive.

With the pending retirement of Bruce Stone in June 2024, it has become clear that we will have to staff the in-house portion of this work differently in future. At this writing, we are working with the Select Board to create a job description that will cover these in-house duties, as well as other administrative duties, so that someone will continue to be available to give IT support and provide better training to town staff in the future. The classification and budget for this new position will be presented at the April 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

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

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

Thank you for your support. We welcome your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

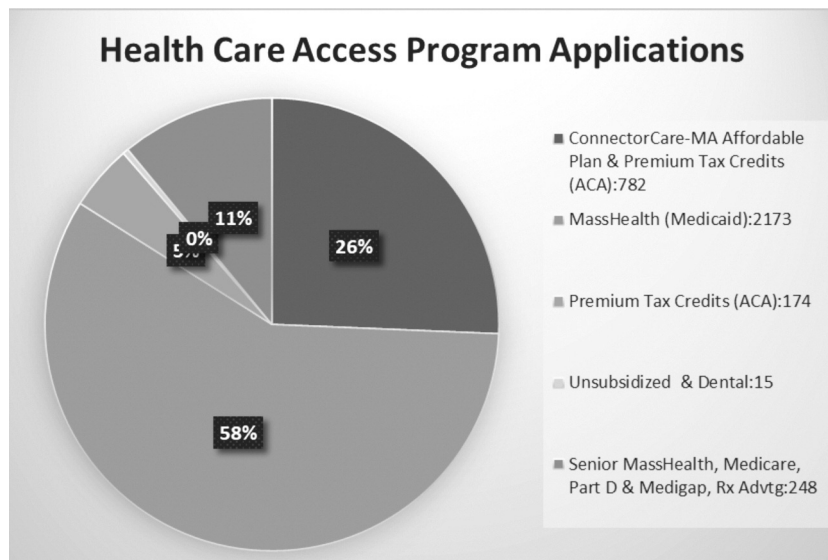
Katherine Logue
Bruce K. Stone
Data Processing Department

DUKES COUNTY HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT, FY 2023: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Client Services: The Access Program’s core service is connecting Island residents with Massachusetts’ and federal 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 health care providers and appointments; and we facilitate access to services like dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for Medicare and related programs for Island seniors and their families.

The Access Program uses a hybrid model of service delivery. We see clients in person when needed and also provide services by telephone or videoconference. The demand for our services continues to increase due to the Vineyard’s population increase and our aging population

In FY2023, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for 3,144 individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; 248 seniors were assisted with Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; and Disability. Vineyard Smiles dental clinics benefited 178 low-income adults. We provided health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and related referral assistance 11,683 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 Affordable Care Act. Our staff participates in extensive training and passes an annual exam to maintain certified Navigator status. In 2023, the Health Connector contracted for additional support from HCA due to the massive transition from the COVID Public Health Emergency protections to regular MassHealth eligibility rules.

The **David Kurth Memorial Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication and medical supplies. ***In FY2023, we assisted 64 uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$2,075 in financial assistance. In conjunction with Dukes County Public Benefits, we distributed over \$5,000 in emergency financial assistance for basic needs in the form of grocery store gift cards, boat tickets, annual bus passes and other emergency assistance.*** Contributions to the fund came from the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation; the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses.

The Vineyard Smiles school-based mobile dental service for children in grades K-12 provides comprehensive dental care to children in grades K-12 in the public schools. Our collaboration with Polished Teeth Dental Hygiene program and local supporters, including the Boards of Health and the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, resulted in dental hygiene visits for over **178 low-income adult patients** in April 2023. This includes services for 30 seniors at Island Elderly Housing. Some of these adult patients had not seen a dental professional in over 10 years.

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 FY23 budget was \$594,784.

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 offset the Town funding in the following year. Combined Town funding for FY23 was \$447,111. Other FY23 funding sources totaling \$164,776 included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority and Martha's Vineyard Hospital. Local funders including the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation and local businesses and individual donors added over \$30,000 in support.

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Advisory & Oversight Board: Beth Donnelly, Karen Gear, Alan Hirshberg, Rex Jarrell, Herb Kiehn

REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY PUBLIC BENEFITS ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT

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Background

In 2015, Dukes County created its Social Services Department (DCSS) in response to the community's need for assistance with safety net programs, public benefits, and resources for low-income Islanders under age 60. The program is now called Public Benefits Access (PBA) to more accurately reflect the services we provide. PBA connects needy Islanders with a variety of programs and services that support economic self-sufficiency. The population that the department serves ranges in age, socio-economic status, and education levels. We experienced staff turnover in FY23 and had a vacancy in the Department for 6 weeks at the end of the fiscal year.

PBA Funding

The department is funded by the six towns of Martha's Vineyard and grants from the Community Action Committee for the Cape and Islands (CACCI), the USDA via DTA's SNAP Outreach Grant from UMass Medical School, and the South Shore Community Action Committee Fuel Assistance Program. We are staffed by a 30-hour/week PBA Caseworker.

PBA Services

The department's primary functions include, but are not limited to, application assistance for the following programs:

- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Food Stamps)**
- **WIC (Women, infants, and children)**
- **Department of Transitional Assistance cash assistance for families with children and disabled adults**
- **Fuel Assistance**
- **Utility Assistance**
- **Unemployment benefits**
- **Emergency and non-emergency food programs**
- **Social Security Disability Income and Supplemental Security Income**

The Department provides information and referrals to local and regional agencies that can offer services and resources to complete addressing the needs of every client and household that we serve. PBA facilitates applications and referrals for childcare subsidy programs including Bailey Boyd and voucher programs, emergency housing and rental assistance, Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, and unemployment insurance.

Information and referrals are made to agencies like the Housing Assistance Corporation, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, the Cape Cod Organization for the Rights of the Disabled (CORD), and Community Action Committee for the Cape and Islands (CACCI). Locally, the department collaborates with organizations ranging from Elder Services, Councils on Aging, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, The Resource Institute, Salvation Army, The Clergy Fund, Vineyard Housing Office, the Vineyard Committee on Hunger, Dukes County's Health Care Access Program, and many additional agencies on the island.

Local and regional agencies refer their clients to our Department as a valuable and helpful resource. The outcome of this collaboration is that clients receive complete wrap around services in a multitude of areas.

In collaboration with CACCI, the Department sponsors the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, which is an island wide, free tax preparation program, geared towards households under the age of 65 from January through April.

APPLICATIONS

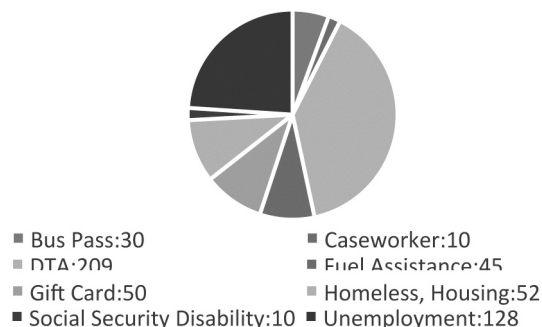
EAEDC	15	SNAP-Recert	9
Fuel Assistance	17	Soc Sec Disability	4
Fuel Assistance-Recert	7	TAFDC	2
Housing	15	Unemployment	10
SNAP	89	Utility	19
SNAP Portal/SACA	17		

DCSS is a SNAP Outreach Partner via our contract with the Commonwealth Medicine SNAP Unit at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. We participate in trainings and receive regular updates to stay current on changes to SNAP and related programs. The County also hosts an annual site review to ensure we are meeting our program goals and objectives. Sarah Kuh is an Island representative to the Department of Transitional Assistance Cape and Islands Advisory Board.

ASSISTANCE

Assistance includes information, referral, follow-up, and advocacy for social services related to client self-sufficiency. The cash value of gifts cards and bus passes was over \$5000 in FY2023.

Public Benefits Program-Assistance



REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

When the six towns of Martha's Vineyard established the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) through State charter in 1986, it was in response to the Island's growing need for stable, year-round, and affordable housing options for its residents. The number of 12-month leases had begun to shrink even as rents rose, inexpensive winter rentals were drying up, and the Vineyard Shuffle between at least two different rentals per year was on the rise. 37 years later, in 2023, the advent of short-term-rentals, the effects of the worldwide pandemic, and changes to Island demographics have combined to raise the cost of the few year-round rentals to be found beyond the reach of a widening range of Island households, winter rentals have grown expensive, and the "shuffle" is now from those costly winter rentals to summer season work commutes from summer rentals off-Island and families divided up amongst friends. And an ever-increasing number of our retail and service employees leave their homes on the upper Cape, New Bedford and beyond to drive, park and ferry twice daily for their Island workdays and our services.

In 2023, the Island can also look back on the 35 years of development of over 500 units of affordable rental and ownership housing by Island Elderly Housing, DCRHA, Island Housing Trust, the Tribal Housing Authority, private developers, and the towns. Currently, the Trust, the Atwood Company, and others are working in partnership with the towns and in project reviews by the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to bring over 200 new rentals, ownership and rent-to-own units to occupancy beginning this year and continuing through 2026. Importantly, the successful local Housing Bank campaign to create additional funding for a wider range of housing development and support is working its way through the legislative process on multiple fronts in concert with other municipalities across the State. Relatedly, DCRHA advertised expansion of its rental waitlist from the 100% of Area Median Income to 150% where growth in need and opportunity are presently expanding year to year.

DCRHA staff, fully funded by the towns since 2005, have been called on by town boards and committees, developers, Island organizations, the MVC, property owners, and other constituents to provide perspective and 45 years of collective experience to a range of creative actions and plans for new housing and support. Our rental waitlists, lottery agency, and management experience are being utilized in Aquinnah where the Trust's development of the 4 rental units of Carl Widdis Way nears completion; in Chilmark where planning at Peaked Hill continues; in West Tisbury where we assisted with resales of a Trust developed affordable home and an affordable Co-Housing unit, and continue adding to Town and Trust development of rentals at 401 State Road; in Oak Bluffs, where we assisted the Town and The Resource Inc (TRI) with addition

of two apartments at the Noyes Building and with the Town's PILOT offering of our Rental Assistance program to households with higher incomes than those funded through the Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge; and in Edgartown, where our staff completed a lottery resale of a home initially funded through the Town's Home Buy-Down program, and supported the Affordable Housing Committee's Housing Heros outreach to prospective Rental Assistance landlords. Combined with the Oak Bluffs Pilot to raise awareness of both the need and the opportunity of support through Rental Assistance. In turn, the funding level of our annual requests to Town Community Preservation Committees for 2025 funding of rental Assistance have been maintained in hopes of new landlord participation additional to the 55 tenancies supported annually, down from over 100 tenancies on average during the period of the "great recession".

An important example of the partnerships and shared housing efforts benefiting Islanders is the DCRHA relationship with the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation (MVCF). Forged during the Covid period with their funding of the Rental Relief program assisted many Island households, the partnership has continued with MVCF support in 2022 and 2023 of an extension of DCRHA's Emergency Financial Assistance Program to applicants and tenants of Morgan Woods, Island Elderly Housing, Harbor Homes, as well as referrals through Dukes County Human Services. Currently, the MVCF has scheduled a January continuance of work with our Board and staff in an attempt to better understand and address Island housing needs at fundamental levels needed for longer-term change.

Island-wide, DCRHA provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town specific offerings such as multi-family density allowances, homesite subdivisions, accessory dwelling units, and demolition delay referrals. We actively partner with Habitat MV, Harbor Homes, the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc, the County Manager's office, and others that assist with rent, utilities, emergency support and apartment rehabilitation for island tenants and their landlords. The Community Ambassador Program (CAP) became an important new affiliation for us in 2023 when they provided in-person translation for prospective applicants for the lottery of an affordable unit at the Old Stone Bank Condominiums in Vineyard Haven. The CAP interpreter added immeasurably to our work with households for whom Portuguese is the primary language. Portuguese translations of many DCRHA documents over a number of years have been contributed by another important community member who is currently in review as the prospective Governor's Appointee to the DCRHA Board of Directors.

In 2023, the DCRHA managed 98 affordable rentals on 16 properties in 5 towns including rent-ups to applicants from our waitlist beginning with those households of longest duration and proceeding forward till completed tenant certification, apartment offer, policy review and unit inspections result in a lease. Tenant certification and inspections occur annually for the life of the tenancy. In 2023, DCRHA implemented a cloud-based program used by tenants and staff

for maintenance requests, management responses, improved communication, and efficiency of the extensive record keeping needed for annual planning, budgeting, and funding source audits of DCRHA financials, rent-rolls, policies and procedures. During 2023, O'Brien Property Management (OPM), the Housing Authority's longtime and widely experienced property manager, worked with Rise and the Cape Light Compact to replace old heating units with highly efficient mini splits in the apartments of 5 of our properties. OPM also worked with TRI to replace original roofs and windows on two of our oldest West Tisbury apartment complexes. As well in 2023, DCRHA and OPM staff completed an increasingly large number of apartment turnovers as a result of changes to employment, income, and other uncertainties coming to bear on Island households of varied types, incomes, and circumstances.

DCRHA staff work daily with the many households in search of affordable rental and home ownership opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven as well as through email and phone communication. For more information please call (508) 693-4419 or check our website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org/> where staff contact emails are listed.

A final word: 2024 marks the end of 23 years of shared office space at 21 Mechanic St with the Island Housing Trust. During that time, the DCRHA has had the best view of all that has gone into the Trust's successful development of over 250 units of increasingly needed and appreciated rental and ownership housing. To that record add the numerous advocacy efforts and policy and community practice advancements that the Trust has played a significant role in over its existence. With 200 units currently in development and plans for more, the Trust's necessary growth in capacity requires the new, larger office space at the Woodlawn Center in Tisbury that all are at work moving into as this report is written. The Duke County Regional Housing Authority wishes the Island Housing Trust godspeed in this important new chapter of its work on behalf of the residents of Martha's Vineyard.

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

Ann Wallace: Chilmark
Mark Leonard: Oak Bluffs
Dan Seidman: Tisbury
Rudi Sanfilippo: Aquinnah
Lucy Morrison: At-Large
Rise Tierney: West Tisbury
Jason Mazar-Kelly: Edgartown
Candidate Referred: Governor's Appointee
David Vigneault: Executive Director
Terri Keech: Finance Manager
Kay-Ann Fraser: Operations Coordinator
Karin Kugel: Administrative Assistant

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

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

In FY 23 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 45,542 meals on MV. 309 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our 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 Senior Dining program has re-opened and is now serving on Thursday at the Tisbury COA and up-island COA.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders with the supportive services they need to live safely and independently at home. Professional Care Managers assess needs, develop a service plan, arrange for necessary support, and see elders on going to ensure continuous management of services. In FY 23, The Home Care Program served 242 elders on MV. There were 22,539 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services contracted through our vendors. In addition, 127 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. 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 caregivers attend the support group. This program was awarded \$5,400. 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 \$10,000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Panek, 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. 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

The Energy Committee's goal is to advise measures that the Town of West Tisbury can take to increase energy resilience and mitigate contributions to climate change. The annual town meeting in October of 2020 passed a resolution that sets a goal of 100% renewable-source electricity by 2040. The state has set a similar decarbonization goal. We have made major strides in incorporating energy planning into regular town operations this year. We now have members sitting on the Facilities Committee and on the Capital Improvements Committee to contribute committee advice directly to town projects.

The Energy Committee recommended a policy for the management of town owned electric vehicle chargers, including a pay-per-use model like one used in other island towns. Currently we have 2 charging ports available at the library which have avoided more than 18,000 lbs. of greenhouse gas emissions since they were installed in spring 2021. Soon, we will have 4 more ports available at the West Tisbury School funded by Mass. Electric Vehicle Incentive Program, the Eversource MakeReady grant programs, and augmented by funding approved at Town Meeting. Furthermore, the committee has been researching the installation of a Level 3 charger at the Public Safety Building that would provide fast charging for the public and also be available for our emergency service vehicles.

The plan to install solar and battery storage for the West Tisbury Library, which will increase renewables and resiliency, has led to the issuance of an RFP by the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative. The Clean Energy and Resilience (CLEAR) report analyzed all the town's building and their critical energy needs. The Library and the Public Safety Building (PSB) were prioritized as critical locations to first install solar and batteries in order to support our emergency services in times of extreme weather events and prolonged power failure. For the PSB the largest carbon reduction involves a switch to capturing the exhaust from vehicles at the exhaust pipe, rather than a whole-building approach. In addition, a dormitory space housed in a north facing dormer will reduce the volume which must be serviced by the HVAC system.

The Energy Committee in coordination with the Climate Committee and Emergency Management began to explore the idea of resilience hubs, locations where individuals can get needed services in times of prolonged power failure. We have started a conversation to assess what activities and infrastructure West Tisbury has in place now, and what we could add in the future to strengthen the Island's resilience in the event of severe weather events and possible prolonged power failure.

Cape Light Compact (CLC) is the default Community Choice Aggregator that has responsibility for electricity supply and the administration for the Mass-Save

energy efficiency programs. During 2023, electric rates for Residential/Commercial/Industrial supply from CLC have been maintained at approximately 2 cents per KWh lower than Eversource's Basic Service rates. In 2023, Vineyard Power, in collaboration with CLC started to distribute funds to Martha's Vineyard's income-eligible ratepayers. This donation will deliver savings on their electrical bills totaling between \$300-400 every year.

For help in navigating the rebates and savings, and other energy questions, West Tisbury and other Vineyard residents, and small businesses can reach out to Vineyard Power, for free energy coaching on heat pumps, electric vehicles, solar panels and battery back up, and other energy topics.

Finally, we give thanks and say goodbye to our part-time administrative assistant Amelia Smith. She helped with committee meetings and was essential to other functions, especially the EV-charger grant applications and installation groundwork.

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The WT fiscal year begins on the 1st of July and runs till the 30th of June the following calendar year.

Calendar year 2023 (which spans two fiscal years '23 and '24) was marked by inflation and rising interest rates. In fact, interest rates rose high enough to compel the town treasurer to advise the Finance Committee to approve that the town pay off a medium-term note with CPC funds before its maturity date. The voters at Town meeting agreed, saving a significant amount of interest for the town.

Even in the face of these challenges, the proposed budget for the current Fiscal year increased just 5%, with the tax levy increasing just 3.2% and avoiding an override.

Staying alert to changes in financial conditions has always been a hallmark of West Tisbury financial planning and the Financial Management Team.

Overall, our Town Departments strive to keep their budgets as lean as possible. Some years, they may not spend all the money allowed for in their budgets. In these years the surplus money passes into the "Free Cash" account (you will often hear this term mentioned in the budget discussions). The Free Cash amount is certified and fixed by the state and then is available for spending by the town.

Periodically, monies are transferred from the Free Cash account to the Reserve Fund (which is directed by the Finance Committee). In years where there is a budget deficit, it is necessary to tap into the Reserve Fund to cover unanticipated expenses or when a budgeted amount is not sufficient to cover the actual costs.

Another mechanism to cover unexpected costs is a "Line-Item Transfer". This is where funds are transferred from one account (a line) with a surplus to one with a deficit. This is allowed by law in the last quarter of a fiscal year.

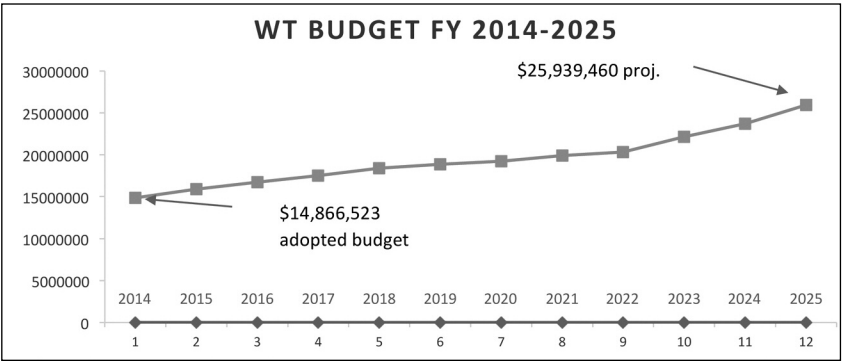
In all, 2023 saw eight shortfalls. Some of these transfers were made toward the end of the fiscal year as is common with lean budgeting. One request for transfer (RFT) replenished the Town Workman's Compensation fund following an insurance company adjustment and another replenished the legal budget line following increased legal expenses. A warrant at the Annual Town Meeting last spring replenished the Reserve Fund from Free Cash.

There were also unexpected expenses incurred early in this fiscal year, one happily (maternity leave) and one not-so-much - an expensive repair to a Highway Dept. truck that was scheduled to be replaced next year. The first of these was funded through an RFT and the second through a line-item transfer.

In September of the current fiscal year the Zoning Board of Appeals, in defending legal challenges, had spent their entire legal line. In that same Finance Committee meeting, the Town Accountant asked for a RFT to cover an unexpectedly large increase in Town insurance costs since 2020.

This is why, among the other articles presented at the last Special Town meeting, there was a warrant to top up the Reserve Fund for future need.

Having the Reserve Fund available helps prevent over-correcting or under-correcting in the budgeting process, especially when you live in interesting times, as we seem to be.



Respectfully submitted,

West Tisbury Finance Committee
Greg Orcutt, Chair
Clark Rattet
John Christensen
Skipper Manter
Kimberly Angell

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Select Board and the
Residents of West Tisbury:

As the Chief of Department, I cannot express enough my sincere gratitude to the men and women that continue to put the fire department as a priority in their everyday lives. A special thank you to all of the family members that support their firefighter, without your support they would not continue serving the Community year after year.

The department continues to move forward, welcoming 4 new members to the team!

John McCarthy, Josh Emin, Sabastian Hiatt-Naskaris and John Mayhew. Thank you all! McCarthy joined the department just days before the Islands Fire Training Council began their Firefighter I/II course, this member jumped in with both feet, never missed a class and recently completed his certification through the Massachusetts Fire Academy, completing the first steps to a great fire service career.

Overall, the roster remains close to the same, there is still a need for more volunteers. If you would like to join our organization, please stop by Fire Station #2, I would be happy to discuss what this entails.

The West Tisbury Firefighter's Civic Association continues their amazing support to the Fire Department. This year they donated a new 2022 Carolina Skiff 17' rescue boat and trailer. This replaces the departments 2001 Zumbro 17' Inflatable rescue boat. They did not stop there, they also purchased a 2023 Polaris Sportsman 570 (All -Terrain Vehicle) along with a tow behind "All Terrain Res-q trailer", (stokes basket, with patient care seat). This helps expand the rescue team's resources to access hard to reach areas such as the ever-increasing foot trails throughout the town and beaches.

Many thanks to Chief Mincone and the entire Police staff, Chief Retmier and all of Tri-Town EMS, the Highway Department, Animal Control and all of the Town Hall Staff. The Building Department has been instrumental in my daily efforts as I continue to grow my knowledge on the inspection aspect of the job, these guys have truly helped a great deal.

Thank you Joe and Jeffrey.

Lastly, thank you to the community members for embracing the ever-changing permitting process throughout the town, all fire related permitting can now be completed entirely online. completely streamlining the process and makes for a better, more accurate record keeping.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory M. Pachico
Fire Chief

Incidents (Chief and/or Member's)

Fire Alarm	149
C/O Alarm	34
Motor Vehicle Accident	17
Detail / Public Assist	12
Rescue	2
Hazardous Condition	11
Missing Person Search	1
Water Incident	2
Electrical Fire	1
Pole Fire / Wires Down	6
Structural Fire	3
Smoke/ Susp Investigation	11
Wildfire Fire	2
Stove / Grill Fire	3
Car Fire	1
Chimney Fire	2
Lightning Strike / Fire	0
Misc Fire	0
Mutual Aid	3
Illegal Burning	4
Medical Assist	4
Aircraft Incident	1
Total	269

**Open Burning Permits
(Chief)**

Total Applicant Permits	73
Total Burns Prescribed	95
Total	95

Incidents (Chief's)

Smoke / CO Alarms (New/other)	51
Smoke / CO Alarms (Transfer of Sale)	42
Fire / Sprinkler Alarm System	3
LP Gas	86
Tank Removal, Propane / Oil	49
Oil Tank	23
Oil Burner	1
Tents	28
Solar Array	1
Annual Inspection	22
Citizen Complaint	2
Hot Works (Welding)	3
Special / Cooking Permit	6
School Fire Drill	8
Property / Home Access	8
Citizen Welfare Check (Storms)	0
Elevator Inspection	2
Electronic / Battery Energy Storage	1
Total	336

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

Radio Check's	52
Department Meetings	12
Department Drill's	12
Chief's Meetings (Chief's)	12
Rescue Drill's	12
Officer's Meetings	11
Misc Meetings (Chief)	126
DC Fire Training Meetings / Classes	12
Training Classes	19
Water Rescue Drill's	16
Extra Company Drill's	7
Dukes County Technical Rescue	6
Dukes County Emergency Management	3
Total	300

Total Combined Activities	1000
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REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The year 2023 was another busy and wonderful one for the West Tisbury Library. The library staff: Alexandra Pratt (Director), Laura Coit (Assistant Director/Head of Circulation), Olivia Gately (Programming), Mikaela Lawson/Hannah Burbidge (Youth Services/Children's Librarian), Laura Hearn (Youth Services/Young Adult Librarian), Rachel Rooney (IT/Reference Librarian), and Circulation Assistants Isa Brillard, Elliott Bennett, Margaret D'Angelo, Lydia Fischer, Weezie Gilpin, John Girouard, Maureen Hall, Dee Leopold, Casey Mazar-Kelly, Rizwan Malik, Emily Meegan, Emily Milstein, Lyn Neilley, Ginger Norton, and Kira Shepherd work tirelessly to serve our community.

Circulation of materials continues to climb, especially of digital resources and children's materials. These numbers speak to the value our community places on literacy and reading. Staff assists patrons in accessing ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, movies, TV shows, streaming music, online classes, and more on tablets, phones, and computers. Your library card supplies access to Consumer Reports, ebooks, audiobooks, New York Times online access, Washington Post online access, movies through Kanopy and Hoopla, and so much more. Stop in at any time to get assistance in exploring these resources.

This year, our hours expanded to opening at 9 am rather than 10 am on Thursdays and Saturdays, and Sundays are now open from 12 pm to 4 pm from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

While we were sad to see Mikaela Lawson leave her post as Children's Librarian after three years, we are excited to welcome Hannah Burbidge to this vital role. She has already introduced fun and exciting programs, and we can't wait to see what she brings to this position for years to come.

Kira Shepherd, our full-time circulation assistant, was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Library System and will be attending the Public Library Association annual conference with that grant.

Programming continues to expand and grow as our island and town population does. Program attendance for FY2024 rose to nearly 25,000 and overall attendance in the library for that fiscal year was a staggering 85,024, rising from about 60,000 the previous fiscal year.

Our Community "Freedge" (free fridge) continues to be an overwhelming success, with staff and volunteers helping keep access to food available for all. This year, a grant from Slough Farm Foundation enabled us to buy snacks for our after-school program for school-age kids. Thank you to Island Grown Initiative and Chef Deon Thomas at the VFW for providing food for all on school breaks.

A Community Endowment grant enabled us to start upgrading our A/V equipment in our Community Room, where most of our programming happens,

ensuring that our community has access to state-of-the-art technology for classes, concerts, workshops, book talks, and more.

The library is fortunate to have strong community support, especially with the volunteers of the Friends of the West Tisbury Library and the West Tisbury Library Foundation providing invaluable support with the funds they raise. All our programming expenses are unwritten by these two organizations, as well as support for staff training, the Summer Reading Program, the Spring Egg Hunt, the Halloween party, the holiday party, landscape and garden maintenance, IT maintenance and upgrades, and craft and art supplies. In 2023, the Friends of the Library were unable to use the West Tisbury school gym for their annual book sale, but thanks to the school and an affordable tent fee from Tilton Rentals, they held the sale in a large tent in the back school parking lot. A generous anonymous donor even paid all the expenses.

Many of the programs and offerings at the library are true community collaborations. We are honored to be a part of a community that works together to care for each other, and nowhere is that more apparent than the shared space and resources of the library.

REPORT OF THE HERRING WARDEN



To the Select Board:

In 2023, we had what I consider to be a remarkable occurrence on Feb 22. The Tisbury Great Pond was opened that afternoon and I went down through Long Point that night around 9:30 pm in a heavy drizzle, temp in the high thirties with a spot light. I wanted to see if the opening would make it over the high tide. What I found surprised me and when I told Brad Chase the head of diadromous fisheries for the state, it surprised him too. There were quite a few herring on the beach around on the cut, beaching in their excitement to return to their natal coves and streams, against the outflow of the new opening. Amazing for how early they were there. I had smelled them on the breeze that day and remarked to Thom Hodson that afternoon as the excavator was digging the breach that there were fish nearby.

The question is: is this something that occurs every year that early and was unknown to us, or was it an aberration? Time will tell.

Over all it was just an ok year as far as the run goes. Not gangbusters, but few runs in the state were. The streams were cleared and ladders repaired as usual.

James pond opened itself March 19. On the 22 I found scales along the creek which prompted me to do quite a bit of hand digging inside along the creek at shallow spots to let them through. Over the course of the next 7-8 weeks it was dug open by hand 6 times. There was a steady trickle of returning fish, mostly around the full and new moons with the attendant higher tides. Weirs were built from beach stones to create resting pools and channel the flow into deeper channels and repaired after each storm.

We are currently trying to get a permit to dig the James opening further west as it keeps moving East and undermining the dunes. The idea is to get a more stable, longer lasting opening to the sound by digging an opening through the cobble. Hopefully in 2024 we can get permitted. It's my observation that the extra water getting in tends to both allow better access to diadromous fish and keeps the pond water cleaner.

On May 2nd a school of about 100 herring showed up below the Mill pond dam at the fish ladder. Some were trying the ladder entrance, but none were seen in the ladder itself, though I checked in the night with a spot light. The same with the Looks pond fish ladder on the Tiasquam. They mill around the bottom of the ladder but none have been seen in the ladder itself. Another case for dam removal, though Brad Chase feels that they may be using the ladders at night when nobody's looking. As often as I have checked I haven't seen it.

Some schools of fry were seen in the summer in the pond while clamming. They kept the cormorants well fed.

The Tisbury Great Pond was opened October 29, and though few herring fry were observed, stripers with both fry and adult herring in their gut were caught so there was some spawning success.

That about wraps up the 2023 herring report.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Hoy
Herring Warden

REPORT OF THE IMPROVING GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE

On September 20th, 2023, the Select Board established the Improving Governance Task Force (IGTF) to clarify and improve how town boards and committees function. Our charge is:

To create and maintain a town governance handbook and monitoring process that promote:

1. A clear understanding of the charges, function(s)/operations, structure and composition of all Town of West Tisbury Boards, Committees, Councils and Task Forces (“Committees”) among all existing and new members;
2. Recruitment of appointees to Committees that match candidates’ skills and experience with the work of the Committees;
3. Required standards of conduct for all members of Committees;
4. Adherence to requirements and rules of order for all Committee meetings;
5. High confidence among voters and residents in the town’s governance process.

The committee began by establishing a complete list of the Committees and Boards (“committees”) that govern and advise our Town. We developed and circulated a survey to establish who volunteers for our committees; how did they get involved, how deeply they are involved; how well the committees function; and what would they like to see improved.

In January we began the next phase of our work: analyzing the collected data; codifying and organizing the statutory direction under which committees operate—State mandates, town bylaws, internal rules, and best practices. In this phase we will reach out to the committees for their input and collate our findings.

By May we will distribute our findings to the committees. Future plans include creating a “Best Practices Manual” with specifics for each committee. These will be the foundation of our discussion. Collaboration going forward will include gathering feedback, investigating training possibilities, and collecting relevant documents.

Smooth, efficient Town Government is only possible with the participation of over 200 volunteers. West Tisbury is indeed fortunate to have this cadre of dedicated citizens. We hope to help make their participation more rewarding and productive.

Improving Governance Task Force
Sue Silk
Susan Wasserman
Andy Zaikis
Cynthia Mitchell
John Christensen, Chair

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

Our Mission:

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

The Center for Living (MVCL) is generously supported by all six island towns and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of members from each island town and one County representative. In FY2023, board members included Sandra Joyce, President; Shirley Dewing, Treasurer; Jane Keenan, Clerk; Gail Barmakian; Christine Burke; Martha Solinger; Rise Terney; Martina Thornton; Beverly Wright.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs & Services:

Supportive Day Program: M-F 9am to 2pm

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

In FY2023, our early efforts were focused on outreach to increase the number of families served in our programs. We successfully brought our numbers up, reaching over 50 families and providing over 21,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care for our clients, and as many hours of respite for their caregivers. In comparison, a conservative estimate of the cost to families paying at least \$35/hour for private duty care is \$735,000. The daily cost for the Supportive Day Program is \$60 with an additional \$10 fee for transportation. These fees are paid either privately, or by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (the regional Home Care Agency) covering some or all the cost for low to moderate income elders. MVCL also offers a modest, donation supported scholarship program.

At the Center for Living, we are "person centered" which means careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of each client, and a care plan designed to meet those needs is in place. Everyone, regardless of ability,

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

Respite Innovations:

In May of 2023, MVCL was awarded one of only 41 grants statewide, to provide new and innovative services to address the needs of and support family caregivers. Caregiver respite is a critical aspect of the services we provide, and Respite Innovations funding gives us the opportunity to expand our services into the home setting. Due to various circumstances, the Supportive Day program may not always be the right fit for, or be accessible to some families, and a home-based option is another opportunity for caregiver respite. The physical and emotional effects of long-term caregiving can be debilitating and even life threatening for the 24/7 unpaid family caregivers. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible and the reality is on Martha's Vineyard there are few other options. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, exacerbated by decreased levels of self-care and immune response. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical, and often financial hardship. Respite Innovations will send a trained respite worker into the home for two-hour sessions to provide companionship and person centered activities for the care recipient, so the caregiver can get break.

Transportation

In FY2023, MVCL acquired a Lift Van from the VTA, and hired a driver to enhance our transportation services. Transportation to and from the SDP is available either on the MVCL van, or via the VTA (Vineyard Transit Authority) Lift service. The VTA manages the maintenance and upkeep of the MVCL van as well as the training and testing required of all Lift drivers.

New in 2023: Shopping Shuttle:

With the Lift Van at our disposal and available during the middle of the day when we are not transporting SDP clients, we were asked to pilot a Shopping Shuttle service for older adults in the general community on behalf of the Councils on Aging. This service is for community members who no longer drive to do their own shopping and errands and was initially funded with a grant from the MV Community Foundation. Subsequently we have received a combination of two state grants, one from Elder Services Title IIIB and one from MaDOT, to continue the service for two years. We expect future funding to continue through a combination of local and government grants. The Shopping Shuttle is available

three days a week; Wednesdays shopping in Tisbury; Thursdays, Edgartown is the shopping destination, and Fridays the shuttle takes people to Oak Bluffs, including the Island Food Pantry at the PA Club. In line with our mission, the Shopping Shuttle helps to reduce isolation, promote independence, and provides an opportunity for older adults to enjoy the social aspects of being out in the community.

Memory and Music Café:

In FY2023, the Memory and Music Café was moved to a once a month “open house” format on the third Thursday every month from 10am to 12pm. SDP clients enjoy the Café as part of their SDP routine, and caregivers and community members are welcome to join us every week for live music, companionship and of course dancing. Memory Cafés have spread across Massachusetts, the country, and the world, as an inclusive community engagement model for those experiencing disability, memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, along with their caregivers.

Dementia Family Support Services:

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

The Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets weekly on Zoom, Fridays 10am-11:30am. In 2023, 25 individual caregivers joined us from both on and off island, to find a community of support with others experiencing the challenges and concerns raised by caring for a loved on with dementia.

In FY2023 Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy) was added to our service model. Habilitation Therapy supports caregivers to create and maintain a positive environment for a person experiencing the effects of a dementia related illness. The objective is to provide education and support to the caregiver and to recommend ways to modify elements of the home environment that may exacerbate the symptoms of the disease. A Dementia Coach provides knowledge and expertise to caregivers (and the person with the disease when appropriate) in understanding the disease process, as well as techniques of communication, behavior management, structuring the environment, creating therapeutic activities, and planning for future care needs.

TV for Living:

TV for Living was created in response to the COVID pandemic, and is a series of 30-minute, informational programs aired on MV Community Television Channel 13. Topics include Healthy Aging, Caregiver Tips and information, MV Center for Living programs, live demonstrated Functional Fitness work outs and art projects that can be done at home and much more. There are well over 100 episodes archived and can be viewed on the MVTV website at www.mvtv.org and entering TV for Living in the search bar.

MV Community Foundation Rent and Utility Support 2022-2023

As a response to the pandemic and the resulting widespread loss of income and resources, the MV Community Foundation, with a combination of state funding and generous local philanthropic support, was able to provide significant relief to islanders by funding a Utility and Rental relief assistance program. To administer and distribute these funds the MVCF sought to partner with other island non-profit organizations with experience in these areas. MV Center for Living stepped forward to take applications and distribute nearly \$40,000, assisting 138 island families with rent and/or utility bills. We received referrals from Dukes County Social Services, Councils on Aging, the MVCS CORE program, Morgan Woods, MV Hospital Social Workers for island families in need of assistance.

FEMA/Emergency Food and Shelter Program 2022-2023

Phase 39

In FY2023, a total of \$9360 was allocated for Dukes County to assist residents in need of emergency food and shelter assistance. Of these funds, \$5213 was designated for MVCL to island senior residents with rent or mortgage payments.

Emergency Food Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program on Martha's Vineyard. The Edgartown, Tisbury, and Up-Island Senior Centers as well as the Serving Hands Pantry at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven are the local distribution sites. Each site orders a variety of nutritious foods monthly from the Greater Boston Food Bank and MVCL coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up these orders to come back to the island for distribution.

The local Stop & Shop has designated the Center for Living Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their community foundation give back programs. Cronig's Market regularly donates food directly to the Emergency Food Program through the Serving Hands Pantry.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

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

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Once a month between 25 and 40 folks enjoy a delicious gourmet meal prepared and served by the MVRHS Culinary Arts students. Chef/Instructors Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell share their talent and expertise with the students and oversee their learning and experience in the culinary world.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

MVCL coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Martha's Vineyard Hospital to provide a home delivered holiday meal to older adults who are alone or homebound every year on the Thanks-giving, Christmas, 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 town. On Thanksgiving Day 2022, 123 meals were delivered; Christmas Day 2022, 152 meals delivered; Easter Sunday 2023, 149 meals delivered.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six island towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2023, the island towns contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Clapp, Executive Director

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Select Board
and Citizens of West Tisbury:

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

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Select Board, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2023 were Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Chair; Brian Smith of Oak Bluffs, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of fourteen, two of whom are vision fellows. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2023

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 2023, Commission staff completed the eighth year of extensive testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Water samples are used to measure nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Comprehensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2023. A trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study will also be completed for 2023. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible to the public.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies. Two years of monthly monitoring and testing for efficacy of the permeable reactive barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury has been completed. Results from the testing have shown almost complete removal of nitrogen through the barrier. Another site for a PRB in the Lagoon Pond system is being explored with hopes for implementation in 2024.

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 continues to assist with the testing of the pilot systems. Results have been promising and several of the installations were conditioned in MVC DRIs. Mass DEP has implemented amendments to the Title 5; these implementations are not currently required on Martha’s Vineyard but will be put in place within the next several years. The MVC will work with Towns to meet these new proposed regulations.

Martha’s Vineyard Statistical Profile

In December 2023, the MVC updated the Martha’s Vineyard Statistical Profile, which includes hundreds of datasets and highlights trends in demographics, land use, the economy, health and education, housing and real estate, transportation, energy and the environment, and taxes and town services in Dukes County. This update covers several important developments since the previous version in 2019, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Census, the 2022 Vineyard Climate Action Plan, and the 2024-2044 Regional Transportation Plan. A PDF version of the report is available on the MVC’s website and print copies are available at the Town Halls, libraries and the MVC building.

MVC Quarterly

In June, the MVC released the first issue of the MVC Quarterly, a newsletter covering the MVC’s planning activities. The MVC has periodically issued newsletters on various topics since 1974, including early publications on fisheries and water quality. MVC Quarterly revives this tradition with a focus on general planning. Each issue is posted on the MVC’s website and distributed via email. To join the email list, please contact Alex Elvin elvin@mvcommission.org.

Finances

The Commission’s FY2023 income was \$2,130,998 and expenses totaled \$2,448,126 comprised of the following components

Fiscal Year 2023

Total Revenues	\$2,130,998	100%	Total Expenses	\$2,448,126	100%
Totall Assessments	\$1,365,389	64.07%	Salaries	\$1,203,645	49.17%
Grants and			Salary Related		
Contracts	\$615,356	28.88%	Costs	\$428,902	17.52%
DRI Fees	\$30,074	1.41%	Legal Fees	\$209,534	8.56%
Other Income	\$120,179	5.64%	Other Expenses	\$563,234	23.00%
			Mortgage Interest		
			payments for two		
			MVC-owned		
			properties	\$42,811	1.75%

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

MVC Biochar Vision Fellowship 2023

- ❖ Demonstrated how to use a flame cap kiln at IGI using brush from John Keene Excavation. The biochar produced went to the IGI fruit tree orchard.
- ❖ In October, hosted a team of scientists to collect data at John Keene Excavation on flame cap kiln emissions and efficiency, to quantify the amount of carbon sequestered and the emissions produced by this technology. The data will be presented in a formal report and inform an instruction manual of best practices tailored to island climate and feedstock. The approximately 1.5 tons of biochar created will be “charged” over winter by nutrients from composting, urine, manure, and animal bedding, in preparation for spring plantings. The charred logs were used in a “Chargulkultur” berm to help capture run off from the IGI compost facility.
- ❖ Presented to the public at the MV Agricultural Society Harvest Festival and a potluck in the Ag. Hall.
- ❖ Presented to the Water Alliance and Mill Brook Watershed Committee about how biochar can help restore pond ecosystems by capturing nutrient-rich run off.
- ❖ Sourced feedstock for winter kiln demonstrations, diverting woody debris from the waste stream with help from island partners: invasive plant material from Biodiversity Works, scrap wood from South Mountain Company, tree prunings from Hagerty Tree and brush from the Oak Bluffs Transfer Station. (Kiln demonstrations were postponed due to rain and high winds.)
- ❖ Sourced free materials to build a brick kiln at Native Earth Teaching Farm.

ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS

Affordable Housing

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

- **The State of Housing Workshop** provided easy-to-access data baseline, outlined depth and scale of the housing crisis, and began to set actionable goals for the community.
- **Provincetown’s All of the Above Housing Strategy**: Hybrid workshop with Provincetown’s Town Manager Alex Morse and Select Board member Leslie Sandberg on Provincetown’s two-year multi-pronged approach to scaling up year-round housing inventory and related programs at all income levels.
- **Zoning for Year-Round and Affordable Housing**: Virtual workshop with Christine Madore of Mass Housing Partnership.
- **Incentivizing Year-Round Rentals**: Virtual workshop with Kai Frolich of Placemate.com
- **Complete Neighborhoods Initiative**: An in-depth presentation on Mass Housing Partnership’s regional grant program for housing solutions through a climate-forward lens geared for Town governments.

Joint Affordable Housing Group (JAHG): The MVC has restructured and relaunched the JAHG as a think tank/planning platform for the Town's affordable housing committees and trusts and Island housing groups to share resources and progress.

Fractional Ownership/Interval Use/Timeshare (FOITs) Ordinances: The MVC supported the Towns and regional partners with research and resources on emerging investment platforms targeting residential housing stock in resort communities. In Spring 2023, Tisbury passed the first FOITs bylaw in the Commonwealth. Edgartown and Chilmark and at work on bylaws expected at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Municipal Employee Workforce Housing Initiative: At the request of all six towns, MVC staff has initiated a partnership with Nantucket's Housing Director, regional legislators, and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to forge a new legal pathway for the use of public funds for municipal employee workforce housing, including preferences in state-funded projects for town hall, emergency services, and school district staff.

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

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

Grants: The MVC secured a grant for a consultant to support the update of the 2014 Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis and filed a joint grant application on behalf of all six towns for Mass Housing Partnership's Complete Neighborhoods Initiative.

Community Outreach and Education Efforts: The MVC's housing planner attends community meetings as an invited speaker to educate community groups and the public about the Island housing crisis and potential courses of action to address it.

Climate Change Planning

Climate Action Task Force: MVC staff has provided support to the political working group and convened a series of meetings with Senator Markey's office. The MVC hosted separate meetings with Tisbury and Oak Bluffs partners, along with Senator Markey, to coordinate formal Water Resources Development Act authorization requests through the US Army Corps. MVC staff also facilitated several sessions for high school students to participate in a Day of Dialogue focused on climate issues and their intersection with local, State and Federal policies.

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

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.

Ecosystem Resilience Grant: The MVC was awarded an MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant to address ecosystem resilience. This collaborative project includes updating the Island’s vegetation maps, eelgrass delineation maps to identify potential aquaculture sites, a campaign aimed at promoting resilient landscaping, and planning for the 2024 Climate Action Fair.

The Climate Action Plan Community Coordinating Committee meets on the second Friday of the month with representatives from the Town Climate Committees to coordinate climate change actions.

Climate Action Fair 2023: Held on May 7, 2023 at the Ag Hall, the Climate Action Fair had a general focus on waste management, and was a huge success. There were workshops on mending clothes, composting, and there were onsite energy consultants, raffles and giveaways, food and dancing.

WMVY Series: In the spring of 2023 WMVY Radio held a series of zoom panel discussions called Walking Through the Vineyard Climate Action Plan. The discussions can be viewed on WMVY’s website, Community Outreach page. The topics include: Managed Retreat from the Coast, Consumption and Waste, Public Health, Climate Change and the Local Economy, and Renewable Energy. A special thank you to the former WMVY community outreach director Laurel Reddington for organizing and moderating the series.

New MV Times Climate Connections Column: Launched in June 2023, a new monthly MV Times column called Climate Connections looks at what is being done on the Island to address climate change and highlight what everyone can do to help make a positive difference. The column is written by retired educator Doris Ward, with Liz Durkee providing guidance and background.

Energy Planning

In 2022, the Martha’s Vineyard Vision Fellowship awarded a two-year fellowship to the MVC for an Energy Planner. Kate Warner was chosen to develop this new role. The Energy Planner’s job is focused on the regional level on the Island’s transition away from fossil fuel use and towards 100% electricity from renewable sources to address the climate crisis and increase our Island’s energy resilience. The Energy Planner works to influence major Island players, such as Eversource and the Steamship Authority, and support resilience projects to encourage the necessary transition.

Eversource: Quarterly meetings with Eversource, with representation from each of the Towns, the County, the MVC and Vineyard Power, have focused on strategies to increase and modernize our electrical infrastructure as demand for electricity rises. Additionally, to increase our energy resilience, discussion has included how to work with Eversource to interconnect microgrid - with solar and batteries - for Town and Island critical facilities that would allow them to

continue to operate during times of power failure. Eversource will be installing one new cable and one replacement cable by 2025 which will provide adequate power for our summer peak demand and our projected power needs at least through 2050. The new cables will also allow for the end of the use of five diesel generators and the Tisbury temporary generators.

Steamship Authority: The Energy Planner held an event in March called “Ferries Now” to raise awareness about the transition of ferries away from fossil-fuel propulsion. Speakers from Denmark, Maine and Washington State spoke about their electrification plans. The goal was to support the Steamship in moving towards electrification. The Steamship is beginning to address how they will meet the State’s mandated climate goals for 2050 using alternative propulsion methods. Emissions reductions will also provide health benefits to residents of the port towns, in particular. Letters of support to the Steamship to encourage this work would be appreciated.

Energy Resilience: A technical assistance grant from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)/US Department of Energy called the Energy Transition Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) has been obtained to look at strengthening the resilience of the down-island water departments in times of prolonged power failure. Having adequate water- for the public and for wildfire prevention- and energy supply continue to be a challenge in other places after major weather events.

Getting to Net Zero: The Energy Planner has developed a Getting to Net Zero document to provide information about our island’s energy use and address the non-binding resolution passed at each town meeting with a goal of 100% electric from renewable sources by 2040 and the State’s mandated decarbonization goals by 2050. This report is available on the MVC website and in other public places.

GIS (Geographic Information System) Department

The MVC’s mapping department continued to support primarily regional projects in 2023. Projects were either lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island.

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

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

3. ***We provide GIS software technical support*** and guidance/mentorship to all the entities who participate in our Regional GIS software contract with ESRI.

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

Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects, Grant Applications, Reports & Miscellaneous Town Request:

Vegetation Delineation, Potential Aquaculture Sites, and Wildlife Corridors - MVP Grant FY24 "Eco-Resilience" There are several projects within this grant that the MVC's GIS Department is involved in. First, vegetation mapping/delineation. The MVC GIS staff spent the first half of 2023 garnering project support & input from local conservation groups and MassWildlife/Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and key research groups like Harvard Forest and Woodwell Climate Research Center to identify the project's scope and approach. The second half of 2023 included hiring the consultant and providing baseline datasets to Thomson Environmental Consultants to map the Vineyard's vegetation habitats per the NHESP Natural Communities classification scheme. Vegetation on MV was last mapped in circa 2000 by The Nature Conservancy and UMass Amherst. This update of vegetation communities is critical to habitat management and climate change/resiliency planning. A draft dataset is anticipated by the end of 2023 and the final version in the Spring of 2024.

The second project within this grant is Potential Aquaculture Siting within Tashmoo, Lagoon, and Sengekontacket Ponds. The GIS department has created a series of datasets which detail areas where aquaculture is excluded. Eelgrass surveys will be conducted outside the exclusion areas to further pinpoint where future aquaculture could be sited.

The third project within the MVP Grant is to map wildlife corridors. This is a collaboration of the MVC with BiodiversityWorks. Knowing the location of the critical wildlife corridors will inform the final delineation of Ecosystem Resilience Prioritization Areas, which will be done in collaboration with all the local conservation groups. The MVC and BiodiversityWorks have met several times this fall to discuss the methods for mapping the wildlife corridors.

All work within the MVP24 Eco-Resilience grant supports the implementation of the Climate Action Plan of 2022.

Fire Hydrants: Continuing to support the fire departments of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, & West Tisbury with their First Due planning & responding software, the MVC GIS Department digitized the hydrant locations for Edgartown and Tisbury. For both towns, the hydrant locations existed on paper maps but not as digital GIS data. These data have now been created and submitted to the FirstDue company for inclusion in the Town's FirstDue software program. Per the Edgartown Fire Department's request, the MVC created an online interactive map showing the hydrants and parcel boundaries. This map

is not shared with the public, per the Edgartown Water Department's request, and so no URL link to the map is provided here.

Storm Tide Pathways: The MVC GIS staff continue to educate and promote the Storm Tide Pathways data and its applicability to impending storm preparation and future sea level rise impacts. See [this document](#) for links to Storm Tide Pathways resources and a town-wide map for each Island town showing the potential inundation based on the National Weather Service Flood Stage Categories.

Statistical Profile Maps: Every so many years the MVC updates the County-wide Statistical Profile report and 2023 was one of those years. This a great go-to resource for baseline info covering many fronts – transportation, census, economy, etc. The MVC GIS staff created several [maps for the statistical profile](#). Check them out!

Miscellaneous: Supporting the MVC GIS Department's motto of "New Day – New Map" there are a multitude of requests for maps from MVC staff and Town employees throughout the year. Here are some notables from 2023:

- Community Neighborhoods Initiative
- Regional Transportation Plan - Percent Racial Minority Block Group 2020
- Zoning Maps requested by Town Boards
- State of Housing on MV Presentation
- West Tisbury Visionary Map requested by Town Planning Board. Includes:
 - o Building Ownership by Seasonal or Year-Round resident
 - o Building Use - Residential or Other
 - o Affordable Housing Sites - Complete inventory as of 2019

Ongoing Data Updates: The MVC continually maintains a **trails and open space/conservation land database** for Dukes County with input from the Island Conservation Partnership. This data changes frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. These data are shared with the public in our ArcGIS OnLine cloud space ([open space, trails](#)). From that portal, the data are pushed into the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's [TrailsMV App](#) as well as the [Martha's Vineyard Land Bank's online map](#). These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also benefits the Towns for completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and planning of special ways, scenic ways, and expansion of the Island's Shared Use Paths and signed bike routes.

In collaboration with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds, the MVC's mapping department maintains an online interactive data dashboard with the monthly real estate sales that have occurred in Dukes County. The registry supplies the MVC with the monthly sales spreadsheet. [Visit the dashboard](#).

Transportation Planning

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

Support of the 3C Process: The MVC facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each Town, the Tribe, and the County; along with ex-

officio members from the VTA, MVC staff, Federal Highway and Transit administrations, Steamship Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport and MassDOT, to coordinate Island transportation planning. MVC staff also participates in weekly Land Use Planning Committee Meetings (LUPC), weekly Commission public hearings (MVC), staff applicant meetings for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), municipal Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission meetings.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes and provides budgetary information for the transportation planning tasks and activities, which are to be conducted in the region during the coming year. The Unified Planning Work Program is a federally required certification document, which must be prepared and endorsed annually by the Martha's Vineyard MPO, prior to the start of the planning program. The Martha's Vineyard Commission has the responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program. The planning activities are organized first by work element in a format that will allow efficient administration, management, and reporting. The transportation planning activities are described as a procedure under specific work tasks. For each procedure, the anticipated accomplishment or product and the estimated manpower resources needed are also given. For each work task the total staffing requirements, task budget, and sources of funding are given. MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately **\$373,966** to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, Regional Traffic Counting, Bicycle and Pedestrian activities, and an update to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition to these activities, the MVC provides support to the municipalities with local planning technical assistance.

Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, **\$930,352** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2023 TIP projects included the following:

- ❖ **Steamship Authority Amendment:** Two new vehicle transfer bridges and galleys - #S12843
- ❖ **VTA Amendment:** Re-allocation of state monies to cover the costs for operating assistance, facility and system modernization, facility and vehicle maintenance, fleet upgrades, vehicle replacement, and technical assistance.
- ❖ **Tisbury Drainage Improvements #609459:** Advanced to 25% design stage.

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2024-2044: The MVC Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) adopted its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for 2024-2044, setting the stage for more targeted transportation planning in the years ahead. The RTP is updated every four years and includes detailed analysis of the transportation network, specific objectives and actions related to each transportation mode (ferry, bike, automobile, etc.) and proposed funding

allocations over the next 20 years. Some highlights include discussion of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and expanded sections on the environment, demographics, and the Steamship Authority. A PDF version of the plan is available on the MVC's website, and a limited number of paper copies are available at the MVC building.

Title VI and Environmental Justice: Staff completed the 2023 Title VI report as well as the 2023 Title VI update. The MVC continues to work with the Communication Ambassador Partnership (CAP) for its translation services.

Public Participation: Long-Range Transportation Plan Update, Edge Lane Road Community Forums, Tisbury Master Plan, Climate Action Plan "The Vineyard Way", TIP Amendments, release of the UPWP, and permanent traffic counter locations are all activities that included heavy public participation. Online surveys were distributed. Articles and flyers in the newspaper, social media postings were all methods of getting information to include public participation.

Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC coordinated siting with MassDOT, its designer, along with the manufacturer for the Island's first automated permanent bicycle/pedestrian counter along the newly installed Oak Bluffs shared use path along Eastville Ave.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): The MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The BPAC interacted with town boards from Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury in identifying common initiatives. BPAC is focusing on updating information for inclusion on maps and websites concerning getting around by bicycle. The group is also focusing on connecting the missing links and pavement conditions throughout the entire SUP network. Staff assisted municipalities through the vulnerable road user sign process.

- ❖ For the second year, the BPAC ran a full-page public service announcement of SMART tips for bicyclists. This year, with the Dukes County support of specialty license plate revenues, the PSA was published in the Vineyard Visitor Guide from spring through the fall.
- ❖ The BPAC filmed a PSA illustrating the new Massachusetts law stipulating a 4-foot distance between motorists and cyclists or pedestrians. The PSA was shared across Facebook pages and other digital platforms.
- ❖ Given the frenetic evolution of e-bikes and other personal e-devices, BPAC and town police chiefs agreed to focus on getting operators to not exceed 20 mph when on Share Use Paths (a.k.a. Bike Paths), with emphasis on moderating speeds for traffic conditions.
- ❖ BPAC suggested to the Town of Oak Bluffs signs at the roundabout to guide bicyclists headed downtown to use the County Road SUP. The Town supported the idea and asked BPAC to seek input and support from the other towns to develop a consistent design for such bike signs.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: Along with BPAC representation, MVC staff has met with the West Tisbury Complete Streets Committee and Chilmark Planning Board to present findings from an assessment of North Road

hazard areas, for instance where multiple user types are sharing the Right of Way. Conceptual recommendations have been identified as well. This is an ongoing project.

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

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

Island Transportation Engineer: The MVC offered all Towns the opportunity to opt into the Island Transportation Engineering resource, managed by MVC staff. Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury and Aquinnah advanced projects during 2023. With input from the Towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing agreement where towns could secure these engineering services once again in FY2025.

Data Collection/Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC analyzed and presented data on the island's six permanent traffic counting stations. Data on traffic volumes, speeds, and vehicle classes can be found on the [MS2 portal](#) on the MVC website. The MVC conducted a total of 107 automated traffic recorder counts in 2023. A total of 80 counts were conducted along Island roadways, 27 counts were conducted along the shared-use paths. Staff also conducted 7 turning movement counts by hand. The MVC also assisted the Town of Edgartown in counting volumes on the Dike Bridge from July-October. Staff began data collection efforts along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road Corridor for a future corridor study.

Geographic Information Systems: Staff continued to create maps for trails, soil types, bike path data, development of historic trends and future predictions, modeling location and quantity of potential development, environmental justice map, maps for climate action plan and long-range regional transportation plan, road maps for the statistical profile, special ways maps, and hazard impact maps.

Local Technical Assistance: The MVC continued to work with different stakeholders to create a short- and long-term concept plan for the Aquinnah Circle that would improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation and improve vehicular use of the existing paved areas - both parking and departing. MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning

Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically the intersection of Barnes Road and Edgartown- West Tisbury Road and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff are currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders. Staff are working with Oak Bluffs roads and byways committee identifying safety deficiencies in and around the network of crosswalks throughout the Seaview Avenue area. Staff are working with Chilmark on evaluating removable speed bumps on Basin Road.

Project Reviews/Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRIs: Scrubby Neck Road, West Chop Club, Big Sky Tents, Outermost Inn, Old Stone Bank, Tisbury Marine Terminal, Southern Tier, Refuse District, Kuehn's Way, Four Sisters Inn, Airport Hanger Lot, Meshacket Commons, Safe Harbor, Navigator Homes, North Bluff round-about, The Yard, Stillpoint Meadows, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Edgartown Gardens, Black Dog, Sea Bags, Beecher Park, Arlington Avenue, Lagoon Pond Road, Surke Meadow, Crackatuxet Cove, Northern Pines, Dukes County Avenue, Island Food Pantry, Island Grown Initiative, Nina's dine and dash, MVRHS Athletic Fields, Bangs Subdivision, 3 Uncas Avenue, Caleb Prouty House, and Red Arrow Road. The program manager also works with the applicant's consultants throughout the DRI process. For some projects the DRI process can last over a year.

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Staff continued to work with groups such as Healthy Aging MV to address elderly transportation concerns. Staff assisted a fellow who is on island conducting bio-char presentations. The MVC is coordinating with Nantucket and FRCOG on a Safe Streets 4 All grant that was just awarded.

Water Quality Resources Management

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

Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP): For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. In 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior and after the opening of the ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, and the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Wastewater Committees to devise plans to address excess nitrogen, and assist with Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs).

208 Equivalency Planning for the Up-Island Towns: The MVC received a grant from the DEP to develop a 208-management plan for the towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The up-island towns are more rural in nature and face

different water resource protection planning challenges that the down-island towns, each of which have their own wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The MVC has compiled available data and created a summary of pond conditions. A list of traditional and non-traditional nitrogen management options were created, and these methods will be considered for use in evaluating a management plan. The MVC is working with Pond working groups, Boards of Health and Conservation Commissions to develop the best plan for each Town and Pond.

Water Testing: In 2023, MVC staff again 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 and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The Water Alliance continues to meet over zoom. The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building. Staff also attend and present at meetings of all Island pond advisory committees, and 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.

SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant: The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Two years of testing and monitoring the PRB installation was completed in 2023. Preliminary results are excellent.

Marine Invader Monitoring & Information Collaborative (MIMIC): MVC staff monitors and collaborates with MIMIC, which is coordinated by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, and is a network of trained volunteers, scientists, and state and federal workers who monitor marine invasive species. The collaborative provides an opportunity for the public to actively participate in an invasive species early detection network, identify new invaders before they spread out of control, and help improve our understanding of the behavior of established invaders.

Inter-Regional Collaboration

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

Citizen Planning Education and Training: The MVC hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the public. Each year the Commission offers Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) workshops at no cost to attendees. These sessions aid planning and zoning board members in fulfilling their duties. The Zoning with Overlay Districts workshop originally set for November was rescheduled to early January 2024.

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

Governor’s Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC): The MVC is one of nine regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor’s Commission within the Executive Office of Economic Development. RPAC is charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth’s rural communities and advance the well-being of residents. Much of its focus is on the limited local capacity of smaller communities to meet mandated standards or to apply for or manage existing assistance programs. 2023 saw the state’s creation and appointment of a Director of Rural Affairs to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level – the top priority of RPAC since it was established in 2016.

Transportation Safety Action Plan: The Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket, and Franklin County regional planning agencies were awarded a Federal Highway Administration grant of \$575,000 to create Comprehensive Safety Action Plans for each region. This project is an opportunity for the geographically distinct communities to work collaboratively to discuss and develop solutions to rural roadway safety issues. A consultant has been engaged to assist with the development of the plans. Outreach to towns and the public will begin by Spring 2024 and plans completed by mid-2025.

Commonwealth Socio-economic Projections: MVC staff joined other regional planning agencies in reviewing and commenting on Mass Department of Transportation’s completion of a multi-year effort to update population, employment, and housing forecasts for use in long-range transportation planning. As these projections are required to be for typical (Spring and Fall) periods, at the request of the Cape and Islands and the Berkshires RPAs, a separate task had the UMass Donahue Institute examine various ways to quantify seasonal populations. After sampling methods locally and from across the nation, it recommended a framework for conducting population estimates and projections in seasonal regions.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2023, 45 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 16 projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, seven were approved with conditions, two are on hold at the request of the applicants, and seven remain under review at the end of the year. 11 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, eight were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, one was determined by MVC staff to be a premature referral and the project will come back to the MVC when it is ready, two were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings at the request of the applicants, and of those, one was approved with conditions and the other remains under review at the end of the year. 12 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, three were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were remanded back to their respective Towns for approval, one was partially approved and partially denied, one was granted an extension, five modifications were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings at the request of the applicants, and three remain under review at the end of the year. Five projects were reviewed by the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) for post-approval plans such as landscape and lighting plans. A total of 11 projects remain under review at the end of the year.

In January 2023, the MVC welcomed Rich Saltzberg as the new DRI Coordinator replacing Alex Elvin who has since become the MVC's Research & Communications Manager.

DRI Checklist Review: In 2023, the MVC formed a committee to review the DRI Checklist for its biennial review of the DRI Checklist.

New Policies for DRI Review: The MVC is currently working on two new policies to assist Commissioners in the review of DRIs. A new **Flood Risk Policy** for projects within flood risk areas is intended to prevent or minimize environmental, health, and property damage resulting from climate change impacts. The MVC is also working on a new **Materials Policy** to address the environmental and human health impacts of construction materials. Public input on these new policies will be gathered in the new year.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2023, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from Town boards, attorneys, and property owners. In an otherwise quiet year for DCPCs, MVC staff assisted with the smooth functioning of the Districts in many ways.

ACTIVITIES FOR WEST TISBURY

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC conducted Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at roughly 15 locations along Town roadways, and four locations on the

Town Shared-Use Paths. The current 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality.

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

Local Technical Assistance: MVC staff provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRIs: Stillpoint Meadows, North Road Bridge, Island Autism Master Plan, Fine Fettle, Huseby Road, West Tisbury Road Wedding Venue, Red Arrow Road, Hangar Lot G, and New Lane Cell Tower.

Water Quality

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

Water Sampling: MVC staff collected water quality samples and on-station field data from Tisbury Great Pond and James Pond, in cooperation with the Shellfish Department, the Division of Marine Fisheries, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Tisbury Riparian Owners and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. In 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, this includes a sample prior to and after the Tisbury Great Pond was opened.

Community Assistance: The MVC Water Resource Planner serves when needed as a technical advisor to the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian owners. In conjunction with Buzzards Bay Coalition and the James Pond Owners, a study of possible solutions for the inlet improvement was completed. Water samples were taken and processed for testing for source bacteria testing in Tisbury Great Pond and for eDNA identification in both Ponds.

Developments of Regional Impact

Seven West Tisbury projects were reviewed by the MVC in 2023:

- ❖ **Hangar Lot G** (DRI 737) *Construction of a new aircraft hangar on a vacant lot.* This application was approved with conditions in 2022; the written decision was approved on January 5, 2023.
- ❖ **566 Scrubby Neck Road ANR** (DRI 739) *Division of land in the Island Roads District classified as prime agricultural soil and significant habitat.* This application was approved after a public hearing; the written decision was approved on January 19, 2023.
- ❖ **Stillpoint Meadows** (DRI 279-M) *Modification to a previous subdivision, including repurposing an existing barn for community and education uses, and acquisition of other lots in the subdivision by the Land Bank.* This application was approved with conditions after six public hearings; the written decision was approved on May 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Agnoli	Edgartown, elected at-large
Trip Barnes	Tisbury, elected at-large
Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected at-large
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
Fred Hancock	Oak Bluffs, elected at-large
Michael Kim	Governor's Appointee
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Greg Martino	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
Kathy Newman	Aquinnah, appointed by the Select Board
Kate Putnam	Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Brian Smith	Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board
Ernie Thomas	Clerk-Treasurer, West Tisbury appointed by the Select Board
Carole Vandal	Aquinnah elected at-large
Peter Wharton	County Appointee

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Adam Turner	Executive Director
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Laura Silber	Housing Planner
Bill Veno	Senior Planner
Kate Warner	Energy Planner - Vision Fellow

Commissioner Attendance 2023

AGNOLI, Jeff	Edg	E	22	88%
BARNES, Trip	Tis	E	21	84%
BROWN, Christina	Edg	E	20	80%
CONNELL, Peter	Gov NV	A	0	0%
GROSSMAN, Jay	CH	E	23	92%
HANCOCK, Fred J.	OB	E	24	96%
KIM, Michael	Gov V	A	19	76%
MALKIN, Joan Chair	CH	A	23	92%
MARTINO, Greg	Tis	A	18	72%
NEWMAN, Kathy	AQ	A	19	76%
PUTNAM, Kate	Edg	A	24	96%
ROBINSON, Ben	Tis	E	25	100%
SEDERHOLM, Doug E.	WT	E	25	100%
SIBLEY, Linda	WT	E	15	60%
SMITH, Brian Vice-Chair	OB	A	25	100%
THOMAS, Ernest R. Treasurer	WT	A	25	100%
VANDAL, Carole	AQ	E	23	92%
WHARTON, Peter	County	A	25	100%

E = Elected

A = Appointed

Gov V = Governor's Voting Appointee

Gov NV = Governor's Non-Voting Appointee

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Select Board Selectboard and
the Citizens of the Town of West Tisbury:

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

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

In 2023 the MVCC held several meetings virtually from October-December to evaluate applications. For FY24, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$33,000 for local regranteeing. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$1,500), Chilmark (\$3,500), Edgartown (\$3,500), Oak Bluffs (\$2,000), Tisbury (\$3,500), and West Tisbury (\$3,500). A number of prior year grantees were unable to follow through with their projects, and so those funds were rolled over to be distributed this year. Together, the total amount available for grants was \$63,283. This year the MVCC received 48 applications requesting a total of \$174,000.

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. Given that the Council has not asked for an increase in the town's contributions since 2020, combined with the marked increase in the amount of funds requested, the Council would like to request \$5000 from West Tisbury this year so that it may continue to fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Rizwan Malik, Chair

Project	Funding Given
Built on Stilts	\$3,100
Islanders Write	\$2,500
A Positive Magic at the Faery Way Station	\$1,330
Cinema Circus	\$2,250
2024 Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$2,250
19th Annual Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival	\$1,650
Drive-In at the YMCA	\$2,250
Martha's Vineyard Fossil Day	\$2,775
Music & Memory Community Place	\$3,525
Sankofa Festival	\$1,875

6th Annual Women In Film Festival	\$1,500
Quartets, Duos and Trios, Oh my	\$1,500
17th Annual Native Artisan Market & Festival	\$4,725
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$3,653
Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$3,413
Capstone Concert: Focus on Jazz	\$350
Art of Conservation	\$1,250
Black Brook Singers at the Circle	\$2,500
Honoraria for guest musicians accompanying concerts	\$1,500
Saving Rebecca	\$3,500
LGBTQ+ Pride Weekend	\$2,500
Tales of Now & Zen: An Evening of Stories for Adults	\$250
Local Music & Dancing — Off-Season	\$2,500
Species in Focus: Martha's Vineyard's Biodiversity in 4K	\$3,750
Billy Baloo	\$1,250
Memorial Day Picnic Traditional Music	\$188
Aquinnah Artisans Holiday Fair and Childrens Art Show	\$625
Blue Minds Ocean Education Series	\$1,500
Black Children's Reading Corner	\$1,000

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council Members

West Tisbury

Irene Tewksbury - Treasurer
Paul Doherty
Hal Garneau - Secretary

Aquinnah

Berta Welch

Tisbury

Julia Kidd
Suzanne Roberge
David Forbes

Chilmark

Dena Porter
Heather Goff
Stephanie Danforth

Edgartown

Susan Pratt
Susan Shea
Bari Boyer

Oak Bluffs

Abby Bender
Abby Remer
Rizwan Malik - Chair



REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

4102 acres, representing 7% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the land bank office in Edgartown.

Acquisitions

A septempartite arrangement, perfectly complicated, was concluded. It resulted in the conservation of 4.9 acres of backdune, stream and pond, as the **Elder Jeffers' Pond Preserve**. The seller was the Moshup Trail Limited Partnership and the price was \$185,000. The tangles to be resolved in advance included pre-existing encroachments, boundary-line juggling and the disposition of overdue taxes. The seven parties included the Land Bank and its private-sector counterpart, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, as well as the town and the tribe, the latter two of which received donations of off-site property interests as a result of the Land Bank's efforts. The town's lot is slated to be used for affordable housing.

Affordable housing also figured in a second up-island transaction. The Land Bank expanded its **Gay Head Moraine** property by purchasing, for \$90,400, a 4.5-acre shrub swamp owned by the Island Housing Trust Corporation.

And it figured in a down-island transaction. The Land Bank and the town of Oak Bluffs exchanged fungible 24-acre properties at the **Southern Woodlands Reservation**, so that the town's would now have access back to a public road. The Land Bank had sought to effect the exchange in 2004, when the reservation was being assembled, but the town wasn't ready. The commonwealth legislature and governor had to approve the trade.

Islanders knew their priorities when they established the Land Bank thirty-seven years ago. One was the protection of old family farms — and in 2023 the Land Bank completed one of its goals-since-inception when it conserved the 34.9-acre northerly field and environs at the venerable Flat Point Farm. This complimented the 2013 conservation of its 38.4-acre southerly pasture. The price was \$2,533,875 and the sellers were siblings Arnold Fischer, Jr., Eleanor Neubert and Jean O'Reilly. It is integrated into the Land Bank's **Short Cove Preserve**.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Elder Jeffers Pond Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation,

Priester's Pond Preserve, Quenomica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The commonwealth is reviewing the Quenomica Preserve draft management plan. Staff is preparing applications — under the various town bylaws, the wetlands protection act and the endangered species act — necessary to the opening of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation.

General public access to a stretch of Lambert's Cove was achieved with the opening of the James Pond Preserve. But the preserve is more than its beach: the loop trail capitalizes on the prismatic nature of the property, as hikers on the path will observe the pond, the dune, the sound and Naushon Island shifting in and out of view. A reservation system, first used at the Manaquayak Preserve, will be used to allocate parking in the summer.

Upgrades included the installation of aluminum beach-access stairs at the Great Rock Bight Preserve escarpment, as well as replacement of the fishing pier and causeway boardwalk at the Blackwater Pond Reservation. Deteriorated decking on the walkways spanning the Fulling Mill Brook was targeted; the work is expected to be completed before the summer.

Habitat was improved. A cluster of old sheds was removed at the John Presbury Norton Farm — but two of the concrete basements were retained, one for snakes and the other for bats. Staff uprooted pines that were encroaching into the sandplain grassland at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve, buckthorn that was colonizing the Farm Pond Preserve and japanese stiltgrass that overran a portion of the Great Rock Bight Preserve.

Aspiring, more or less hopelessly, to thwart the ravaging southern pine-beetle, the Land Bank felled infested pitch pine at the Ripley's Field Preserve.

Thickening vegetation along both the North Road and Menemsha Crossroad sides of the beautiful Bliss Pond Farm was cut down. The vista is expansive. Likewise the vista at the Toms Neck Preserve, across Pease's Pond, and the Sepiessa Point savanna.

Trailheads were installed or expanded at the Caleb's Pond Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Whippoorwill Farm. New trails were created — at the Ripley's Field Preserve, per a request from neighbors to supplement the Red Coat Hill Path ancient way, and at the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve. Staff addressed erosion along the steep trails at the Great Rock Bight Preserve and Tisbury Meadow Preserve.

The Land Bank's livestock herd — comprising some 173 goats, including 36 kids born in the spring — systematically grazed 72 acres island-wide, as part of the agency's grassland restoration protocol. The Land Bank goatherd bred 20 does, using the institution's own arapawa buck plus an alpine buck borrowed from Flat Point Farm.

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

40-44 Meetinghouse Way, Edgartown

After 32 years at 167 Main Street in Edgartown center, the Land Bank office moved to 40 Meetinghouse Way ... and after 17 years at the Southern Woodlands Reservation, the Land Bank land management workshop moved to 44 Meetinghouse Way. Purchase of the conjoined properties allowed the Land Bank for the first time to conjoin in one location all of its activities and functions — administration, property management, staff housing and, as needed, pasturing of livestock, as 40-44 Meetinghouse Way abuts the Land Bank's Quenomica Preserve North and its fields. The Edgartown town meeting will decide in 2024 whether to purchase 167 Main Street, at the discounted price of \$1,550,000.

XIH

The 31st annual XIH ranged 17.3 miles from the Long Point Wildlife Refuge in West Tisbury to the Tashmoo inlet in Vineyard Haven. Approximately ninety people participated in the cross-island trek. Some 75 started; 43 — the most ever — completed the entire hike. The route passed along 12 conservation properties and 8 named ancient ways.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to review the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is encouraged to read it on the Land Bank website:

	fiscal year 2023 budgeted	fiscal year 2023 actual	fiscal year 2024 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$17,000,000	\$16,338,172	\$13,000,000*
administrative expenses	(\$ 736,988) 4%	(\$ 656,157) 4%	(\$ 754,698) 6%
land management expenses	(\$ 3,302,764) 19%	(\$ 1,949,647) 12%	(\$ 2,771,535) 21%
debt service expenses	(\$ 7,857,137) 46%	(\$ 7,879,942) 48%	(\$ 8,190,837) 62%
reserve expenses	(\$ 100,000) 1%	(\$ 50,000) 50%	(\$ 500,000) 1%
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 5,003,081 29%	\$5,802,426 36%	\$ 1,232,930 10%

As of December 1, 2023 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$12,365,000 in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

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

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no Land Bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$800,000; in 2024 the threshold will be \$900,000. This is called the “m” exemption and 34 transactions qualified for it in 2023.

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Robert and Patricia Ivry, \$72, in honor of Richard Kazis; and (2.) Tammy Kallman, \$100, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2023 transfer fee revenues were:		
	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 176,120	1%
Chilmark Fund	\$ 612,720	4%
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,603,504	22%
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,659,147	10%
Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,165,586	7%
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 958,450	6%
<i>Central fund</i>	\$ 8,175,527	50%
	\$16,338,172	100%

This represented a 27% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

The Land Bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Janette Andrews, fiscal officer; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Antone Lima, crew manager; Julie Russell, ecologist; Timothy Sheran, conservation land assistant; Blake Wasson, conservation land assistant; and Bryn Willingham, ecology assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lengyel
Executive Director

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

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To the Select Board: The Refuse District processed, and shipped over 11,356 tons in 2023 of waste and light construction material. All waste was delivered to SEMAS/ Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma. With construction materials delivered to J.R. Vinagro in Johnston RI. Our recycling efforts also removed over 900 tons of single stream, 630 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 20 tons of tires, and 700 tons of leaves/brush, 925 Mattresses.

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

Our food waste drop-off program has redirected over 80 tons (Double from prior year) from all four of the District town's collections sites in 2023.

We are proud to announce that over 600 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2023. After 34 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 are accepted free of charge, thanks to our contract with Covanta (SEMAS) Waste to Energy, and are accepted during regular business hours at all (4) of our drop off centers, (Rechargeable batteries, Watch/Hearing Aid batteries and Fluorescent/ Low Energy bulbs).

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

2024 Schedule

Each event hours are 9am – 12pm

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

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

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

Contact for info:
Don Hatch
Mary Donlavey

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Select Board:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. (MVSG) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed in 1976 to preserve, enhance and restore shellfish resources on Martha's Vineyard. The Board of Directors is comprised of a resident and the Shellfish Constable from each member town for a total of 12 board seats. Each town receives an equal share of shellfish seed from the MVSG hatcheries for a flat membership fee. In the 2023 fiscal year, the fee was \$39,000.



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD
SHELLFISH GROUP**
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Additional funding was received through contracts, grants or donations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Friends of Sengekontacket (FOS), Edey Foundation, MV Community Foundation,

Vineyard Vision Fellowship, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Town of Chatham, about 300 private donors, and annual spring fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center—the Bivalve Ball. The work of MVSG can be seen in our seed production, habitat restoration and shell recovery projects and programs, educational outreach, and contribution to seminal research in shellfish biology and hatchery science.

MVSG operates three distinct facilities in order to fulfil our mission. This year they all received significant maintenance, including a new roof on the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick, an expanded stone gabion at the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven, and a new roof on the John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs.



The Chappy Point Nursery, seen from the beach.

We spawn local shellfish to produce seed for the town propagation programs. Completed outside of the growing season, the construction projects did not impede our operations and we produced over 30 million quahogs, bay scallops and oysters to distribute to the towns at about 1mm in size. West Tisbury, lacking quahog and scallop habitat, receives only oyster seed. The remaining 5 towns received quahog and scallop seed only. With seed-in-hand, the towns' shellfish departments use nursery systems to grow the tiny shellfish and protect them from predators, boats, and curious onlookers. In the fall, juvenile shellfish are released to good shellfish habitat where they will improve water clarity and



Shellfish larvae and post-sets are cleaned and fed seven days a week. It takes about 8 weeks from spawning for a quahog to reach 1mm.

mud, and provide a hard surface for wild oyster larvae to cement to and grow. Restoration is possible with shell we collect from restaurants and a public collection bin in front of the Hughes Hatchery through our Shell Recovery Partnership. We are committed to removing shell from the waste stream, and aging it for a year to kill pathogens, before returning it to the ponds. In 2023, nearly 9,000 gallons of local shell was collected and over 120 cubic yards was returned to the Great Ponds. Slough Cove in Edgartown Great Pond is now home to a highly focused oyster restoration



effort funded by The Nature Conservancy and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, through a project called SOAR- Sustaining Oyster Aquaculture and Res-toration. Working with local oyster farmers and the Edgartown Shellfish Department, oversized oysters are purchased by TNC and planted by MVSG to improve water filtration and ecosystem services. In Sengekontacket, the Friends of Sengekontacket have funded annual planting of spat-on-shell since 2018, to ensure a healthy ecosystem in the pond.

Aged, recycled shells are added back to Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds to improve pH of the bottom and oyster habitat, with the help of the Departments and volunteers.

In March 2023, MVSG celebrated the unprecedented success of growing mature, flowering eelgrass shoots from seed in a greenhouse environment – a

ecosystem functions before being fished by recreational and commercial harvesters. MVSG strongly believes that the ability to harvest food from the ponds helps to connect islanders and visitors to the natural resources and natural beauty which makes the Vineyard special. Personal connection and firsthand knowledge inspires us to protect the water quality and habitat which it all hinges on. All of the projects and initiatives we take on are focused on that end.

We restore habitat to support shellfish populations and improve resiliency. MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond for 30+ years, in Edgartown Great Pond for 14 years, and in Sengekontacket for five years. We add aged shell to the Great Ponds to harden the bottoms, provide a calcium-rich substrate that acts like an antacid against acidic

first in the scientific community. In early fall, volunteers from the Lagoon Pond Association and local Boy Scouts helped to collect eelgrass shoots and seed pods, and prepare them to be planted onto eelgrass restoration sites with the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Shellfish Departments. As of December 2023, eelgrass seedlings are emerging in the unheated greenhouse at the Hughes Hatchery, for the third consecutive winter.



Young bay scallops cling to eelgrass blades to avoid predators, which is just one of the valuable roles eelgrass plays in the ecosystem.



Above, children handled and observed marine invertebrates at the MV Agricultural Society's Harvest Festival, one of several public events which MVSG provided learning opportunities.

MVSG increased our focus on education and outreach in 2023, through school visits, afterschool clubs, community programs and increased collaboration with local agencies. MVSG staff engaged over 2,938 individuals with the history, culture, and biology of shellfish on Martha's Vineyard. For the first time in over 20 years, school busses pulled up to the Hughes Hatchery (old Lobster Hatchery) for students to view hatchery growing systems in the greenhouse, take guided walks in Brush Pond and build shore-side aquariums.

In 2024, we look forward to continuing community programming and school visits, working alongside the M.V. Commission and the Great Pond Foundation to continue mapping eelgrass beds in Lake Tashmoo, Lagoon Pond and Sengekontacket, while also monitoring an eelgrass restoration project with Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department. We will continue participating in the Ribbed Mussel Aquaculture Consortium, studying the emerging bay scallop parasite with Stonybrook University and the Chilmark Shellfish Department. We will continue necessary capital maintenance projects at each of our hatcheries to serve the shellfish needs of the Island for decades to come. We invite you to learn more about what we do by visiting our facilities in the Spring and Summer. In the meantime, visit our website, check out our newsletters and join our mailing list and stay involved! Visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, call (508) 693-0391 or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2023

	Bay Scallops	Quahog s	Oysters Remote set	Oyster single s
Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Aquinnah, Chilmark	2,650,000	2,426,000	-	-
Chatham ²	-	300,000	-	-
Gosnold ¹	100,000	-	-	-
Wampanoag Tribe NRD ²	150,000	-	-	-
Local growers ²	70,000	-	-	5,000
Stony Brook University ³	2,000	-	-	-
				529,00
Tisbury Great Pond	-	-	5,000,000	0
Edgartown Great Pond ³	-	-	200,000	61,000
Sengekontacket ³	-	-	1,000,000	-
Univ. of Rhode Island ³	-	-	-	5,000
Total Seed	13,572,000	12,430,000	6,200,000	600,000
	0	0	0	0
Eggs released	12,000,000	14,600,000	243,500,000	-
	0	0	0	-
	24,400,000			
larvae released	0	1,000,000	63,500,000	-
Provided under: ¹ State funding; ² contract; ³ grant funding				

Thank you for bivalvifying* the Vineyard with us.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Green-Beach
Executive Director and Biologist
emma.greenbeach@mvshellfishgroup.org



Visit our website
for more pictures
and information

*Bivalvify: to add bivalves to a body of water
to improve water quality and biodiversity

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SHELLFISH AGENT AND SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To The West Tisbury Select Board:

I express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to the well-being of our pond, fishery, and shellfish propagation initiatives. I extend special thanks to the MV Land Bank for graciously allowing the storage of the town's boat and the use of their property, the ongoing collaboration with Riparian Owners, the dedicated team at MV Shellfish Group, and the commendable efforts of the TGP Working Group. Additionally, our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the enthusiastic volunteers who contribute each year to our annual Shell Project, aiding in the culching of the pond with quahog, steamer, and oyster shells.

Allow me to provide an overview of the pond's health over the past year. The pond experienced favorable openings and proper flushing, with the reopening of the area from Sepiessa boat ramp to Plum Bush Point. However, there were challenges, such as persistently low visibility, approximately 1-2 feet on most days. Noteworthy is the natural seed set of oysters and soft-shelled clams, yet there are concerns raised by fishermen about the prevalence of boring sponge in our adult oysters, posing a threat to their health.

Despite these challenges, the oyster growth in the pond was promising this year, meeting our goal of reaching 3 inches before release to the fishery. The remote set also displayed rapid growth, reaching a point where we feel confident in releasing them. The singles successfully transitioned to small or medium mesh bags for winterization as part of our annual routine.

Our department remains well-equipped to manage the propagation program, with the town boat in good condition, backup equipment available as needed, and timely completion of yearly maintenance. To keep up with the rising supply of oysters from the MV Shellfish Group and replace deteriorating cages, we have ordered additional oyster cages and bags, particularly medium mesh bags. The sea tray experiment proved successful, and I intend to expand its use in conjunction with the remote set. Additional hazard markers will be set out this year in an attempt to warn boaters of the oyster cages.

I have the following numbers from the MV Shellfish Group yearly report: we received 5 million spat on shell (remote set), and 529 thousand oyster singles. While the MV Shellfish Group is actively monitoring oyster mortality, the specific data is pending at the time of this report. Releases of the remote set and oyster singles were strategically conducted in open areas, including Sepiessa Point, Plum Bush Point, and the southeast corner of the pond, aiming to rejuvenate the latter as a viable fishing ground.

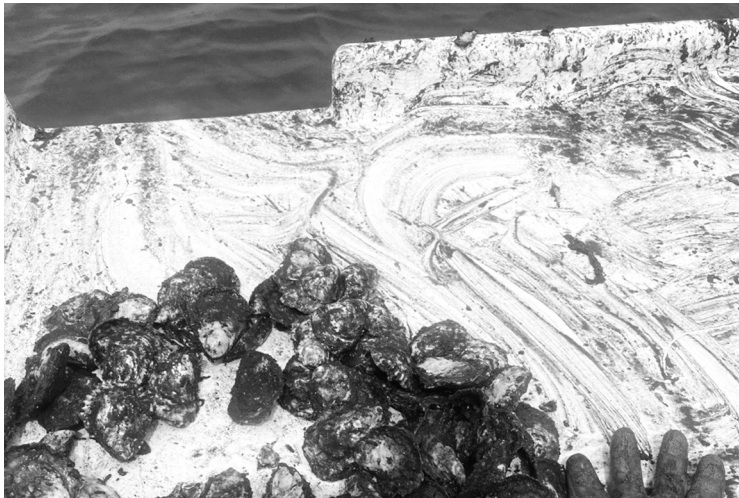
In summary, the pond's health presents a mixed scenario with positive testing and adequate flushing, but challenges persist with low visibility and concerns about the health of adult oysters due to the presence of boring sponge. The impact of global warming and surrounding development further complicates matters. Fortunately, our collaborative efforts involve a dedicated group of individuals committed to identifying and implementing solutions. I remain committed to utilizing available resources to achieve the goals and tasks of the department and advance the growing propagation program.

Respectfully submitted,

William Reich, Shellfish Agent and regular attendee
Virginia C. Jones, Chair
Rick Karney
John Hoy
David Merry
Jason Gale
Jessie Holtham
Gregg Orcutt
Ray Gale, Shellfish Constable and regular attendee

P.S. Another noteworthy mention is David Merry, whom I'd love to give a shout-out to. He goes above and beyond by renting all of his equipment to the town, transporting cultch back and forth without ever charging a penny. His selfless contributions are truly commendable. Furthermore, it's important to highlight the enthusiasm of some young members in our community who are actively showing a great deal of interest in the great pond. Tegan Gale and Walter Greene have been consistently attending our meetings throughout the year. Their dedication is inspiring, and I believe it's important to highlight their efforts.

The attached image is an example of the final product of the propagation program, nicely rounded oysters, with a size large glove for scale.



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



Fiscal Year 2023
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



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
West Tisbury
Aquinnah

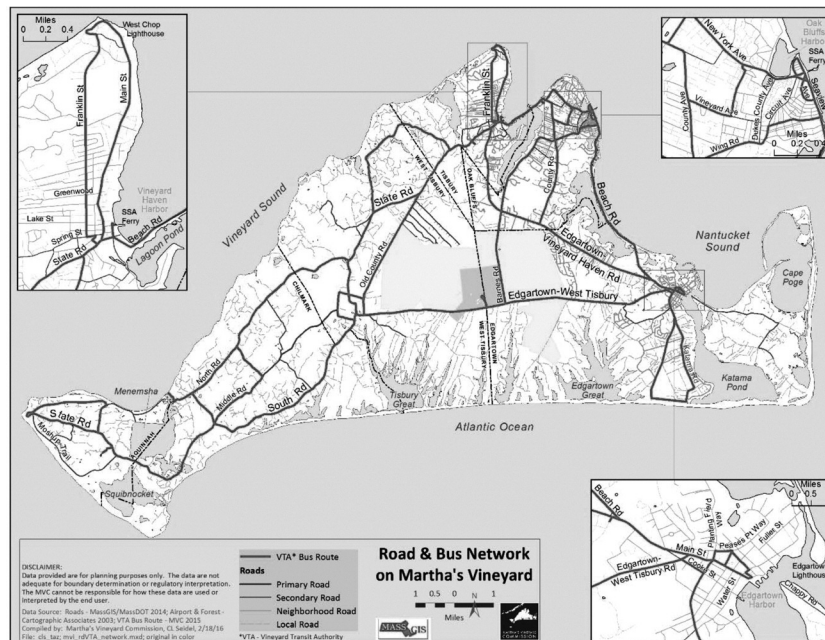
Robert Mackay
Robert Wasserman
Kristina Hook

Tisbury
 Chilmark
 Edgartown
 Rider Community Representative
 Disabled Community Representative
 Administrator

Elaine Miller
 Leonard Jason
 Mark Snider
 Kim Leaird
 Vacant
 Angela E. Gompert

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

During Fiscal Year 2023, the VTA operated ten year-round routes, plus four 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 inter-lines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. Operating expenses for FY23 were \$8,110,328 plus \$7.23 million in capital funds. VTA ridership

continued to feel the effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, carrying 899,699 riders over 997,479 revenue miles of service.

Funding Updates

CRRSAA Funding

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VTA was awarded \$3,998,487 in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds.

During FY23, the VTA used \$2,576,485.64 of the CRRSSA funding to supplement operations and lost fares due to decreased ridership. The remaining balance will be expended in FY24.

Service Modifications

Service Modifications

FY 2023 July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Each fiscal year starts with the VTA's busiest peak season months, goes through the Off-Season and ends with the very beginning of the next year's In-Season. FY 2023 started in July 2022 with labor shortages causing service reductions on nearly all routes. By the end of the fiscal year in June 2023, the situation improved sufficiently, thanks to more effective vehicle operator recruiting and securing more seasonal housing, to allow the restoration of some service.

Training and employing a year-round and seasonal work force remains one of the VTA's most significant operational challenges. By the end of Fiscal Year 2023, the VTA was able to make some transit planning decisions based on expected travel demand again and not solely the availability of drivers. Transit travel demand is directly affected by the level of service provided for potential passengers to complete their trips. While the trend by the end of the fiscal year was improving, the goal of pre-pandemic ridership recovery remains for the future.

Changes to In-Season 2022 as compared to In-Season 2021 (starting in July)

The part of In-Season 2022 in FY 2023 operated approximately the same dates as 2021. Specific service modifications for this period are listed below.

Route 1: No changes.

Route 2: Frequency reduced from 90 minutes to two hours (interlined with Route 4 instead of 10A).

Route 3: Evening service reduced as compared to 2021 in both peak and fall shoulder seasons.

Route 4: Frequency reduced from hourly to every two hours (interlined with Route 2), evening trips scaled back by two trips.

Route 5: Evening trips scaled back.

Route 6: Evening trips scaled back slightly.

Route 7: Evening trips scaled back significantly – four round trips.

Route 8: Evening trips scaled back.

Route 9: No changes.

Route 10: No changes.

Route 11: Daytime service ran two weeks later, then no service during a modified fall shoulder season.

Route 12: Return of the Sunset Bus, which did not run at all in 2021.

Route 13: Originally scheduled to change peak season headway mode (departures from all stops every 15 minutes) back to running through 9 pm, had to scale back to the 6:00 pm end time of 2021 for headway mode.

Changes to Off-Season 2022 - 2023 as compared to Off-Season 2021 - 2022

With much lower labor requirements, the VTA Off-Season 2022 – 2023 represented a reversal of the trend of cutting some service to adding service back, as compared to the same season a year ago. In the Off-Season, the major routes – Route 1, Route 10 and Route 13 – have dedicated vehicles throughout the day. The routes that serve the rest of the Island are interlined, meaning the buses that travel over these routes serve more than one route. This has some advantages, such as making some transfers “same bus” transfers for passengers. For overall service, the comparative increase in resources meant that the buses were blocked, or interlined, differently than in years past. This changed the timetables and transfer connections for the Off-Season Fall schedule, which was operated from early October through December. The Winter schedule, which operated January through March, maintained what was offered throughout the Off-Season 2021 – 2022. A summary of the Off-Season Fall 2022 – 2023 route modifications are overviewed below.

Route 1: One extra round trip late night.

Routes 2, 4 and 10A were interlined on one bus again. Irregularly timed service was restored to every two hours on smooth headways on Routes 2 and 4. Route 10A, which had been eliminated entirely the previous year’s Off-Season, was restored with trips every two hours.

Route 5: Service increased, restoring smooth headway service every two hours.

Route 6: Trip departure times were modified with similar level of service.

Route 7: Additional late afternoon round trip added.

Route 8: Service re-added to schedule, operating every two hours.

Route 9: Added another round trip late afternoon.

Routes 10 and 13: No service modifications.

Routes 11 and 12: These seasonal routes continued to not operate during the Off-Season.

Changes to In-Season 2023 as compared to In-Season 2022 (mid-May to late June)

The start of In-Season 2023 (at the end of FY 2023) was an operational improvement on the previous year. Evening service was restored on up-Island Routes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Most importantly, the published schedule did not need to be modified on the fly due to labor shortages. Travel demand and ridership figures continued to trend toward the goal of pre-pandemic recovery. After three years of public health concerns dominating the transit industry, bus use was

returning more to normalcy. New features such as contactless digital ticketing had been adopted at an accelerated rate, and are now accepted as the most common way of fare payment.

As always, the VTA will continue to evaluate schedules each season on a trip by trip basis, adding service (when possible) as requested by the traveling public and deleting underutilized trips. As part of the electrification of the full fleet (just over 50% complete), smaller fixed route vehicles have been added to the fleet. This will allow the VTA to better match vehicle capacity to travel demand on the different VTA routes. While not much of a change effectively for the passenger traveling from Point A to Point B on Martha's Vineyard, it is another example of the evolution of the VTA as an adapting rural transit system.

Electronic Ticketing

In December 2022, the VTA awarded an RFP for Fixed Route Technologies that included Electronic Fareboxes, Automatic Passenger Counters (APC), Integrated CAD/AVL System, Automated Annunciator System and Interior Display Signs. Implementation of the new systems began in the spring of 2023 and is ongoing.

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. The VTA has updated its operations and maintenance facility and now has an electrical distribution system capable of supplying electricity for charging stations for 40 buses, 7 vans and 6 cars. The installation of Energy Storage Systems (ESS), solar canopies and inductive charging included a central control system manages vehicle charging, reduces peak demand by ESS discharge, and supplies emergency power through an islandable micro grid.

The VTA currently has 17 electric buses and three (3) E-Jest electric minibuses in service, which accounts for about 58% of the total bus fleet. At just twenty feet long, the three new E-Jests have been a success on lower density routes like the seasonal Edgartown Park & Ride, Routes 2, 4, 8 and 10A, and have even made appearances on Route 1!

Additionally, the VTA expects delivery of seven (7) more electric buses in FY24.

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 21 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.

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 Island's 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

Facts:

	FY23	FY22
Annual Ridership	899,699	772,214
Annual Farebox Revenue	\$1,502,838.68	\$1,598,570
Annual Cost of Operations	\$6,978,323	\$5,381,257
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	20%	27.1%
Fleet Size	33	34

Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	899,699	772,214
Annual Revenue Hours	62,693	61,168
Annual Revenue Miles	997,479	981,295
Annual Vehicle Hours	66,755	64,797
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,056,651	1,039,507

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$11.59	\$10.78
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$116.39	\$96.76
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$7.07	\$5.90
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	12.72	11.23
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.81	0.70
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$10.27	\$8.68

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

Adult Base	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Elderly Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Disabled & Veteran Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Under 12	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Under 6	Free	Free
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare

Operational Facts and Figures

ADA - Demand Responses

Facts:

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

Demand Response Statistics:

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

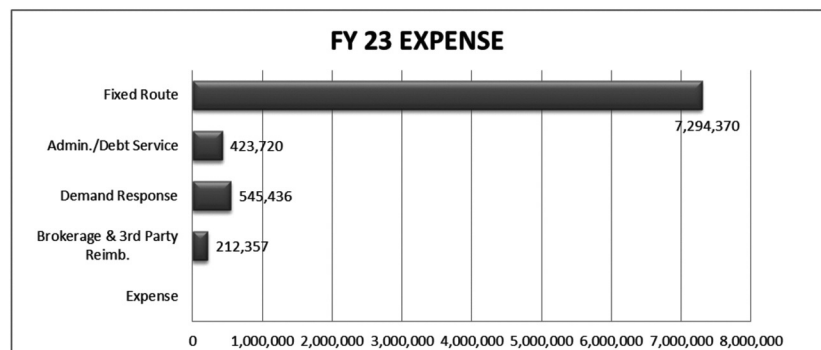
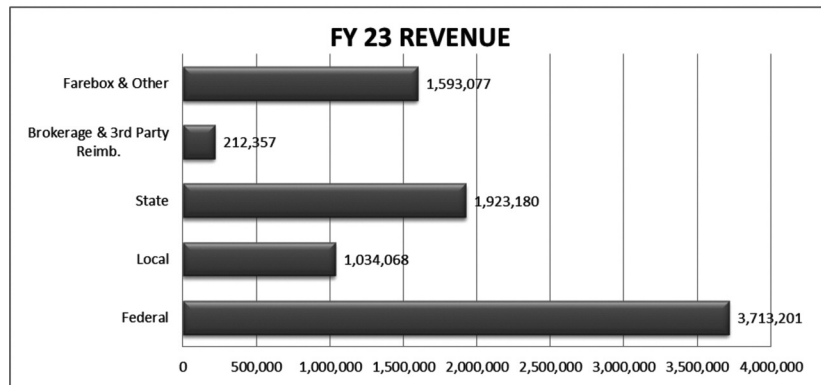
Performance measures:

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

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

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



REPORT OF THE MILL BROOK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dear fellow townspeople,

We are pleased to bring you this update of our ongoing work in the Mill Brook watershed.

Committee members David Bouck and Bill Wilcox have been working very hard to transfer tens of thousands of data points (stream flow, water temperature, dissolved oxygen and water pressure) to our consultant Neal Price, senior hydrogeologist and associate principal at Horsley Witten, for review and collation into a final report of all our efforts to date. It is our intention to present this report at a public forum this spring.

In the meantime, we encourage townspeople to view the data collection update we recently posted on the town's website: <https://www.westtisbury-ma.gov/mill-brook-watershed-management-committee>. This provides a concise and comprehensive look at all our work done to date. Enjoy filmmaker Ollie Becker's aerial video of the Mill Brook watershed. This short video illustrates land use along the entire 4 mile length of Mill Brook, from where the stream flows into Town Cove, Tisbury Great Pond to the headwater at Roth Woodlands Sanctuary.

In July, we received the final report from expert entomologist Greg Whitmore detailing the results and findings of our extensive macroinvertebrate survey in 2022. This concludes our existing contract with Greg, but we look forward to working with him again in the future.

In 2024, data collection will continue. Deployed data loggers will measure water temperature and water pressure, Bill Wilcox will measure stream flow at established sampling sites along the stream length, and we will measure water quality parameters (specific conductivity, pH, water temperature and dissolved oxygen) in the field using our YSI multimeter probe. A continuous data logger will again record water temperature and dissolved oxygen levels at Mill Pond.

We will continue to work with the Great Pond Foundation to collect nitrogen isotope samples to expand on previous years' efforts. We have also met with, and look forward to working with, representatives from US Geologic Survey as they undertake an extensive project to update groundwater data on Martha's Vineyard. Many thanks to David Bouck for making this connection.

Again, we thank all the property owners and organizations who have supported our efforts and granted us access for this ongoing and important work; MV Land Bank, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and private property owners. Our extreme appreciation to Ollie Becker for his work producing the aerial video, and for his dedication to the natural resources of our town.

Lastly, our sincere thanks to the townspeople of West Tisbury for their support of this work; it is a pleasure for us to serve the town in this capacity.

David Bouck
Tim Boland
Prudy Burt
Kristen Geagan

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dear Select Board:

As the Pandemic has considerably subsided, we have offered more programming. The summer basketball camp was extremely well attended. We had approximately 100 children participate in the 6 weeks of summer program. We have had continued complaints regarding the slope of the path at Lambert's Cove. Due to conservation restrictions we have not been allowed to lower the dune with mechanical use. Therefore, this spring we hired laborers to hand shovel the dune. It was lowered by four feet to accommodate the boardwalk. We hope to work with the Conservation Commission in the future to find ways to make the pitch of the path safer for the community. We are continuing the process to install the rope handrail along the path at the beach. We continued to have challenges with securing lifeguards for Lambert's Cove Beach. We were not alone in this, as all other towns on island struggled with finding guards for all island beaches. Our parking lot staff did an amazing job once again, as Lambert's Cove Beach continues to be one of the most popular beaches on island. The beach wheel chair continues to see daily use at Lambert's Cove Beach. Our staff is always helpful to support people in need of the wheel chair. We ask the community and guests to respect the carry in carry out trash policy at the beach. Summer revenue was over \$95,000.

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

The town Holiday Party was organized by the Parks and Recreation Committee for the first time this year. The party was held at the Grange Hall opposed to the Ag Hall as in past years. The community came with delicious dishes to share. Thank you to Skip Manter for donating the turkeys! White lights, greenery and bows adorned the hall making for a festive ambiance. Many community members complimented the success of the party this year! We would like to thank Middletown Nursery for donating the greenery and centerpieces. We will also be organizing the Town Picnic in June for the first time. Anyone interested in helping can contact the Park and Rec office.

We have done constant maintenance to the ballfields, tennis and basketball courts. We will be need major repairs to the tennis and basketball courts in the near future.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to say farewell and thank John Rau for his work on the committee and welcome new member Dave Small.

We look forward to 2024, in which we can offer a full range of quality programs for the community to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Hap Bernard-chair

Lisa Amols

Skip Manter

Matt Gebo

Dave Small

Peggy Stone – Board Administrator

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REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Select Board:

In 2023 town departments returned back to normal with staff in their offices on a regular schedule. The only aspect of town hall business, is that not all town boards and committees are meeting in person.

We welcomed Larry Schilmeister to the Personnel Board in July. Thank you, Jim Klingensmith, for your 3 years' service on the Personnel Board.

Town Meeting approved the Personnel Board's FY2024 recommendation of a 4.4 % wage adjustment for all Town employees. Additionally, Town Meeting amended the Personnel By-law at Section 27.3 (Year- Round Pay Schedule 10% increase to help employees deal with the high cost of living on Martha's Vineyard. For FY2025, the board is recommending a 4.4 % wage adjustment for all employees.

The Town had the following staffing changes in 2023:

- Omar Johnson, the Board of Health Agent resigned moved back to Connecticut. Special thanks to Omar for working 24/7 during the Covid pan epidemic keeping the Citizens of West Tisbury and the Island safe. Alex Lam Assistant Board of Health Agent was appointed Board of Health Agent. Susan Toste was hired to fill the position of Assistant Board of Health Agent.
- The Community Preservation Committee hired Maura Valley as their Administrative Assistant replacing Cindy Kraus.
- Amelia Smith, Administrative Assistant for the Energy and Climate Committee for the last 2 years resigned, and Kate Guiney is the new staff person.
- After more than 20 years Rhonda Conley, Affordable Housing Committee, Administrative Assistant retired. Thank you for your years of service, Wanda Higgins has been hired to replace Rhonda Conley.
- At the Library, 7 substitute circulation assistants have been added to fill in as needed. Hannah Burdige has been hired to be the Children / Youth Services Librarian and Kira Shepherd hours were increased to be the first full time Circulation Assistant.
- Police Department, Sergeant Garrison Viera has been hired by Chilmark Police Department. Thank you for your 20 years of service to West Tisbury. Officer Jeremy Rogers has been promoted to Sargent, and Noah Stobie has been appointed Police Officer to replace Officer Rogers
- Joyce Albertine, Council on Aging Director announced she will retire in May 2024. Joyce has been in this capacity for 38 years, one of the

longest tenures in West Tisbury. Joyce's exuberance and sensitivity to the needs of seniors has been exemplary and will be truly missed. Thank you for your service!

- Bruce Stone, Town Accountant announced that he will retire in June 2024. Bruce will be sorely missed. Bruce has been a steady, confident explainer of all matters related to the Town Budget. Thank you for your service! Happy golfing!

Welcome to all our new employees!

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leon A. Brathwaite, II, Chair
Janice Haynes, Employee Representative
Hunter Moorman
Larry Schilmeister
Brian Smith

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2023 has been an unusually busy year for the Planning Board and each of our sub-committees. In fact, the town hall has been abuzz with activity in all departments. Surely it is a true sign that the Island continues to move forward. The work continues to keep us focused, interested and quite often intrigued. Working with other boards, committees and town officials, we strive to protect natural resources, maintain the town's rural character, and protect open lands and scenic vistas throughout, while reaching fair and equitable solutions to growing demands for development. We hope to keep West Tisbury a community that we can all treasure.

The board has reviewed a surprisingly large number of applications during the year, far more than we have seen in the past 10 years. Public hearings, which are usually a rarity for the board, have become regular occurrences, causing us to hold meetings every week rather than our usual bi-weekly meeting schedule. We try hard to maintain a bi-weekly schedule to level off the pace.

In 2023, the Planning Board reviewed 16 special permit applications, 6 site plan review applications and 5 Form A applications, along with numerous informal discussions, joint meetings with other boards and committees, and discussions with members of the public. Some reviews were challenging and were continued several times due to the need to seek further information. Some were simple and straightforward. We reviewed three applications under the Building House Size bylaw, one located on Tisbury Great Pond and the others in wooded neighborhoods. Each review increased our understanding of the new bylaw and all the details it entails. We also reviewed two subdivision applications on prominent land that has been family owned for generations. Those projects currently sit with the Martha's Vineyard Commission for required review.

We reviewed quite a few curb cut installation/relocation applications and address assignment forms as well as some craft workshop and studio plans. We even reviewed and approved the delivery of a fiberglass swimming pool along a protected roadway, which was a first for us. Fortunately, with careful planning, extensive communication, site visits and approval from the road association, the delivery was successful and caused no damage to the Scenic Road.

Perhaps the biggest task of the year was the creation of the Visioning Committee. At the request of the Select Board, Leah Smith, Ginny Jones and Jane Rossi took the necessary steps to develop a committee to focus on the town's needs by gathering a large group of town residents to prepare for a 2-day event in the spring of 2024 designed to focus, as a town, on the what the town needs for our future. The committee meets regularly to discuss details of the planned event and how to approach various issues, needs, concerns and solutions that will help the town to thrive. We are fortunate to have Delia Clark as our

Consultant and qualified guide. Delia headed the previous Visioning session back in the 90's so we appreciate her expertise, since she already has a good feel for the town of West Tisbury. The event will take place on the evening of Friday, April 26th for a pot luck dinner and introduction, and all day on Saturday, April 27th for breakfast, lunch and strategizing sessions. It will be an event worth attending.

The Short Term Rental Committee has been busy. Our former board member, Bea Phear, created the Short Term Rental Committee to develop a bylaw geared toward studying and regulating the impact of Short-Term Rentals on the community. The committee members include Bea Phear, Reid Silva, John Rau, Sheila Morse, Karen Overtoom and Dan Rossi. They have worked hard to weigh the plusses and minuses of the current and potential future activity, specifically, the impact of fractional ownership, frequent rental turnovers and entities purchasing real estate for the sole purpose of renting short-term without an owner ever occupying the property. They particularly appreciate Laura Silber's assistance researching how other towns in the state have approached this issue. They are working to create a bylaw that is best suited for the town. The committee aims to present the proposal on the Warrant for 2024 town meeting.

The Complete Streets Committee continues to study and edit the plan for the shared use path connectors on Old County Road. They meet regularly to go over the plan and discern any locations that may require permission from abutters for an easement to place the shared use path along the roadway. They have recently discovered that the Town of West Tisbury owns an easement along the road at the Nat's Farm field, and the committee is strategizing on what materiel would be best suited for that location. They want it to be pervious, yet sturdy enough to support horse hoof travel as well as recreational tires. The committee includes Rachel Baumrin, Sara Rosenthal, Greg Pachico, Andrew Lester and Abigail Bailey. Our Committee Chair, Oliver Osnoss, recently resigned from the committee due to a change in his work schedule. The committee thoroughly enjoyed strategizing with Oliver and very much appreciates his contributions and professionalism. We continue to keep him in the loop. Rachel Baumrin has been voted in as the new committee Chair.

We are so very grateful for the hard work and commitment that Dan Doyle from the MVC provides to our work. Dan is someone we can always count on to lead the way and to keep us up to date on the latest funding and information available for implementing improvement to our traveled ways. We are pleased to have him involved.

Board members serve the Town in many other capacities. Leah Smith represents us on the Land Bank's Town Advisory Board, Mathew Merry serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Virginia Jones is a member and current Chair of the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Heikki Soikkeli, a member of the Preserve West Tisbury Committee, advises us on any language changes that may be required within the current bylaw. He frequently seeks advice from Joe Tierney which he shares with the board. Amy Upton 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.

Finally, we appreciate the wise advice (and occasional tutorials) from Town Counsel Ron Rappaport and his colleague Michael Goldsmith. In Town Hall, thanks to Zoning Inspector Joe Tierney and his Assistant Jeff Fisher, Health Agent Alex Lam and his Health Assistant, Sarah Toste, Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Board Administrator Kim Leaird, members of the Conservation Commission and their Administrator Maria McFarland, Parks and Recreation and their Administrator Peggy Stone, Town Accountant Bruce Stone, Treasurer Kathy Logue and her Administrative Assistant Joan Chaves, Affordable Housing Assistant, Wanda Higgins. Principal Assessor Mac Anderson and Administrator Mary Jane Nevin, 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 entire staff, Fire Chief Greg Pachico and the entire staff, Police Chief Matt Mincone and the entire Police Department, and Ben Retmier and all the EMS members, and Maura Valley, Administrator to the Community Preservation Committee. We also greatly appreciate the assistance that we receive from the Martha's Vineyard Commission and its entire staff, particularly Bill Veno. Thanks also to the Land Bank staff and board, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, and Vineyard Conservation Society as well as the assistance received from other island conservation groups.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Smith, Chair
Virginia C. Jones, Co-Chair
Heikki Soikkeli
Matthew Merry
Amy Upton
John Rau, Associate Member
Jane Rossi, Administrator

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



(Dept. photo 2023, photo credit: Samantha Hollinger)

The West Tisbury Police Department is dedicated to serving the community at the highest level. We will continue to foster communication and build strong relationships with our residents, visitors, schools and businesses. Our staff consists of Lt. Matthew Gebo, Sgt. Bradley Cortez, Sgt. Jeremie Rogers, Det. Nikolaj Wojtkielo, Off. Connor Bettencourt, Off. Daniel Durawa, Off. Mark Nickowal, Off. Noah Stobie, Reserve Officer Nathan Vieira, Community Service Officers Jeff Stone and Diane Demoe, and Executive Assistant Samantha Smith. Our officers participate in numerous hours of training and seek out additional specialized training specific to the needs of the community. On any given shift officers will conduct traffic enforcement, check in with our local businesses, assist with morning traffic at the school, work with school staff to implement safety plans, be present in assigned areas, respond to motor vehicle accidents, conduct investigations, attend court proceedings, respond to medical emergencies, fires, and be visible in our residential neighborhoods with patrol.

Our accredited practices of providing a professional department along with being approachable at all hours remains at our core. We continue to pride ourselves in being your police department and no request for assistance is too small to protect our quality and culture of life in West Tisbury. 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.

The members and many faces of the department have changed over the past few years but I remain confident that our team of officers continues to serve our residents in a professional and compassionate manner. As always the West Tisbury Police Department would like to thank the town boards, departments, and our residents for your support. Here is a brief synopsis of statistical data from 2023.

Dispatch Incidents By Type & Month													
Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
ACCIDENTS (All)	6	4	4	5	5	6	14	8	4	11	8	4	79
ALARMS	17	21	19	20	22	34	20	30	20	27	24	23	277
ANIMAL CONTROL	1	0	3	3	7	4	6	6	6	2	4	4	46
DISPUTE/ DISTURBANCE	2	0	0	0	1	1	7	4	1	1	0	4	21
DOMESTIC RELATED	1	6	1	4	3	3	2	17	4	1	3	4	47
EMERGENCY MEDICAL	8	9	12	14	16	19	20	16	13	16	18	21	182
FRAUD ACTIVITY	1	2	6	4	3	4	2	0	4	3	4	1	34
MV STOPS	54	39	29	47	47	49	83	96	62	84	25	65	680
WELFARE/MENTAL HEALTH CHECKS	3	0	1	4	5	4	1	3	1	4	1	4	31
SUSPICIOUS RELATED	4	6	5	2	11	9	15	20	10	15	6	14	107
911 Calls (related)	9	11	13	24	8	25	28	32	20	11	13	14	208
Arrest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Summons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Protective Custody	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew L. Mincone
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

Dear Ms. Houghton:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am pleased to submit my 2023 Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS).

I wish to take a moment to extend warm wishes and gratitude to our Island community. I believe good school systems embrace a culture in which everyone who is invested in some manner with our schools, becomes a steward of our schools, establishing a guiding principle in which a genuine positive and caring regard for all children pervades our community. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the well-being of our children and the Martha's Vineyard Schools as a whole.

As a steward of MVYPS for 22 years, and in my second year as superintendent, I understand the privilege and honor that has been bestowed on me and I embrace and appreciate being entrusted with our schools. I want to acknowledge that this year has brought challenges and losses to our community. The passing of loved ones leaves an indelible mark, and our hearts go out to those who have experienced such difficult times. As we reflect on this past year, let us support one another with kindness and empathy.

This past year, MVYPS administration and school committees, in concert with our towns, made significant progress in critical system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children. This included a successful effort in securing a revised Regional Agreement with all of our Island towns in the context of a potentially significant high school capital project. Town leaders, school administrators, and school committee members executed plans that ran parallel to the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Module 1, 270-day Eligibility Period, which resulted in securing funding for a comprehensive building project feasibility study for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District (MVRSD). Module 2 was completed when the MSBA recently approved MVRSD's choice of an Owner's Project Managing Firm who will guide and assist us through the remaining modules of the project.

- Module 3 – Feasibility Study
- Module 4 – Schematic Design
- Module 5 – Project Scope and Budget and Project Funding Agreements
- Module 6 – Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Bidding

- Module 7 – Construction Administration
- Module 8 – Project Closeout

Additionally, I am grateful for the work of key town leaders, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators to reach agreements on contract negotiations. I am grateful to our town board of health agents, school physician, and school nurses for their continued work to ensure for the safety of our children and fidelity of the learning environment. I am grateful for the work of MVYPS administrators who continue our work with the Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium to move forward in our efforts to ensure for cultural responsiveness and equity in our academic programs and practices. I am grateful for the continued efforts of our administration in supporting our children and staff with improved behavioral health interventions, resources, and practices and in our efforts to improve the culture and climate of our schools and in the manner in which MVYPS responds in working with our community.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all students. Our schools continue to enact measures to recapture children's learning and strengthen their social-emotional welfare. Effective collegial and congenial relationships will highlight our collaborative work in support of our children. For this year, feedback from MVYPS Cabinet Administrators and School Committee members helped to inform and organize strategies and programmatic interventions to guide our schools. The feedback highlighted and summarized strengths and opportunities within our schools and overall system. This summary of strengths and weaknesses informed the following Focus Areas.

- A System-Wide Commitment to Our Children
- A Commitment to Nurturing the Culture Within Our Schools
- A Commitment to a Strong School Community Approach

These Focus Areas span multiple indicators across the standards of our professional practice to form goals for the current school year, FY24. As a result, MVYPS is working to improve upon the supervision and evaluation of our school-based and central office administrators through increased collaboration regarding goal-setting and attainment. This will include broadening and deepening programmatic initiatives such as the Collaborative Problem-Solving Model and Co-Teaching to better support students' academic skills and strengthen their flexibility, frustration tolerance, and problem-solving skills.

Additionally, MVYPS is working to increase family and community engagement by broadening and deepening a culture of feedback to inform practices with families through the services provided from our schools, as well informing practices with students and staff regarding the climate in our schools. Feedback will be solicited and coded over the course of this year using the EDSCLS (Ed. School Climate Survey), VOCAL (Voices of Climate and Learning), and SELIS (Social Emotional Learning Indicator System) surveys.

Lastly, MVYPS is working to increase our focus on standards-based learning to more effectively support our students' achievement through direct collabo-

ration with each MVYPS school administration in the composition and implementation of intervention plans. Multiple common assessments such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will inform student growth and achievement.

Again, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the many individuals, departments, boards, and offices of our six Island towns and our Island organizations, as well as our school committee members, our parents, and our staff. I see your commitment in your continued support of our children and I want to thank our entire Island community for prioritizing the work of our schools.

We have made great strides in the numerous opportunities and challenges over the past 18 months. I am incredibly proud of our students and staff. Thank you for your support as we move our schools forward in partnership.

Sincerely,

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

REPORT OF THE MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

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

Art, Design & Technology

The Art, Design & Technology department continues to offer a rich variety of creative electives. We’ve added Art History and Intro to 3D Design. We welcome part-time instructor, Mr. George Michaels, to teach AP Computer Science. We held our annual showcase “Evening of the Arts” students also participated in exhibits at Featherstone and (with Vineyard Conservation Society) at the Film Center and Mocha Mott’s. We partnered with the Martha’s Vineyard Times to produce the “Art Class” newspaper supplement showcasing student art. Eighteen MVRHS student artists won a total of 23 awards in the *2023 Scholastic Art Awards*. Four students won the coveted Gold Key awards, and went on to the national competition. Art school-bound students attended Portfolio Day in Boston, where their portfolios were critiqued by college admissions professionals. Art History students held field trips to RISD and Salem, and architecture students went on site visits with Hutker Architects. After-school club attendance continues to remain at record-high levels; our art & literary magazine, SEABREEZES, won a coveted “Excellent” award in the 2022 NCTE state-wide REALM competition, and our new student-run film club is attracting new members, as is Art Club, Architecture Club, and Innovation Club.

Athletics

There were several teams who qualified for State tournaments this year. Boys basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and tennis along with girls hockey and tennis. The track team also sent several competitors to state championships. The boys soccer team, girls soccer team, and football team came out victorious in the first annual

"Battle in the Atlantic" which was held in late October. Now billed as "The Battle in the Atlantic" references the annual games between Nantucket and MV when field hockey, boys and girls soccer, and football play on the same day. With this inaugural year, three new trophies were added called the Golden Anchor. The winning team in each of these games takes home the trophy to hold until the next year's game, similar to the Island Cup. Boys basketball, boys lacrosse, boys tennis, and football all were league champions. Thanks to the Touchdown Club and many donors for the updated Vineyard Pride Weight Room. Teams have begun to use the new room with much appreciation for the new facility.

Career and Technical Education

We officially welcome the Early Education and Care (EEC) program to our list of Chapter 74 approved programs. This designation is crucial to us being able to access funding and other resources earmarked for Career and Tech Ed Programs. EEC has already proved itself as a popular program with great interest from the local early childhood education community. The Auto Tech program students are training on the new alignment equipment, heavy duty lift and a state of the art on the vehicle brake lathe machine. The auto tech students have begun their OSHA certification. The students in the Medical Assisting program completed their first blood pressure clinic. The Horticulture department implemented a program in which the students began planting spring bulbs, finalized landscape plans for the front of the High School and propagation of plants for the annual spring plant sale. Culinary Art students have been preparing for OSHA Certification and have continued to host various events for local groups. Students in the Building Trades program collaboration with the architecture program on a project to improve storage and material handling was designed and built. Students also installed split rail fencing around some of the building's perimeter. The Maritime Studies program has had several students attend Maritime colleges or with the credentials obtained through the program enter into the maritime industry. We continue to benefit from our biannual advisory meetings. Advisory groups made up of industry professionals provide valuable oversight of our programs.

English

The English Department continues to offer skills that are critical to becoming competent and confident learners. Most students continue to perform above the state and national average on examinations. Students not only read and write an array of diverse literature, they also attend performances such as the Huntington Theater and the workshops offered at the New England Scholastic Press Association's Conference. Student publications also received state and national recognition this year. Our magazine, *Seabreezes*, received the designation of "Excellent" by the National Council of Teachers of English. The High School View received at the New England Scholastic Press Award ceremony, the Highest Achievement award is a testament to the quality of journalism students produce at MVRHS. Participation in the national Poetry Out Loud competition sent one student to the regional finals, where she performed beautifully. Many teachers of the English Department attended the Exeter Academy's Harkness

Training for educators and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education's Universal Design for Learning course

ESL

The 2022 ESL report described the department as “in the midst of change.” The changes continued throughout 2023, necessitating numerous shifts in teaching and extensive professional development (PD) for the staff. The department has implemented a new schedule of benchmark assessing which will take place in October and May/June. These assessments are in addition to the Commonwealth's mandated ACCESS test in January/February. The additional assessments are intended to provide progress monitoring, so teachers can more effectively individualize lessons and student goal planning. The district has committed to ESL co-teaching. In preparation for the introduction of co-teaching in September, a new part-time ESL position was added, Jane McGroarty Sampaio, from the World Language Department, was hired to co-teach three ESL classes.

Guidance

The guidance department and school adjustment counselors worked in concert with teachers and administration to keep all students engaged academically and emotionally. Guidance continues to work with all the island, sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders as well as to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Counselors work hard to offer academic programming and support for the island's growing ELL population. In 2022-2023 the guidance department was able to welcome a full time ASP who is native of Brazil and has been integral in assisting all ELL students, but particularly ELL and former ELL students. All students continue to meet with their counselors in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options. The Class of 2023 graduated a diverse group of 179 students, and the guidance department was again able to develop individual transitional plans for all students. 72% of the graduating class went on to a two or four-year college. The guidance department believes strongly that alternatives to the traditional college pathway should be explored for all students, and we are proud that almost 30% of MVRHS graduates are working and/or pursuing additional information in an area of their professional interest. This year's Class Night was another wonderfully successful culmination of the MVRHS scholarship program. Generous donors provided scholarships, grants and additional items that totaled 1.2 million dollars. 140 students in the 2023 graduating class received 505 awards.

History

The Social Studies department has added Art History, which is extremely popular with the students and teachers. Students have participated in a field trip to RISD with many more trips to come. Psychology has returned as a Social Studies elective and students have been exploring ideas of States of Consciousness as well as the benefits of sleep and sleep disorders. The American Studies classes are collaborating with the ELL and SPED department to create an interdisciplinary approach that can meet the needs of a wide range of students.

The teachers are expanding the American Studies curriculum to focus on the connections between Brazil and the United States and to highlight the idea of "the Americas" as American History. The students and teachers are collaborating to put on a Change Maker's Fair after Thanksgiving. This opportunity will be a chance for students to interact and speak with islanders who are making positive changes in our community. There are now two AP options from which students can choose. 10th graders can take AP US History or AP African American Studies and 11th graders can opt between AP Modern World History or AP Modern European History.

Library

The Library has supported the school community through lending, resource accessibility, and instruction. The school librarian continues to co-teach the Capstone course, which is now available to both juniors and seniors, and teaches "Navigating Digital Information" to nearly all freshmen. This mini-course focuses on foundational research skills using library databases, the ability to discern news from other information sources, and techniques to combat the spread of misinformation. Book circulation continues to increase, suggesting heightened student engagement in reading. To date, nearly 1,400 books have been checked out, a 7% increase over last year. The library provides access to essential tools such as Turnitin (a plagiarism-prevention and classroom management platform), WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform), accounts for The New York Times available to all students and staff, and state-funded research databases. The librarian provides research instruction to various classes spanning different grades and departments.

Math

The Math Department was quite ambitious and productive this past year. Mr. Chvatal attended the Advanced Placement Summer Institute in preparation for teaching the new AP Precalculus course offered by the college board this year. Ms. Magnuson attended the APSI to gain additional experience as she gets ready to teach our AP Calculus course for the first time. Ms. Carlomagno completed curriculum maps both for our new (piloted last year) Explorations in Engineering course and the ever evolving Financial Literacy course. Ms. Muir spent time during the summer volunteering at a summer camp for students with disabilities, the take-aways she had to share with us were quite inspiring. Mr. Lavers, whom we share with the science department, set up a proper science/math classroom which now allows for more group activities and lab work in this larger space. Ms. Nelson finalized the new Statistics curriculum map to accurately represent this, now Dual Enrollment through Bristol Community College, course. Ms. Flanders took two online courses that focused on the AP Calculus (BC) curriculum and the use of technology to gain a deeper understanding of topics. All of these individual endeavors have added to the strengthening of our math courses and our department as a whole.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department has had 12 students accepted into the South East Music Festival, and three students (Annabelle Brothers, Jack Crawford and

Samuel Hines) to All State. The Minnesingers won silver in the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association competition. Orchestra and Big Band traveled to Music in the Parks, winning gold and over-all awards. 19 students auditioned for the South East Music Festival, with 11 accepted and 5 students receiving All State audition recommendations (Emma Burt, Samuel Hines, Zyler Flanders, Gabi Silveira and Aiden Weiland). We had our first department concert in October, where 7 groups performed - Orchestra, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, MV Big Band, First Year Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and the Minnesingers. We also invited 35 middle school singers to join us on stage. The annual Whaling Church show for the Minnesingers and Jazz Fest are scheduled for December.

Physical Education

The Health/PE department has been really excited to spend the year continuing to improve on the work we have accomplished. Specifically, we are focusing on tightening up our 9th grade and 10th grade Health curricula—infusing Mental Health First Aid, Get Real, and Social Emotional Learning—into our daily rotation of courses. Since we all have a passion for moving and sports, we are really excited that the first and fourth quarters will be primarily dedicated to the PE portion of this 10th grade class. With the addition of the new weight room this fall, our Personal Training class is becoming more robust. We have also included an additional elective called Competitive Sports, this option is for students enthusiastic to participate in a team oriented capacity.

Project Vine

Project Vine had the best-attended Chopped for Charity event to date. Students also attended a team-building challenge at 10 Pin Arcade and went on the first Boston overnight trip, touring the city in small groups and then seeing Blue Man Group. Students returned to Penikese Island for our sixth technology free retreat and the students hosted the seventh Island Lore event at the MV Museum. Project Vine graduate, Joseph Maccaferri, was the 2023 recipient of the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Charbonneau, named Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, attended a ceremony at White House and was able to speak with lawmakers representing Massachusetts about the Project Vine alternative model. She continues to work with the State Teachers of the Year cohort for 2023, and has recently spoken at Harvard's Graduate School of Education as we showcase our alternative model for other schools and students all across the state and country. She has also had the opportunity to meet with education designers at Google about using tech in the classroom.

Science

The Science Department has actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, co-teaching and collaborative teaching models, and computer-based STEM design. We welcome a new Biology teacher, Ms. Macfarlane, who came to MV after a long teaching career in Arizona. The department has worked with several local groups, including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island

Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. We have continued to improve our co-teaching program currently offering 3 sections of Earth Science and 5 sections of Biology that are co-taught. Students continue to do well on the biology MCAS with most students scoring proficient or advanced above the state average. We continue to look to improve our growth in special populations in MCAS results.

Special Education

The Special Education Department participated in Think Kids, a professional development focusing on collaborative problem solving models by Mass General Hospital and SMARTs Curriculum for Executive Functioning. Teachers continue to grow their expertise in the area of executive functioning and social emotional learning to better serve students with a variety of needs. While our prime directive is inclusion of all students relative to their strengths and needs, we also have programming that addresses more complex challenges. The Navigator, Voyager and Compass programs continue to strive to meet the developmental, cognitive, social and emotional needs of students. In addition to these programs, our liaisons support students in academic support classes as well as co-teaching in core content areas. Our students have participated in the Special Olympics, Friendsgiving, Brazilian Night, Unified basketball and Unified track and field. Other activities to promote student learning and integration with the school community include: Creative Coffeehouse, Poetry “slams,” field trips that enhance functional academic, social, communication skills; and, participation in school wide music and art activities. The Special Education Department continues to grow the close collaboration and interaction with the families, caregivers and parents as well as the community at large.

Wellness Program

In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer to peer programming. The SWEAR program held its second overnight retreat in June 2023. The retreat focused on deconstructing toxic masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender based violence. Our annual assembly is scheduled for January 2024. Our team is in the third year of TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid) teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work and held our annual Race Culture Diversity retreat at the Boys & Girls Club in November. For the first time, this year we invited students/staff from the MV Public Charter School to join us. Our bi-weekly WOC (Women of Color), BSA (Black Student Alliance) and Reimagine Manhood groups continue to meet during flex. The 10 week STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group) curriculum for Newcomers continues to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States. As always we continue to support the social emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support (in both English and Portuguese) for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing. We continue to collaborate with CONNECT to end violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC Recovery Coaches and private clinicians to offer support to our students. This year we are offering group counseling with Hospice; CONNECT; and Alateen.

World Language

The World Language Department continues to focus on the three modes of communication; Interpretive, Interpersonal and Presentational in the target language in order to help students practice and build their communication skills. We are proud to announce that our students demonstrated their advanced language skills with 19 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, 11 earning the Seal in Portuguese, 5 earning the Seal in both Spanish and Portuguese and 1 student earning the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction in Spanish. The department saw a very successful showing for students that took the AP Spanish exam. A Portuguese Language Arts Narrative course was added to the Heritage Portuguese program in the 2022-23 academic year and this year we added Brazilian Humanities. Ms. Crawford, who joined the department in 2022 to teach Latin, has added level 2 to the program's progression. We continue to offer American Sign Language through the American School for the Deaf. We are so excited to welcome Ms. Martino from Cadiz, Spain via the Vineyard Montessori School to teach Spanish, Mr. Adams from Brazil to teach Spanish and Ms. Munhoz from Brazil to teach Portuguese to both Heritage students and non Portuguese speakers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Dingley
Principal

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

January 8, 2024

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, 2023.

FY2023 Assessment
FY2023 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
FY2023 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
FY23 ASSESSMENT**

DESCRIPTION	FY23 AMOUNT						
	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 24,580,975.72						
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	765,489.00	25,346,464.72					
Less							
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,897,790.00						
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	355,990.55						
Other Revenues	256,827.50						
E&D Offset	963,780.00	4,474,388.05					
FY23 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	20,872,076.67					
Town Apportionments							
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	230,259.00	486,103.00	2,404,928.00	2,528,042.00	2,248,606.00	1,368,762.00	9,266,700.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	226,015.04	565,037.60	2,679,892.63	3,228,786.30	3,067,346.99	1,630,537.08	11,397,615.64
(iii) Transportation	12,521.39	31,303.49	148,467.96	178,877.06	169,933.21	90,332.92	631,436.03
(iii) Capital	10,660.72	26,651.81	126,405.71	152,296.03	144,681.23	76,909.50	537,605.00
(iii) Other Costs	49.58	123.94	587.82	708.22	672.8	357.65	2500
Gross Assessments	479,505.73	1,109,219.84	5,360,282.12	6,088,709.61	5,631,240.23	3,166,899.15	21,835,856.67
Less E&D Offset	19,111.78	47,779.46	226,611.16	273,025.50	259,374.22	137,877.88	963,780.00
FY23 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 460,393.95	1,061,440.38	5,133,670.96	5,815,684.11	5,371,866.01	3,029,021.27	20,872,076.67
This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.							
Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)							
Numbers may be off due to rounding.							
	1.73%	4.26%	26.23%	28.63%	24.10%	15.05%	100.00%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/23)	13	32	197	215	181	113	751

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET VS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2023**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries	\$ 197,486.42	\$ 202,230.45	\$ (4,744.03)
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses	\$ 23,383.18	\$ 20,312.38	\$ 3,070.80
Administration Subtotal	\$ 220,869.60	\$ 222,542.83	\$ (1,673.23)
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 318,123.91	\$ 296,111.34	\$ 22,012.57
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 36,880.00	\$ 18,522.43	\$ 18,357.57
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 355,003.91	\$ 314,633.77	\$ 40,370.14
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ -	\$ 537.40	\$ (537.40)
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 22,615.71	\$ 13,834.29
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 23,153.11	\$ 13,296.89
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries	\$ 59,857.91	\$ 67,490.36	\$ (7,632.45)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses	\$ 3,890.53	\$ 8,809.61	\$ (4,919.08)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 63,748.44	\$ 76,299.97	\$ (12,551.53)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	\$ 676,071.95	\$ 636,629.68	\$ 39,442.27
High School Programs: Administration: Salaries	\$ 130,962.80	\$ 138,322.00	\$ (7,359.20)
High School Programs: Administration: Expenses	\$ 142,584.07	\$ 128,914.12	\$ 13,669.95
Administration Subtotal	\$ 273,546.87	\$ 267,236.12	\$ 6,310.75
High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 11,117,084.17	\$ 11,278,176.72	\$ (161,092.55)
High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 903,370.07	\$ 879,299.31	\$ 24,070.76
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 12,020,454.24	\$ 12,157,476.03	\$ (137,021.79)
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Salaries	\$ 2,033,629.91	\$ 1,904,312.24	\$ 129,317.67
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Expenses	\$ 1,220,431.86	\$ 1,080,338.01	\$ 140,093.85
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	\$ (1,353,129.96)	\$ (1,196,184.44)	\$ (156,945.52)
Others School & Community Services Subtotal	\$ 1,900,931.81	\$ 1,788,465.81	\$ 112,466.00
High School Programs: Operation and Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ 692,826.61	\$ 677,329.98	\$ 15,496.63
High School Programs: Operation and Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 1,376,675.49	\$ 1,514,102.65	\$ (137,427.16)
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 2,069,502.10	\$ 2,191,432.63	\$ (121,930.53)
High School Programs: Employee Retirement	\$ 396,780.83	\$ 399,272.66	\$ (2,491.83)
High School Programs: Retired Municipal Teachers	\$ 603,638.41	\$ 876,493.74	\$ (272,855.33)
High School Programs: Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 994,314.00	\$ 1,123,924.02	\$ (129,610.02)
High School Programs: Employee Separation Costs	\$ 10,430.00	\$ 16,186.00	\$ (5,756.00)
High School Programs: Insurance - Employee Related	\$ 2,751,971.27	\$ 2,579,179.90	\$ 172,791.37
High School Programs: Insurance - School Related	\$ 437,044.24	\$ 455,256.25	\$ (18,212.01)
High School Programs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
High School Programs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	\$ 349,505.00	\$ 449,583.41	\$ (100,078.41)
High School Programs: Consultant, Electrification of Fleet	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Roof Project Principal	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Roof Project Interest	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Residential Care Tuitions	\$ 1,281,185.00	\$ 1,192,854.91	\$ 88,330.09
High School Programs: Contingency/Reserve	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 7,640,468.75	\$ 7,307,850.89	\$ 332,617.86
TOTAL High School Programs	\$ 23,904,903.77	\$ 23,712,461.48	\$ 192,442.29
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 24,580,975.72	\$ 24,349,091.16	\$ 231,884.56

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2023

Assets	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Obligations	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 5,320,765.55	\$ 1,209,056.24	\$ 422,575.40	\$ 160,878.71	\$ -	\$ 7,113,275.90
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	389,235.00	-	-	-	-	389,235.00
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	180,000.00	180,000.00
Total Assets	5,710,000.55	1,209,056.24	422,575.40	160,878.71	180,000.00	7,682,510.90
Liabilities and Fund Equity						
Liabilities						
Warrants/Accounts Payable	1,045,022.53	214,788.21	127,954.83	24,664.94	-	\$ 1,412,430.51
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries Payable	-	-	-	1,020.00	-	\$ 1,020.00
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,378,434.48	180,272.02	-	347,087.08	-	\$ 1,905,793.58
Other Liabilities	82,424.83	-	-	-	-	\$ 82,424.83
Agency Funds	-	-	-	(1,765,243.32)	\$ -	(1,765,243.32)
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,505,881.84	395,060.23	127,954.83	(1,392,471.30)	180,000.00	1,816,425.60
Fund Equity						
Reserved for Encumbrances	948,682.92	-	-	-	-	\$ 948,682.92
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/ Other	669,390.00	-	-	-	-	\$ 669,390.00
Reserved for Special Purposed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess and Deficiency/Undesign Fund Balance	1,586,045.79	813,996.01	294,620.57	1,553,350.01	-	\$ 4,248,012.38
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Equity	3,204,118.71	813,996.01	294,620.57	1,553,350.01	-	\$ 5,866,085.30
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 5,710,000.55	\$ 1,209,056.24	\$ 422,575.40	\$ 160,878.71	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 7,682,510.90

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

The 2023-2024 school year has afforded us the opportunity to solidify critical educational initiatives that were years in development, specifically our International Baccalaureate (IB) and Experiential Learning (EL) programs. The Pillars of *trust, respect, freedom, responsibility, democracy, and cooperation* remain a cornerstone of the community. Teachers, students, and families worked collaboratively to ensure that the school remained faithful to our Mission and Charter.

Multi-aged learning continues to be a central component of the school. In grades K-4, students participated in multi-age field trips to local farms and community partners, like the Martha's Vineyard Museum. In grades 5-12, students took part in a multi-age Project Period in December and will again in June. A weekly Artist in Residence program incorporated all students K-8. Our theater production of the *Almost, Maine* included students in Grades 5-12. Last summer, our theatre students traveled to the Fringe Festival in Scotland to showcase their production of *Peter Pan*.

Our Experiential Learning program has become an integral part of Charter's Middle School experience. Once a week, students in Grades 7 and 8 work with over ten local island organizations, including Island Grown Initiative, the Center for Aging, Slough Farm, Mass Audubon at Felix Neck, the Island Food Pantry, Featherstone Center for the Arts, and the Trustees of Reservations at The Farm Institute. These hands-on, project-based experiences created partnerships with local island organizations and provide an opportunity for our students to work collaboratively with their peers in a natural setting. We were able to send our High School and Middle School students to Vermont for 4-day Success Counseling workshops at the Hulbert Outdoor Center.

In September of 2021, we launched the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and Career-related programs for all students in Grades 11-12. The IB forms the basis of the curriculum for all 11th and 12th grade students at MVPCS. We believe that by providing all students with access to a rigorous curriculum, including students designated as ELL and Special Education, the culture of access and inclusivity present at the school currently will only be enhanced. Participation in the IB examinations at the culmination of the two-year program is not a graduation requirement, and the school pays for all fees associated with the programs. There are only 305 schools in the world offering the IB Career-related program, and our little school on Martha's Vineyard is one of them!

Our elementary school continued the implementation of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) for grades K-4.

The Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School, at 28 years, is one of the oldest charter schools in the Commonwealth. Our pillars and school rights guided our actions, and we made the commitment to support our most vulnerable students in our community. We look forward to the 2024-25 school year with confidence in lessons learned from the experience and an optimistic eye toward the future.

Peter Steedman, Ed. D.
March 2024

REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

The year of 2023 has continued to be a growth year at the Chilmark School. Our class sizes have continued to grow with 73 students. We tried to celebrate as many of our previous traditions as possible, now that we can do more activities. Students continue to participate in many arts classes, along with all of their academic curriculum.

In June, our 5th graders had graduation back in the building. The graduates gave their speeches and we were able to show the movie of the graduates that is made for each graduating class. It was pretty much back to normal!

As we start our 2023-2024 school year we again began with all of our students back in the building. Since the guidelines changed regarding spacing, we were able to go back to some multi-age classrooms. This year we have two K/1 classrooms, two 2/3 classrooms and a 4/5 classroom.

Our faculty includes: Ellen Rossi and Molly Martone in K/1, and Canna Courtney and Lauren Giglio in K/1, Melissa McNickles and Pam Thomas in the 2/3, Robyn Dori and Casey Esposito in 2/3, and Jackie Guzalak and Caroline Fenske in the 4/5. Mariah MacGregor has returned as our 80% math specialist and 20% Art. Additionally, this year we have added Georgia Halliday as our Special Ed teacher and Lynn VanAuken as our reading specialist.

The school did embark on a construction project to upgrade the HVAC system at the school. There was construction going on all summer as well as into mid-year. A big thank you to the town of Chilmark for allowing our students to move over to the CCC for the times when their classrooms were being worked on. We couldn't have done it without their help.

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

The Responsive classroom is the social curriculum of choice at the Chilmark School. This approach to building a learning community is built around six central components that integrate teaching, learning, and caring into the daily routine. These components are expressed in the context of commonly-shared values such as honesty, fairness, and respect. They are implemented through the

development and strengthening of social skills such as cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. In addition, our counselor, Joan Rice, visits each classroom weekly to share activities 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. 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. This school year we continue to have a full-time nurse, Bea Whiting, who is using the Michigan Model to teach Health and Wellness lessons. Bea and Joan have teamed up to post and discuss a different character trait for children to understand and try to demonstrate. Some traits include empathy, gratitude, kindness, respect and cooperation, to name a few.

We have a strong arts program at the Chilmark School. Every week all students attend art, music, theater, dance, library and gym. Students in grades 2 – 5 can participate in strings, and in grades 4 and 5, in band. This is our 3rd year of Arts Integration. This one hour class focuses on learning through the arts. This teacher works with the classroom teacher to select a topic and then comes up with lessons to teach this concept using music, theater, or movement. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance.

Our hot lunch program, with food delivered from West Tisbury, continues to grow as we promote Island-grown foods and healthy lunches. Outdoor recesses during the day help promote healthy living, as well.

This year we have changed to Investigations for math. It is published by Pearson, and provides hands on activities for grades 1 – 5. Our Kindergarten continues to use Cathy Richardson hands on math and we have seen some great gains utilizing that program. We have also switched to mClass for progress monitoring. We have a math specialist, who is able to work with kids who need math remediation or those who need to move at a faster pace.

Students in 2nd – 5th learn better spelling using the Zaner Bloser Spelling Connections. In addition, we have a reading specialist who is trained in the Orton Gillingham method, as is our SPED teacher.

In the computer lab, students utilize various programs to improve their skills on the computer while participating in academic learning. They use "Typing Club" for keyboarding skills, "Aleks" for math, and "Lexia" for reading. These programs are web based, which allows students to work at their own pace at both school and home. Students also work with the web-based Suite, developed by Google, which incorporates creating documents, spreadsheets, drawing, and more.

Our teachers have become more adept at utilizing remote instruction after utilizing on line educational tools during the Covid years. We also have purchased enough ipads, and/or Chromebooks for each student to have one to use at school. Teachers are utilizing this time when we are in school to practice using technology, just in case we need to return to remote learning.

Many traditions that make our school special have been able to start up again. Our first one this year was the 4/5 fundraiser for Island to Island, raising money for the food pantry in Maui. The 4/5 students built games and a haunted house, and other grades played the games and won prizes. We also celebrated Thanksgiving with the Turkey Trot. We will try to include all special days that we can now that most Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. These traditions foster community involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school, so it is important to us that we keep some form of them going if we can. For more details and photos of what is going on at the Chilmark School please visit our website at www.chilmarkschool.org.

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."

As many of you have heard, I will be retiring in June. I will really miss the students, teachers, parents and traditions at the Chilmark School. Thank you for all your support over my 15 years here at the Chilmark School. It is truly a special place and will provide many lovely memories for me after I leave.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Stevens
Head of School
Chilmark School

Chilmark School Students 2023

Kindergarten

Montgomery Albanese	Valentina Barbatto	Bennett Brown
Clive Demers	Joey Foran	Felix Holdsworth
Tepper Horenstein	Theodora Houghton	Tasher Kisiel
Edward Wallace		

First Grade

Meara Begin	Robert Douglas	Wren Forte
Ryan Bodnar	Zoe Dubno	Pepper Eisner
Edward Granquist	Reid Macleod	Sawyer Rosenberg
Nora Ruel	Razmus Ruel	Cash Rykowski
Leo Sanseverino	Boon Somparn Montoya	Louisa Whitcombe
Booker Wiesner		

Second Grade

Willow Bishop	Beatrix Houghton	Cormac Moriarty
Iyla Bohan	Mischa Keene	Orion Newton Thibodeau
Enza Horenstein	Reese Kerns	Avalon Parr
Linen Sykes	Mica Zoref-Wilcox	Jonah Whiteley Casey
Maeve Whiteley Casey		

Third Grade

Phoebe Esposito	Estelle Mason	Orion Persinko
Bentlie Kane	Leyawin Mayhew	River Rykowski
Anders Mason	Orion Parry	Hazel Stahl
Taeko Thomson	Golden Vanderhoop	Virginia Wallace

Fourth Grade

Juniper Begin	Noah Hall	Poppy Sykes
Eleanor Brown	Asa Ruel	Ida Wiesner
Ava Dubno	Luca Sanseverino	

Fifth Grade

Penelope Athearn	Lorenzo Doyle	Maeve Moriarty
Josephine Persinko	William Bologna	Finnian Moriarty
Elizabeth Read	Lucille Stahl	Tillie Taylor
Hudson Wike		

Chilmark School Staff 2023

Full Time Staff:

Principal/Head of School

Susan Stevens

Teachers:

Kindergarten/1st

Cana Courtney

Ellen Rossi

2/3 Grades

Melissa McNickles

2/3 Grades

Robyn Dori

4/5 Grades

Jackie Guzalak

Educational Support Professionals:

Kindergarten/1

Lauren Giglio

Molly Martone

2/3 Grades

Pamela Thomas

2/3 Grades

Casey Esposito

4/5 Grades

Caroline Fenske

Head Custodian:

Jeff Kurth

Part Time Staff:

School Secretary (85%)

Mary Kuh - Ambulos

Specialists:

Special Education

George Halliday

Special Education Assistant

Melissa Schelhammer

Music/Theater/ Arts Integration

Donna Swift

Strings

Chelsea Pennebaker

Instrumental Music

Katie Cademartori

Physical Education

Luke Bettencourt

Art

Mariah MacGregor

Guidance Counselor

Joan Rice

Computer Coordinator

Rebecca Barca-Tinus

School Nurse

Bea Whiting

Reading

Lynn VanAuken

Math

Mariah MacGregor

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Richard Smith:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar year 2023 at the West Tisbury School. Here are the highlights of 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.

We had been experiencing significant growth in student body since 2012 when the school had 259 students. Our enrollment did not increase this year. On October 1, our enrollment was 315, but since that time, we have added students and our current enrollment is 327.

New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Amanda Adams, Fallon Aiello, Joanne Andrade, John Cabral, Rachel Fox, Donna Getty, Mercedes Johnson, Isabel Moore, Elizabeth O'Brien, Lara Santos, Kotchaphan Sompam, Patti Wallace, and Sean Yancey.

We continued to see the impact of the pandemic on our students and their families, but we also saw continuing improving trends resulting from our focused supports in our three priority areas:

- Prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff
- Supporting students' social, emotional and mental health
- Accelerating student academic learning

We continuously monitored student gains and achievement, as we provided interventions through a multi-tiered system of support model during the school year. We are pleased that these supports are proving highly successful as measured by both local and state assessments. Our MCAS results showed gains for students in all areas and we were classified as "Substantial Progress Toward Targets". We showed very strong growth in mathematics and our lowest performing students, high needs students, students with disabilities and low income students all achieved high growth designation.

We continue to be successful in our pursuit of grant funding to support our priorities. Grant funding allowed us to hire both a math and a reading intervention teacher. We were also able to continue a second year of our Summer

Boost and Adventure Programs, a four day a week, full day program which allowed over 75 students beneficial summer academic and social-emotional interventions woven into fun-filled days that kept engagement high and gains noticeable. A new grant supported the expansion of co-teaching in both English Language Learning and Special Education by providing stipends for planning and a halftime co-teacher for math in second grade. The grant also funded Universal Design for Learning from Harvard professional development and credentials for many staff members. Another grant provided Yondr pouches for our fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students that secure student technology, e.g. cell phones, so they are off and locked away for the school day. Since 2012, research has shown an increase in adolescents' and young adults' loneliness, anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems, coinciding with heavy social media use. Having cell phones and other technology away for the school day is supporting our efforts to remove distractions from student learning and reverse the trend of negative impact on student mental health and wellness through reduction of social media exposure. We were also able to use funds to increase our Health and Wellness department by adding a halftime teacher. We were also able to complete our grant funded significant kitchen and regional lunch program upgrade with installation of a new stove, ovens, mixers, wash station, freezer and dry storage, and more. Also, our grant funded food trailer has also arrived, and we look forward to putting it to good use processing local produce more effectively and efficiently. We also received grant money to support local purchasing which has further increased our use of local foods in school lunches.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) continued to work on our school improvement goals in the areas of student social-emotional wellness, academic achievement and sustainability and greening our school. Although we continue to support Universal Preschool, we have decided to shift our focus from this being a school goal to support of an all island task force to pursue this effort. Thank you to Samuel Hall, Graham Houghton, Elle Lash, Wenonah Madison, Robin Moriarty and Amy Westburg for their continued dedication to continuous improvement of our school.

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 11, 2024

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, 2023.

FY2023 Assessment
FY2023 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
FY2023 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY2023 Assessment**

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)	\$ 1,760,880.27	192,834.15	319,698.72	1,248,347.40	1,760,880.27
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	2,465,312.81	269,976.62	447,592.82	1,747,743.38	2,465,312.81
School Committee Medicaid Offset	(22,788.00)	(2,495.52)	(4,137.30)	(16,155.18)	(22,788.00)
TOTAL PART A & B	\$ 4,203,405.08	460,315.25	763,154.24	2,979,935.59	4,203,405.08
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,816,627.65	289,008.94	1,032,174.80	495,443.90	1,816,627.65
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(55,930.11)	(8,897.97)	(31,778.47)	(15,253.67)	(55,930.11)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	8,092,310.20	827,926.13	1,014,877.19	6,249,506.89	8,092,310.20
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(374,297.89)	(38,294.50)	(46,941.65)	(289,061.74)	(374,297.89)
TOTAL PART C	\$ 9,478,709.85	1,069,742.59	1,968,331.87	6,440,635.39	9,478,709.85
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	26,125.00	1,925.41	20,900.00	3,299.59	26,125.00
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	-	-	-	-	-
State House Note Borrowing - WT	71,640.00	6,440.44	7,887.56	57,312.00	71,640.00
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	27,860.00	2,053.28	22,288.00	3,518.72	27,860.00
TOTAL PART D	\$ 125,625.00	10,419.13	51,075.56	64,130.31	\$125,625.00
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$ 13,807,739.93	\$1,540,476.98	\$2,782,561.67	\$9,484,701.29	\$13,807,739.93
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT					
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$ 891,082.00	SCHOOL CHOICE (XXX,XXX to be used to offset FY23 Budget; see above)	CIRCUIT BREAKER (XXXX to be used to offset FY23 Budget see above)	MEDICAID (XXXX to be used to offset FY23 Budget; see above)	
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	145,162.00				
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,174,499.00)				
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	67,102.00				
SPED Circuit Breaker	-				
Medicaid Reimbursements	36,000.00				
School Choice Sending Tuition	(93,091.00)				
School Choice Receiving Tuition	-	430,228.00		10,600.00	
Total Reimbursements	(128,244.00)	430,228.00	-	10,600.00	

ANTICIPATED REVENUES			
E&D Offset		341,088.86	
Interest Income		15,650.00	
Misc. Revenue		4,000.00	
Total Anticipated Revenues		360,738.86	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$	\$232,494.86	\$232,494.86
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$	\$13,575,245.07	\$13,575,245.07
UIRSD FY 2023 FORMULAS			
Town of Residence	Chilmark	School Attended	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
Aquinnah	7	West Tisbury 31	Charter School 32
Chilmark	25	38	School Choice 12
West Tisbury	12	234	Shared Services 3
District Enrollment	44	303	Residential 0
School Choice	13	49	
Total Enrollment	57	352	FY22 Foundation Enrollment = 396
Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"			
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.	W. Tisbury = 70.89%
	10.95%	Chilmark = 18.16%	
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites			
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.	W. Tisbury = 27.27%
	15.91%	Chilmark = 56.82%	
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah	Chilmark = 12.54%	W. Tisbury = 77.23%
	10.23%		
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt			
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.	W. Tisbury = 12.63%
	7.37%	Chilmark = 80.00%	
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah	Chilmark = 11.01%	W. Tisbury = 80.00%
	8.99%		

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES
June 30, 2023**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
TOTAL SUPT/SHARED SERVICES	\$ 1,760,880.27	\$ 1,697,690.04	\$ 63,190.23
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	458,863.75	470,447.27	(11,583.52)
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,163,605.58	3,134,853.10	28,752.48
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	87,450.00	81,568.67	5,881.33
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	55,852.00	48,535.95	7,316.05
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	33,330.00	23,811.73	9,518.27
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL	287,680.78	261,135.95	26,544.83
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	10,000.00	13,128.55	(3,128.55)
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	1,228,040.60	1,176,442.19	51,598.41
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	140,317.78	140,898.94	(581.16)
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	232,208.67	242,782.23	(10,573.56)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	117,996.11	122,809.31	(4,813.20)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	291,618.92	324,940.69	(33,321.77)
WT UTILITIES	94,022.76	83,556.25	10,466.51
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	184,824.00	199,892.15	(15,068.15)
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,190,861.36	1,268,329.35	(77,467.99)
WT INSURANCE	141,340.00	153,059.08	(11,719.08)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL	7,718,012.31	7,746,191.41	(28,179.10)
CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	181,026.76	185,171.25	(4,144.49)
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	789,233.48	762,222.92	27,010.56
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	18,800.00	18,144.29	655.71
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	30,452.00	27,128.00	3,324.00
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	8,530.00	2,966.00	5,564.00
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS	98,815.00	93,601.76	5,213.24
CH FURNITURE	800.00	845.08	(45.08)
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	110,472.00	112,826.17	(2,354.17)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	2,000.00	1,487.26	512.74
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	44,188.00	46,072.00	(1,884.00)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	92,823.76	95,761.93	(2,938.17)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	89,916.00	88,533.00	1,383.00
CH UTILITIES	30,461.87	37,502.82	(7,040.95)
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	68,509.46	65,547.98	2,961.48
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	168,497.21	182,027.45	(13,530.24)
CH INSURANCE	26,172.00	31,504.62	(5,332.62)
TOTAL CHILMARK	1,760,697.54	1,751,342.53	9,355.01
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	2,030,438.05	2,012,645.67	17,792.38
DEBT	135,525.25	107,420.20	28,105.05
TRANSPORTATION	303,407.51	297,142.36	6,265.15
RESERVE DISTRICT	98,779.00	-	98,779.00
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2,568,149.81	2,417,208.23	150,941.58
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,807,739.93	\$ 13,612,432.21	\$ 195,307.72

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2023**

Assets	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	General	
						Long-Term Obligations	Total
Cash and Investments	1,796,975.59	484,692.94	985,086.61	-	46,712.35	-	3,313,467.49
Receivables: Due from other gov'ts	66,552.00	-	-	-	-	-	66,552.00
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	298,500.00	298,500.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,863,527.59	\$ 484,692.94	\$ 985,086.61	\$ -	\$ 46,712.35	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 3,678,519.49
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	469,841.49	34,307.40	88,160.65	-	2,222.05	-	594,531.59
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	714,149.02	7,806.60	-	-	-	-	721,955.62
Other Liabilities	31,000.65	-	-	-	-	-	31,000.65
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	298,500.00	298,500.00
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,214,991.16	\$ 42,114.00	\$ 88,160.65	\$ -	\$ 2,222.05	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 1,645,987.86
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumbrances	27,011.74	-	-	-	-	-	27,011.74
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/Other	439,933.91	-	-	-	-	-	439,933.91
E&D/Undesignated Fund Balance	181,590.78	442,578.94	896,925.96	-	44,490.30	-	1,565,585.98
Total Fund Equity	\$ 648,536.43	\$ 442,578.94	\$ 896,925.96	\$ -	\$ 44,490.30	\$ -	\$ 2,032,531.63
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,863,527.59	\$ 484,692.94	\$ 985,086.61	\$ -	\$ 46,712.35	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 3,678,519.49

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Select Board:

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

This Annual Report consists of the following subsequent reports:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce K. Stone
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
General Fund
Revenue and Expenditures vs Budget
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
REVENUE			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	18,872,031.31	18,727,962.89	(144,068.42)
Personal Property Tax	196,344.18	195,763.13	(581.05)
Tax Liens Redeemed	32,043.81	0.00	(32,043.81)
Penalties & Interest	62,943.96	50,000.00	(12,943.96)
In Lieu of Taxes	3,474.12	3,500.00	25.88
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	19,166,837.38	18,977,226.02	(189,611.36)
Excise Revenue			
Motor Vehicle Excise	933,205.60	680,000.00	(253,205.60)
Room Excise	483,109.92	440,000.00	(43,109.92)
Cannabis Excise	27,861.27	13,000.00	(14,861.27)
Penalties & Interest	17,303.56	0.00	(17,303.56)
Sub-total : Excise Revenue	1,461,480.35	1,133,000.00	(328,480.35)
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	332,393.07	268,000.00	(64,393.07)
Park & Recreation	97,027.50	80,000.00	(17,027.50)
Inspections	125,793.00	100,000.00	(25,793.00)
Rentals	75,279.12	73,230.00	(2,049.12)
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	630,492.69	521,230.00	(109,262.69)
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	3,403.50	3,000.00	(403.50)
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	3,403.50	3,000.00	(403.50)
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	14,636.49	10,500.00	(4,136.49)
Permits	130,099.19	119,500.00	(10,599.19)
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	144,735.68	130,000.00	(14,735.68)
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	1,476,834.00	1,480,999.00	4,165.00
Elections	5,883.00	0.00	(5,883.00)
CMVI	1,764.39	0.00	(1,764.39)
Veterans Benefits	12,833.00	16,554.00	3,721.00
Sub-total : State Revenue	1,497,314.39	1,497,553.00	238.61
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	177,222.73	184,490.00	7,267.27
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	177,222.73	184,490.00	7,267.27
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	71,337.13	5,010.00	(66,327.13)
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	71,337.13	5,010.00	(66,327.13)
Investment			
Investment	77,582.74	10,000.00	(67,582.74)
Sub-total : Investment	77,582.74	10,000.00	(67,582.74)
Transfers In			
From Special Revenues	965.00	965.00	0.00
From Trust Funds	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Transfers In	75,965.00	75,965.00	0.00
Total : REVENUE	23,306,371.59	22,537,474.02	(768,897.57)

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
EXPENDITURES			
FY 2023 Appropriations/Budget			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	500.00	500.00	0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,520.00	1,520.00	0.00
122-5110 Select Board Salaries	10,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	179,844.87	181,385.43	1,540.56
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	24,808.34	27,080.00	2,271.66
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	835.00	2,500.00	1,665.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,274.00	2,352.00	1,078.00
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	163.00	1,810.00	1,647.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	20,744.96	20,744.96
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	115,550.85	115,562.91	12.06
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	762.39	1,580.00	817.61
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	129,146.74	158,768.18	29,621.44
141-5305 Assessors Legal	2,566.00	20,000.00	17,434.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	22,009.02	34,785.00	12,775.98
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	170,401.24	170,406.25	5.01
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	26,820.51	29,505.00	2,684.49
151-5305 Legal	71,777.87	72,000.00	222.13
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	3,376.01	13,395.80	10,019.79
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	250.82	800.00	549.18
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	85,243.22	102,262.50	17,019.28
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	1,832.00	5,350.00	3,518.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	0.00	150.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	65,678.43	65,678.43	0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,077.61	1,450.00	372.39
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,635.00	5,078.50	3,443.50
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,802.67	9,900.00	5,097.33
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00	300.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	1,580.99	2,000.00	419.01
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	55,184.69	57,601.94	2,417.25
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	920.56	3,180.00	2,259.44
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	67,505.01	70,932.70	3,427.69
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	3,875.93	6,145.00	2,269.07
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	81,700.31	83,051.52	1,351.21
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,511.30	5,000.00	488.70
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	8,888.23	9,925.00	1,036.77
177-5600 MV Commission	166,626.00	166,626.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	16,666.17	16,713.20	47.03
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,953.90	4,000.00	46.10
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	613.17	1,700.00	1,086.83
182-5120 Energy-Climate Personal	10,694.42	13,258.80	2,564.38
182-5700 Energy/Climate Com Expense	324.50	1,000.00	675.50
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	102,985.51	136,300.00	33,314.49
193-5700 Property Insurance	131,720.00	131,720.00	0.00
194-5700 Town Electric	44,928.64	44,960.00	31.36
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	9,225.00	11,000.00	1,775.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	56,350.00	56,350.00	0.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,719,799.92	1,910,949.12	191,149.20

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,265,860.38	1,287,012.27	21,151.89
210-5700 Police Expenses	143,470.38	144,946.00	1,475.62
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	216,258.16	216,822.00	563.84
220-5700 Fire Expenses	221,804.10	222,600.00	795.90
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	521,145.42	521,145.42	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	280,279.99	286,780.60	6,500.61
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	9,311.52	13,025.00	3,713.48
291-5120 Emer Mgmnt Pers Serv	36,500.00	37,000.00	500.00
291-5700 Emergency Management	3,892.59	12,410.00	8,517.41
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	64,934.64	87,495.49	22,560.85
292-5700 ACO Expenses	5,438.80	8,355.00	2,916.20
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
293-5700 Herring Warden Expenses	875.00	1,200.00	325.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	240.00	1,200.00	960.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	900.00	13,200.00	12,300.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	28,296.00	28,296.00	0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	10,643.39	11,600.00	956.61
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	38,000.00	39,000.00	1,000.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,853,350.37	2,937,587.78	84,237.41
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	9,319,877.84	9,331,876.34	11,998.50
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,020,124.63	3,029,021.38	8,896.75
Sub-total : Education	12,340,002.47	12,360,897.72	20,895.25
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	67,000.00	67,000.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	212,702.57	212,740.60	38.03
422-5700 Highway Expenses	93,991.12	94,060.00	68.88
423-5700 Snow & Ice	52,820.97	67,000.00	14,179.03
424-5700 Street Lights	1,764.92	2,500.00	735.08
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,416.96	2,470.80	53.84
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	21,654.93	23,500.00	1,845.07
Sub-total : Public Works	452,351.47	469,271.40	16,919.93
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	3,602.17	5,920.00	2,317.83
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	124,258.00	124,258.00	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	135,860.17	138,228.00	2,367.83
Health & Human Services			
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	131,424.97	168,853.40	37,428.43
510-5700 BOH Expenses	11,341.26	16,225.00	4,883.74
522-5700 Health Services	12,299.91	26,000.00	13,700.09
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	60,895.00	60,895.00	0.00
526-5600 DC Social Services	7,225.00	7,225.00	0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	289,693.63	308,915.67	19,222.04
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	12,608.94	19,200.00	6,591.06
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	17,964.90	21,000.00	3,035.10
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	546,453.61	631,314.07	84,860.46
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	627,033.85	627,033.85	0.00
610-5700 Library Expenses	277,585.00	277,585.00	0.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	581.00	830.00	249.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	33,773.95	33,814.64	40.69
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,350.29	1,450.00	99.71

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	86,079.36	91,812.42	5,733.06
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	10,846.69	15,925.00	5,078.31
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	5,889.74	17,354.00	11,464.26
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	7,367.31	10,100.00	2,732.69
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,559.71	10,750.00	190.29
690-5700 Historic District	0.00	350.00	350.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	600.00	600.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,064,566.90	1,091,104.91	26,538.01
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	774,750.00	774,750.00	0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	137,691.88	137,692.00	0.12
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	6,639.23	11,580.00	4,940.77
Sub-total : Debt Service	919,081.11	924,022.00	4,940.89
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	593,314.62	593,338.00	23.38
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	18,451.00	18,451.00	0.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	875,334.26	979,065.00	103,730.74
915-5170 Life Insurance	4,663.16	4,700.00	36.84
916-5170 Employers Medicare	60,593.25	63,000.00	2,406.75
945-5740 Public Official Liability	13,350.00	20,029.00	6,679.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,565,706.29	1,678,583.00	112,876.71
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,323.00	3,323.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	136,336.00	136,336.00	0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,080.00	5,020.00	(60.00)
830-5600 County Assessment	41,651.68	65,896.00	24,244.32
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	186,390.68	210,575.00	24,184.32
FY2023 Warrant Articles			
ATM2022 05 Dukes Cty Communications	38,880.42	39,237.70	357.28
ATM2022 10 Police Vehicle	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
ATM2022 13 AISC Adult Education	14,240.00	14,240.00	0.00
ATM2022 14 Assessors Revaluation	14,404.49	24,000.00	9,595.51
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	203,948.32	523,000.00	319,051.68
ATM2022 27 County-Building Debt	26,452.80	26,452.80	0.00
ATM2022 32 MV Commission Engineering	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM2022 33 County-MV Senior Services	72,098.00	72,098.00	0.00
ATM2022 34 County-CORE	14,378.00	14,378.00	0.00
ATM2022 35 County-First Stop	1,317.00	1,317.00	0.00
ATM2022 36 County-Healthy Aging	15,044.00	15,044.00	0.00
ATM2022 37 County Homeless Prevention	8,095.00	8,095.00	0.00
ATM2022 38 County-SUD Prevention	7,055.00	7,055.00	0.00
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	0.00	19,200.00	19,200.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	0.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
ATM2023 16 Visioning	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	0.00	35,858.00	35,858.00
ATM2023 22 Fire Equip Stab Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser	0.00	43,000.00	43,000.00
ATM2023 24 Highway DumpTruck	0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune lowering	5,000.00	8,000.00	3,000.00
ATM2023 27 Unemployment Ins Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 37 County-DCHCA Bldg	0.00	28,240.00	28,240.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	0.00	965.00	965.00
STM2023 3 Araujo Bros	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2022 Warrant Articles	541,163.03	1,300,430.50	759,267.47
Total : FY 2023 Appropriations/Budget	22,324,726.02	23,652,963.50	1,328,237.48

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD			
FY22 Encumbrances			
FY22 Highway Order	1,405.93	1,405.93	0.00
FY22 IT Upgrade Order	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY22 Encumbrances	6,205.93	6,205.93	0.00
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	0.00	731.96	731.96
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstones	0.00	440.00	440.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	0.00	4,050.00	4,050.00
ATM2019 37 Permitting Software	4,166.40	4,166.40	0.00
ATM2019 08 Building Maintenance	5,573.97	5,573.97	0.00
ATM2019 18 Assessor Revaluation	245.62	245.62	0.00
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	0.00	19,201.04	19,201.04
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	0.00	1,526.00	1,526.00
STM 10-2020 06 Assessors Reval	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 08 Building Maintenance	70,137.86	100,000.00	29,862.14
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	727.93	4,000.00	3,272.07
STM 10-2020 17 Fire Equipment/Truck	3,735.00	100,000.00	96,265.00
STM 10-2020 27 Chilmark School Windows	0.00	19,514.00	19,514.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	12,124.00	19,000.00	6,876.00
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation	0.00	1,330.60	1,330.60
ATM2021 15 MVEMDA EM Coordinator	1,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
ATM2021 34 Assessors Reval	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
STM2021 05 UIRSD-WT School	257,370.00	257,370.00	0.00
ATM2022 09 Lamberts Cove Hydrant	91.12	114,837.40	114,746.28
ATM2022 11 Highway			
All-Season Machine	126,320.00	126,320.00	0.00
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept Expenses	0.00	15,562.50	15,562.50
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	31,090.00	36,000.00	4,910.00
ATM2022 28 Building Maintenance	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete St	0.00	470.00	470.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater Lines	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
ATM2022 40 Chilmark Generator	13,656.69	13,656.69	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	574,238.59	1,032,996.18	458,757.59
Capital Appropriation Balances			
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	0.00	29,936.73	29,936.73
Sub-total : Capital Appropriation Balances	0.00	29,936.73	29,936.73
Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD	580,444.52	1,069,138.84	488,694.32
Total : EXPENDITURES	22,905,170.54	24,722,102.34	1,816,931.80

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Police MED Project Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	2,824.21
FY 2023 Receipts	1,300.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	4,124.21
Police Highway Safety Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(2,021.11)
FY 2023 Receipts	2,021.11
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
Police Vest Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(6,402.50)
FY 2023 Receipts	6,202.50
FY 2023 Expenditures	200.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
State Mass Trails Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(115,000.00)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	(115,000.00)
Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	97,220.42
FY 2023 State Receipts	33,000.00
FY 2023 Local Receipts	17,500.00
FY 2023 Interest	1,069.91
FY 2023 Expenditures	(69,438.74)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	79,351.59
MV Fire Training Council	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	52,236.63
FY 2023 Receipts	2,800.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(29,553.96)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	25,482.67
Mass Assn of Health Boards (COVID)	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	9,305.00
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	9,305.00
ARPA CLFRF Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	151,978.74
FY 2023 Receipts	151,978.74
FY 2023 Expenditures	(19,083.38)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	284,874.10

State Veterans Benefits COLA	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	474.00
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	474.00
State Highway, Chapter 90	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2023 Receipts	102,292.69
FY 2023 Expenditures	(248,426.00)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	(146,133.31)
State Highway, WRAP	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2023 Receipts	46,450.92
FY 2023 Expenditures	(15,580.05)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	30,870.87
State TNC Allotment (Reserved for Appropriation)	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	965.00
FY 2023 Receipts	1,318.10
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
Transfer to General Fund Appropriation	(965.00)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	1,318.10
State Aid, Elderly Persons	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	3,210.13
FY 2023 Receipts	12,348.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(14,030.08)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	1,528.05
Recycling Dividends State EPM Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	10,028.50
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	10,028.50
Library MVCC Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(2,373.00)
FY 2023 Receipts	4,000.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(1,627.00)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
State Library LSTA Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	8,999.33
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(8,999.33)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
State Library Hot Spot Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	1,325.84
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(1,325.84)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00

State Aid to Libraries	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	31,327.41
FY 2023 Receipts	11,432.19
FY 2023 Expenditures	(6,365.45)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	36,394.15
WT Library Foundation Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	59,776.39
FY 2023 Receipts	65,250.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(88,717.33)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	36,309.06
Library, Beagary (Morse Memorial) Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	683.24
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(683.24)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
Library, Friends WTFPL Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	18,526.45
FY 2023 Receipts	36,000.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(24,844.21)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	29,682.24
Library, Brannen/Hemberger Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	787.70
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(787.70)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
Library Biber Foundation Grant	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	1,919.16
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(1,919.16)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	108,310.65
FY 2023 Receipts	15,800.00
FY 2023 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	124,110.65
Septic System Repairs	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	94,541.08
FY 2023 Receipts	
FY 2023 Expenditures	
6/30/23 Closing Balance	94,541.08
Wetlands Protection	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	40,400.71
FY 2023 Receipts	1,421.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	41,821.71

Wetlands By-Law Fees

7/01/22 Opening Balance	2,300.00
FY 2023 Receipts	665.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	<u>2,965.00</u>

Gifts

7/01/22 Opening Balance	8,701.95
FY 2023 Receipts	14,044.80
FY 2023 Expenditures	(14,895.00)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	<u>7,851.75</u>

Community Preservation Fund

7/01/22 Opening Balance	1,597,961.00
FY 2023 Receipts/Surcharge	534,523.61
FY 2023 Receipts/State Match	328,288.00
FY 2023 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,507.42
FY 2023 Receipts/Investment	46,343.92
FY 2023 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	788.11
FY 2023 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	84.14
FY 2023 Expenditures	(263,493.39)
FY 2023 Transfer to Trust Funds	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	<u>2,246,002.81</u>

CAPITAL PROJECT

None

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS**Perpetual Care**

7/01/22 Opening Balance	54,790.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	54,790.00

F.E. Mayhew

7/01/22 Opening Balance	1,000.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	1,000.00

W.J. Rotch

7/01/22 Opening Balance	4,000.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	4,000.00

J.C. Martin

7/01/22 Opening Balance	200.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	200.00

P. Hancock

7/01/22 Opening Balance	5,343.45
6/30/23 Closing Balance	5,343.45

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care

7/01/22 Opening Balance	6,462.73
FY 2023 Interest Earned	1,453.29
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	7,916.02

F.E. Mayhew

7/01/22 Opening Balance	220.74
FY 2023 Interest Earned	20.06
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	240.80

W.J. Rotch

7/01/22 Opening Balance	865.85
FY 2023 Interest Earned	79.93
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	945.78

J.C. Martin

7/01/22 Opening Balance	86.19
FY 2023 Interest Earned	4.67
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	90.86

P. Hancock

7/01/22 Opening Balance	2,253.56
FY 2023 Interest Earned	124.80
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	2,378.36

Library Gift Fund

7/01/22 Opening Balance	19,103.52
FY 2023 Additions	649.33
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	19,752.85

Conservation Fund

7/01/22 Opening Balance	66,403.12
FY 2023 Interest Earned	1,090.88
6/30/23 Closing Balance	67,494.00

Affordable Housing Trust Fund

7/01/22 Opening Balance	936,086.20
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Interest Earned	15,471.76
FY 2023 Transfer from CPA	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	(3,352.48)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	948,205.48

Stabilization Fund

7/01/22 Opening Balance	529,150.29
FY 2023 Interest Earned	16,211.01
FY 2023 Transfer from General Fund	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	545,361.30

Stabilization Fund-Ambulance	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	59,267.86
FY 2023 Interest Earned	1,406.21
FY 2023 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	60,674.07
Stabilization Fund-Fire Equip	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	104,852.04
FY 2023 Interest Earned	3,237.74
FY 2023 Transfer from General Fund	100,000.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	208,089.78
Separation Benefits Reserve	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	84,517.49
FY 2023 Interest Earned	4,017.53
FY 2023 Transfer From General Fund	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	88,535.02
Unemployment Compensation Fund	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2023 Interest Earned	18.73
FY 2023 Transfer From General Fund	3,000.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	3,018.73
Stabilization Fund-Building Maintenance	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	88,122.46
FY 2023 Transfer From General Fund	0.00
FY 2023 Interest Earned	2,394.21
FY 2023 Transfer to General Fund	(75,000.00)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	15,516.67

AGENCY FUNDS

Retiree & Firefighters Benefits Contribution	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(51.50)
FY 2023 Receipts	69,140.57
FY 2023 Expenditures	(68,376.62)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	712.45
Due to Police Special Detail	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(960.00)
FY 2023 Receipts	272,764.54
FY 2023 Expenditures	(271,804.54)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
Due to Comm. of Mass.(PD Firearm Licenses)	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	550.00
FY 2023 Receipts	3,537.50
FY 2023 Expenditures	(3,387.50)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	700.00

Due to Deputy Collector	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	15,842.95
FY 2023 Receipts	107,701.15
FY 2023 Expenditures	(110,558.11)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	12,985.99
Due to Comm Of Mass F&W (Town Clerk)	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(106.25)
FY 2023 Receipts	2,071.60
FY 2023 Payments	(2,022.95)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	(57.60)
Consultants, Chap. 44, Sect. 53G	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	5,914.50
FY 2023 Interest	156.24
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	6,070.74
Misc Escrow	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	52,305.34
FY 2023 Interest	859.14
FY 2023 Receipts	0.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	53,164.48
WT School Share of Solar Project	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	(5,819.42)
FY 2023 Receipts	30,983.53
FY 2023 Expenditures	(25,164.11)
6/30/23 Closing Balance	0.00
Due to Other Municipalities	
7/01/22 Opening Balance	50.00
FY 2023 Receipts	43.00
FY 2023 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/23 Closing Balance	93.00

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
PAYMENTS TO VENDORS (OVER \$2,000)
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Up-Island Regional School District	9,648,953.52	Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	97,318.00
MV Regional High School District	3,034,364.63	Architectural Consulting Group	87,950.00
Rockland Trust	2,833,051.68	Foggy Bottom Company LLC	73,414.28
Town of West Tisbury	2,513,936.94	TDR Landscaping And Irrigation Inc	70,640.96
Dukes County Contrib Retirement	983,231.25	Reynolds Rappaport, Kaplan & Hackney LLC	62,360.55
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	893,359.51	Paul S Kapinos & Associates Inc	60,675.00
US Bank	752,691.88	The Island Autism Group Inc	60,089.00
EFTPS	577,336.54	Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative	57,527.31
Town of Chilmark	531,901.42	Health Equity, Inc.	50,875.28
Lawrence Lynch Corp	255,358.11	Baker & Taylor	49,899.35
County of Dukes County	254,478.09	MV Law Enforcement Council	49,156.94
Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank	217,511.11	Bulldog Fire Apparatus Inc	39,855.00
MV Insurance Agency	217,031.50	Damazio Builders Inc	39,500.00
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust	202,036.03	Dukes County Sheriff Office	38,880.42
Comm of Mass (Withholding)	193,125.79	MV Shellfish Group	38,500.00
MV Commission	190,563.50	Benjamin R Hopkins D/B/A	38,412.42
Howard Stein Hudson Associates Inc	175,700.40	Overdrive Inc	36,196.87
Empower Retirement Services	175,700.19	Daikin Applied	35,248.85
MV Refuse District	129,075.88	Richard T Olsen & Son Inc	32,480.00
United Construction & Forestry	126,320.00	Vadar Systems Inc	31,090.00
Keenan & Kenny Architects LTD	115,200.00	Clams Inc	28,516.60

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Keith M. Fenner	28,335.00	Island Health Care Community Health Ctr	12,299.91
MV Transit Authority	27,446.93	Amazon Capital Services	11,048.49
darosa Corporation	25,766.80	Thomas H Colligan	11,003.00
Verizon Wireless [Albany]	25,753.90	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	10,276.74
Full Circle Technologies Inc	23,902.80	Tpx Communications	9,969.75
J.Deb's Garage Inc	22,831.41	R L Fullin & Daughters	9,800.00
First Congregational Church of WT	22,510.30	Amerigas	9,655.10
Industrial Protection Services	19,510.16	RM Packer Co Inc	9,601.63
Cafeteria Plan Advisors, Inc.	18,649.72	Reserve Account-Pitney Bowes	9,000.00
Tasca Automotive Group Inc	18,551.12	The Library Store Inc	8,799.03
MILA Property & Casualty Group Inc	18,451.00	Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp	8,617.56
MV Times	18,268.97	Abby Bender	8,500.00
R E Brown & Company	17,000.00	Locality Media Inc	8,330.00
Associated Elevator Companies Inc	16,887.00	BTU Control Inc	8,200.00
Pierce Davis & Perritano LLP	16,060.00	Kanta Lipsky	8,000.00
Nilton E Desousa	15,890.00	Jason Mazar-Kelly	8,000.00
Eversource	15,776.01	Diane K Braun	8,000.00
Amazon	15,658.02	Energylogik LLC	7,500.00
Wilcox & Barton Inc	15,361.25	Araujo Brothers Inc	7,287.50
Indian Hill Power Equipment	15,202.93	Kirkwood Direct LLC	7,012.01
Comcast	13,359.70	Island Water Source Inc	6,851.65
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	13,351.24	Lighthouse Payment Services Inc	6,758.37
AFLAC	13,187.40	Alan Gowell D/B/A	6,500.00
Island Timber LLC	12,750.00	Nearmap Us Inc	6,480.00
University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth	12,597.00	Boston Mutual Life Ins Co-Partic.	6,207.60

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
EBSCO	6,187.73	Elizabeth Witham	4,306.00
Sea The World Productions	6,000.00	Andrew Herr	4,255.00
Mid-Island Repair Inc	5,901.89	Horsley Witten Group	4,226.25
Aquinnah Cultural Center	5,700.00	Salt Spray Sheds	4,175.00
At&T Mobility [Firstnet]	5,665.06	Friends of Edgartown Free Public Library	4,070.00
CAI Technologies	5,662.50	Joseph K Tierney Jr	4,059.64
Haynes Plumbing & Caretaking Inc	5,658.02	Lhs Associates Inc	4,002.99
Just In Time MV General Services Inc	5,500.00	Comcast [Pa]	3,939.98
Hobin & Hobin Inc	5,344.69	Dukes County Technical Services LLC	3,900.00
Goodale Construction Co Inc	5,327.37	Schofield Barbini & Hoehn Inc	3,825.00
RDA Softnet LLC	5,260.14	Cape Tire Service Inc	3,811.32
Daniel De Foe D/B/A	5,244.00	Midwest Tape	3,806.14
Dukes County Fire Chiefs Assn	5,036.89	Cronig's Market	3,754.94
Sisco Family Services Inc	5,000.00	Lampke & Lampke, Law Offices Of	3,712.77
MV Inspections LLC	4,925.40	Shirley's Hardware	3,691.51
Vineyard Land Surveying	4,875.00	On-Site Mobile Repair Inc	3,587.91
Fort Dearborn Life	4,608.90	Donald Sexton	3,585.00
Verizon (Albany)	4,605.47	Margaret Stone	3,572.30
Town of Aquinnah	4,604.00	MV Cultural Council	3,500.00
Jesse Keller Jason	4,530.00	Bruno's Rolloff Inc	3,417.12
Leo Vigeant Co., Inc	4,476.14	Dept of Criminal Justice Info Service	3,387.50
Cohasset Collision Center Inc	4,476.07	E C Cottle Inc	3,372.70
Vineyard Bottled Waters	4,403.19	White Rock Cybersecurity	3,356.67
Greg Whitmore	4,375.00	Clivus New England Inc	3,299.57

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Vineyard Gazette	3,189.20	Electronic Security Systems LLC	2,664.00
Ken Wentworth	3,181.00	Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Ma	2,650.80
Trippi'S Uniforms Inc	3,161.00	Demco	2,604.41
Melissa Knowles	3,116.87	Ellen M Hutchinson, Law Office Of	2,566.00
Bulldog Performance Plus LLC	3,101.58	Douglas Forms	2,455.19
Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc	3,100.00	Island Grown Initiative	2,399.51
Great Pond Foundation	3,100.00	Roberta Kim	2,341.00
Stop & Shop	3,075.00	Nelson Mechanical Design Inc	2,331.05
Staples Credit Plan Dept	3,072.33	Onsolve LLC	2,311.69
Tisbury Printer	3,045.60	Circuit Arts Inc	2,306.00
Napa Auto & Truck Parts	3,027.27	MV Library Assn	2,301.04
Docusign Inc	3,018.75	Jwl Transport Inc	2,256.40
Marion Wilson	2,932.00	Markings Inc	2,250.00
Sullivan Tire Co	2,896.35	Brynn Schaffner	2,233.08
Alexandra Pratt	2,887.63	Richard M Hull	2,225.00
Steamship Authority	2,864.25	Deon Thomas	2,200.00
Dukes County Audio Visual	2,767.92	Visual Edge It Inc	2,199.21
Civicplus	2,756.25	Wampanoag Environmental Lab	2,175.00
Patriot Properties Inc	2,750.00	Edward L Pierce	2,139.94
Station Automation Inc	2,703.75	Shanta Gabriel	2,100.00
The Yard Inc	2,700.00	Barrett Planning Group LLC	2,100.00
Kanopy LLC	2,680.00	Ncpers Group Life Ins	2,000.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
EMPLOYEE WAGES
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Gebo, Matthew	Police Lieutenant	134,433.47	29,042.52	18,270.00	181,745.99
Vieira, Garrison	Police Sergeant	134,519.56	16,498.06	19,077.60	170,095.22
Mincone, Matthew	Police Chief	167,881.81			167,881.81
Mincone, Matthew	Fire	1,080.00			1,080.00
Cortez, Bradley	Police Sergeant	107,830.94	17,512.87	30,390.00	155,733.81
Rand, Jennifer	Town Administrator	141,330.87			141,330.87
Pachico, Gregory	Fire Chief	125,948.16			125,948.16
Tierney, Joseph	Building & Zoning Inspector	114,581.34	7,055.73		121,637.07
Albertine, Joyce	COA Director	121,376.28			121,376.28
Stone, Bruce	Accountant/Finance Director	115,550.85			115,550.85
Stone, Bruce	IT Co-ordinator	1,650.00			1,650.00
Rogers, Jeremie	Police Officer	97,209.65	4,920.37	6,900.00	109,030.02
Bettencourt, Connor	Police Officer	86,171.69	7,698.25	14,940.00	108,809.94
Logue, Katherine	Treasurer/Collector	105,181.94			105,181.94
Logue, Katherine	IT Co-ordinator	2,350.00			2,350.00
Wojtkielo, Nikolaj	Police Officer	92,787.48	3,462.88	5,256.00	101,506.36
Oliver IV, Jesse	Highway Foreman	95,439.18	1,297.02		96,736.20
Oliver IV, Jesse	Fire	1,100.00			1,100.00
Anderson, MacGregor	Principal Assessor	95,340.22			95,340.22
Pratt, Alexandra	Library Director	91,540.56			91,540.56
Nickowal, Mark	Police Officer	70,738.07	5,527.05	11,250.00	87,515.12
Fisher, Jeffrey	Local Inspector	86,552.92			86,552.92

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Fielder, Bradley	Police Officer	64,045.80	6,261.60	14,730.00	85,037.40
Durawa, Daniel	Police Officer	67,568.48	10,318.64		77,887.12
Hollinger, Samantha	Police Executive Assistant	75,552.24		720.00	76,272.24
Rooney, Rachel	Library	70,703.50			70,703.50
Leaird, Kimberly	Zoning Board of Appeals	69,782.35			69,782.35
Rossi, Jane	Planning Board	67,505.01			67,505.01
Johnson, Omar	Health Agent	66,757.08	330.41		67,087.49
Hatt, Kevin	Highway Worker	66,387.52	511.15		66,898.67
Whiting-Wells, Tara	Town Clerk	65,828.43			65,828.43
Manter, Jeffrey	Police Lieutenant	64,603.15	781.36		65,384.51
Coit, Laura	Library	65,256.30			65,256.30
Chavez, Joan	Asst Treasurer/Collector	65,219.30			65,219.30
Olsen, Richard	Superintendent of Streets	64,500.00			64,500.00
Lam, Alexander	Health Agent	64,337.48			64,337.48
Lawson, Mikaela	Library	62,306.79			62,306.79
Hoffman, Kathleen	Animal Control	61,175.14			61,175.14
Gately, Olivia	Library	58,729.61			58,729.61
McFarland, Maria	Conservation Commission	55,184.69			55,184.69
McFarland, Maria	Personnel Board	3,376.01			3,376.01
McFarland, Maria	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
McFarland, Maria	Elections	57.00			57.00
Hearn, Laura	Library	55,540.15			55,540.15
Hammond, Bethany	Council on Aging	55,486.76			55,486.76
Demoe, Diane	Police Officer	0.00		54,810.00	54,810.00
Slingerland, Louis	Highway Worker	52,096.24	379.19		52,475.43
Slingerland, Louis	Fire	760.00			760.00

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday		Total
			Stipends/Call	Paid Details	
Merrill, Susan	Council on Aging	49,165.66			49,165.66
Stone, Jeffrey	Police Officer	0.00		47,580.00	47,580.00
Gadowski, Jennie	Council on Aging	45,970.11			45,970.11
Colligan, Thomas	Inspector	41,770.00			41,770.00
Haynes, Janice	Select Board Office	38,514.00			38,514.00
Haynes, Janice	Finance Committee	1,274.00			1,274.00
Vieira, Nathan	Police Officer	0.00		35,790.00	35,790.00
Stone, Margaret	Parks & Recreation	34,021.45			34,021.45
Shepherd, Kira	Library	31,548.60			31,548.60
Nevin, Mary Jane	Assessor	29,663.50			29,663.50
Hartenstine, Russell	Emergency Management	25,000.00			25,000.00
Cotterill, John	Fire	24,610.00			24,610.00
Girouard, John	Library	24,340.76			24,340.76
Neilley, Darellyn	Library	24,247.12			24,247.12
Meegan, Emily	Library	23,963.21			23,963.21
Reich, William	Warden	23,466.73			23,466.73
D'Angelo, Margaret	Library	23,316.12			23,316.12
Hall, Maureen	Library	23,011.94			23,011.94
Leopold, Deirdre	Library	22,064.90			22,064.90
Conley, Rhonda	Affordable Housing	17,339.05			17,339.05
Fauteux, Randall	Parks & Recreation	16,401.08			16,401.08
Milstein, Emily	Library	15,929.66			15,929.66
Cotnoir, Charles	Council on Aging	13,700.17			13,700.17
Bennett, Elliott	Library	12,895.68			12,895.68
Schaffner, Brynn	Fire	11,975.00			11,975.00
Ferreira, Ronald	Inspector	11,970.00			11,970.00

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Thors, Pamela	Administrative Assistant	11,917.96			11,917.96
Norton, Ginger	Library	11,891.07			11,891.07
Ciancio, Michael	Inspector	11,095.00			11,095.00
Smith, Amelia	Energy	10,694.42			10,694.42
Gadowski, Jennelle	Emergency Management	7,000.00			7,000.00
Fragosa, Briana	Parks & Recreation	6,998.41			6,998.41
Gilpin, Louise	Library	6,727.72			6,727.72
Hull, Richard	Fire	6,580.00			6,580.00
Holmes, Aubrey	Parks & Recreation	6,391.84			6,391.84
Graczykowski, Holden	Parks & Recreation	5,811.00			5,811.00
Medeiros, Eric	Fire	5,730.00			5,730.00
Hall, Olympia	Parks & Recreation	5,717.26			5,717.26
Bromberger, Abigail	Parks & Recreation	5,550.94			5,550.94
Duarte, Anna Julia	Parks & Recreation	5,166.32			5,166.32
Silva, Emmett	Parks & Recreation	5,077.92			5,077.92
Mastromonaco, Kenneth	Fire	5,070.00			5,070.00
Gale, Raymond	Warden	5,000.00			5,000.00
Miller, Jessica	Select Board	5,000.00			5,000.00
Mitchell, Cynthia	Select Board	5,000.00			5,000.00
De Geofroy, Louis	Fire	4,685.00			4,685.00
Stone, Barry	Inspector	4,615.00			4,615.00
Cathey, Quinn	Parks & Recreation	4,487.88			4,487.88
McCarthy, John	Fire	4,405.00			4,405.00
Montesion, Meghan	Assessor	4,143.02			4,143.02
Lucas, Justin	Fire	4,020.00			4,020.00
Marzbanian, Wendy	COA Staff	3,994.65			3,994.65

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Edwards, Kenneth	Fire	3,910.00			3,910.00
Lefebvre, Isaac	Parks & Recreation	3,844.20			3,844.20
Hammarlund, Jonah	Parks & Recreation	3,736.92			3,736.92
McDonough, Anne	Library	3,540.39			3,540.39
Krauss, Cynthia	Board Administrator	3,065.67			3,065.67
Tinus, Michael	Parks & Recreation	3,056.95			3,056.95
Hoy, John	Warden	3,000.00			3,000.00
DeBlase, Glenn	Fire	2,720.00			2,720.00
West, Christopher	Fire	1,906.20			1,906.20
West, Christopher	Animal Control	804.08			804.08
Schwab, David	Inspector	2,640.00			2,640.00
Gale, Tegan	Parks & Recreation	2,574.72			2,574.72
Foster, Stephen	Fire	2,550.00			2,550.00
Maciel-Wingate, Cole	Parks & Recreation	2,532.28			2,532.28
Story, Nathaniel	Parks & Recreation	2,532.28			2,532.28
Olsen, Keith	Asst Superintendent of Streets	2,500.00			2,500.00
Brown, Jeremiah	Tree Warden	2,500.00			2,500.00
Gitschier, Samantha	Animal Control	2,419.22			2,419.22
Rivers, Marques	Fire	2,345.00			2,345.00
Rose, John	Fire	2,220.00			2,220.00
Swan-Lawley, Finnora	Parks & Recreation	2,194.53			2,194.53
Bettencourt, Mark	Fire	2,065.00			2,065.00
Tebo, Riley	Fire	2,050.00			2,050.00
Serusa, Stephen	Fire	1,970.00			1,970.00
Wirtz, Nelson	Fire	1,920.00			1,920.00
Rolston, Patrick	Fire	1,830.00			1,830.00

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Mazar-Kelly, Casey	Library	1,671.24			1,671.24
Schroeder, Joseph	Parks & Recreation	1,634.36			1,634.36
Ignacio, Thomas	Fire	1,620.00			1,620.00
Haynes, Bruce	Fire	1,610.00			1,610.00
Hennessey, Robert	Fire	1,530.00			1,530.00
Brillard, Isadore	Library	1,517.31			1,517.31
Fischer, Lydia	Library	1,495.33			1,495.33
Malik, Rizwan	Library	1,489.31			1,489.31
Haynes, Nathaniel	Fire	1,480.00			1,480.00
Minehan, Joseph	Fire	1,320.00			1,320.00
Marzbanian, Peter	Fire	1,240.00			1,240.00
Young, Adriana	Parks & Recreation	1,144.32			1,144.32
Pruciano, Philip	Parks & Recreation	1,072.80			1,072.80
Lowe, Erik	Fire	1,010.00			1,010.00
Colaneri, Michael	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
Schubert, Lawrence	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
Jones, Virginia	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Smith, Leah	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Soikkeli, Heikki	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Upton, Amy	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Lowe, Erik	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Merry, Matthew	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Miller, Jessica	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Estrella IV, Manuel	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Perry, Gordon	Fire	980.00			980.00
Barnett, Timothy	Fire	960.00			960.00
	Board of Health	785.00			785.00

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Barnett, Timothy	Elections	125.00			125.00
Stalgren, Grady	Parks & Recreation	894.00			894.00
Brown, Sydney	Parks & Recreation	893.97			893.97
Shannon, John	Fire	880.00			880.00
Luskin, Charles	Municipal Hearing Officer	835.00			835.00
Harris, Jacoby	Parks & Recreation	786.72			786.72
LaPierre, Emily	Library	761.97			761.97
Graff, Will	Parks & Recreation	727.65			727.65
Navarrete, Jovany	Fire	720.00			720.00
Baker, Joshua	Fire	630.00			630.00
Montrowl, Dionis	Elections	603.75			603.75
Higgins, Wanda	Affordable Housing	579.60			579.60
Chaves, Jose	Parks & Recreation	577.68			577.68
Stobie, Noah	Police Officer	515.20			515.20
Rolston, James	Fire	480.00			480.00
Shemeth, Kara	Fire	480.00			480.00
Forester, Aeneas	Parks & Recreation	464.88			464.88
Taylor, Ethan-Aubrey	Library	417.81			417.81
Dyer, Mithcell	Parks & Recreation	391.44			391.44
Emin, Joshua	Fire	380.00			380.00
Waters, Daniel	Moderator	370.00			370.00
White, Granville	Fire	360.00			360.00
Scott, Madeline	Fire	345.00			345.00
Brennan, Catherine	Elections	336.75			336.75
Fuschetto, Sara	Community Preservation	336.61			336.61
Melyawati, Lily	Library	335.35			335.35

Name	Department/Position	Regular	OT/Holiday Stipends/Call	Paid Details	Total
Forester, Otis	Parks & Recreation	332.64			332.64
Hartenstine, Russell	Fire	330.00			330.00
Foster, Brian	Fire	270.00			270.00
Dutton, Patrick	Fire	240.00			240.00
Vincent, Kenneth	Board of Health	215.00			215.00
Fauteux, Madison	Parks & Recreation	214.56			214.56
Fielder, Evan	Elections	186.00			186.00
Brust, Callie	Parks & Recreation	179.41			179.41
Forester, Pete	Parks & Recreation	166.32			166.32
Amols, Lisa	Parks & Recreation Committee	166.00			166.00
Bernard, Mark	Parks & Recreation Committee	166.00			166.00
Gatchell, Kyle	Fire	160.00			160.00
Powers, John	Elections	152.50			152.50
Mayhew, Emma	Fire	140.00			140.00
Powers, Linda	Elections	114.00			114.00
Leland, Gregory	Fire	90.00			90.00
Small, David	Parks & Recreation Committee	83.00			83.00
Barnett, Elaine	Elections	60.00			60.00
Hull, Hermine	Elections	50.00			50.00
Kirby, Bernice	Elections	50.00			50.00
Rezendes, Antone H.	Elections	50.00			50.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2023**

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FFY 2023 BUDGET						
General Government						
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00		370.00	370.00		0.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	500.00		500.00	500.00		0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,520.00		1,520.00	1,520.00		0.00
122-5110 Select Board Salaries	15,000.00		15,000.00	10,000.00		5,000.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	181,385.43		181,385.43	179,844.87		1,540.56
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	27,080.00		27,080.00	24,808.34		2,271.66
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00		2,500.00	835.00		1,665.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,352.00		2,352.00	1,274.00		1,078.00
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,810.00		1,810.00	163.00		1,647.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	50,000.00	(29,255.04)	20,744.96			20,744.96
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00		17,000.00	17,000.00		0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	115,562.91		115,562.91	115,550.85		12.06
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,580.00		1,580.00	762.39		817.61
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	168,768.18	(10,000.00)	158,768.18	129,146.74		29,621.44
141-5305 Assessors Legal	20,000.00		20,000.00	2,566.00		17,434.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	24,785.00	10,000.00	34,785.00	22,009.02		12,775.98
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	170,406.25		170,406.25	170,401.24		5.01
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	29,505.00		29,505.00	26,820.51		2,684.49
151-5305 Legal	40,000.00	32,000.00	72,000.00	71,777.87		222.13
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	13,395.80		13,395.80	3,376.01		10,019.79
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00		800.00	250.82		549.18
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	102,262.50		102,262.50	85,243.22	9,500.29	7,518.99
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	5,350.00		5,350.00	1,832.00		3,518.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		150.00	0.00		150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	65,678.43		65,678.43	65,678.43		0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,077.61		372.39
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	5,078.50		5,078.50	1,635.00		3,443.50
162-5700 Elections Expenses	9,900.00		9,900.00	4,802.67		5,097.33
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,580.99		419.01
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	57,601.94		57,601.94	55,184.69		2,417.25
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,180.00		3,180.00	920.56		2,259.44
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	70,932.70		70,932.70	67,505.01		3,427.69
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,145.00		6,145.00	3,875.93		2,269.07
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	83,051.52		83,051.52	81,700.31		1,351.21
176-5305 ZBA Legal	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,511.30		488.70
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	5,925.00	4,000.00	9,925.00	8,888.23		1,036.77
177-5600 MV Commission	166,626.00		166,626.00	166,626.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	16,713.20		16,713.20	16,666.17		47.03
179-5305 AHC Legal	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,953.90		46.10
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,700.00		1,700.00	613.17		1,086.83
182-5120 Energy/Climate Personal Serv	13,258.80		13,258.80	10,694.42		2,564.38
182-5700 Energy/Climate Comm Exp	1,000.00		1,000.00	324.50		675.50
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	136,300.00		136,300.00	102,985.51		33,314.49
193-5700 Property Insurance	131,720.00		131,720.00	131,720.00		0.00
194-5700 Town Electric	44,960.00		44,960.00	44,928.64		31.36
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	11,000.00		11,000.00	9,225.00		1,775.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		250.00	0.00		250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	56,350.00		56,350.00	56,350.00		0.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,904,204.16	6,744.96	1,910,949.12	1,719,799.92	9,500.29	181,648.91
Public Safety						
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,287,012.27		1,287,012.27	1,265,860.38		21,151.89
210-5700 Police Expenses	144,946.00		144,946.00	143,470.38		1,475.62
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	247,822.00	(31,000.00)	216,822.00	216,258.16		563.84
220-5700 Fire Expenses	182,600.00	40,000.00	222,600.00	221,804.10		795.90
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	521,145.42		521,145.42	521,145.42		0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	283,430.60	3,350.00	286,780.60	280,279.99		6,500.61
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	13,025.00		13,025.00	9,311.52		3,713.48
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	37,000.00		37,000.00	36,500.00		500.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	12,410.00		12,410.00	3,892.59		8,517.41
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	87,495.49		87,495.49	64,934.64		22,560.85
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,355.00		8,355.00	5,438.80	1,516.48	1,399.72
293-5120 Herring Warden Pers Serv	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
293-5700 Herring Warden Expenses	1,200.00		1,200.00	875.00		325.00
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	1,200.00		1,200.00	240.00		960.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	13,200.00		13,200.00	900.00		12,300.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	28,296.00		28,296.00	28,296.00		0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	11,600.00		11,600.00	10,643.39		956.61
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	39,000.00		39,000.00	38,000.00		1,000.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	2,925,237.78	12,350.00	2,937,587.78	2,853,350.37	1,516.48	82,720.93
Education						
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	9,331,876.34		9,331,876.34	9,319,877.84		11,998.50
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,029,021.38		3,029,021.38	3,020,124.63		8,896.75
Sub-total : Education	12,360,897.72	0.00	12,360,897.72	12,340,002.47	0.00	20,895.25

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
Public Works						
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	67,000.00		67,000.00	67,000.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	205,540.60	7,200.00	212,740.60	212,702.57		38.03
422-5700 Highway Expenses	81,060.00	13,000.00	94,060.00	93,991.12		68.88
423-5700 Snow & Ice	80,000.00	(13,000.00)	67,000.00	52,820.97		14,179.03
424-5700 Street Lights	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,764.92		735.08
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,470.80		2,470.80	2,416.96		53.84
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	23,500.00		23,500.00	21,654.93		1,845.07
Sub-total : Public Works	462,071.40	7,200.00	469,271.40	452,351.47	0.00	16,919.93
Sanitation						
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00		50.00	0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	8,000.00		8,000.00	8,000.00		0.00
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	5,920.00		5,920.00	3,602.17		2,317.83
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	121,953.96	2,304.04	124,258.00	124,258.00		0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	135,923.96	2,304.04	138,228.00	135,860.17	0.00	2,367.83
Human Services						
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	168,853.40		168,853.40	131,424.97		37,428.43
510-5700 BOH Expenses	16,225.00		16,225.00	11,341.26		4,883.74
522-5700 Health Services	26,000.00		26,000.00	12,299.91		13,700.09
525-5600 Vineyard Health Care Access	60,895.00		60,895.00	60,895.00		0.00
526-5600 Dukes County Social Services	7,225.00		7,225.00	7,225.00		0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	308,915.67		308,915.67	289,693.63		19,222.04
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	19,200.00		19,200.00	12,608.94		6,591.06
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	21,000.00		21,000.00	17,964.90		3,035.10
Sub-total : Human Services	631,314.07	0.00	631,314.07	546,453.61	0.00	84,860.46
Culture & Recreation						
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	614,333.85	12,700.00	627,033.85	627,033.85		0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
610-5700 Library Expenses	277,585.00		277,585.00	277,585.00		0.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00	581.00		249.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	33,814.64		33,814.64	33,773.95		40.69
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,350.29		99.71
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	91,812.42		91,812.42	86,079.36		5,733.06
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	15,925.00		15,925.00	10,846.69		5,078.31
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	17,354.00		17,354.00	5,889.74		11,464.26
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	10,100.00		10,100.00	7,367.31		2,732.69
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,750.00		10,750.00	10,559.71		190.29
690-5700 Historic District	600.00		600.00	0.00		600.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00		350.00	0.00		350.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,078,404.91	12,700.00	1,091,104.91	1,064,566.90	0.00	26,538.01
Debt Service						
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	774,750.00		774,750.00	774,750.00		0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	137,692.00		137,692.00	137,691.88		0.12
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	11,580.00		11,580.00	6,639.23		4,940.77
Sub-total : Debt Service	924,022.00	0.00	924,022.00	919,081.11	0.00	4,940.89
Benefits						
911-5170 County Retirement	593,338.00		593,338.00	593,314.62		23.38
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	17,500.00	951.00	18,451.00	18,451.00		0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	0.00	0.00		0.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	1,008,065.00	(29,000.00)	979,065.00	875,334.26		103,730.74
915-5170 Life Insurance	4,700.00		4,700.00	4,663.16		36.84
916-5170 Employers Medicare	63,000.00		63,000.00	60,593.25		2,406.75
945-5740 Public Official Liability	20,029.00		20,029.00	13,350.00		6,679.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,709,632.00	(31,049.00)	1,678,583.00	1,565,706.29	0.00	112,876.71
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	22,131,708.00	10,250.00	22,141,958.00	21,597,172.31	11,016.77	533,768.92

FY 2023 WARRANT ARTICLES						
ATM2022 05 Dukes City Coomications	39,237.70	39,237.70	38,880.42	357.28		
ATM2022 10 Police Vehicle	35,000.00	35,000.00		35,000.00	0.00	
ATM2022 13 AISC Adult Education	14,240.00	14,240.00	14,240.00		0.00	
ATM2022 14 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	24,000.00		9,595.51	0.00	
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	523,000.00	523,000.00	203,948.32	319,051.68	0.00	
ATM2022 27 County-Building Debt	26,452.80	26,452.80	26,452.80		0.00	
ATM2022 32 MVC Engineering	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00	
ATM2022 33 County-MV Senior Services	72,098.00	72,098.00	72,098.00		0.00	
ATM2022 34 County-CORE	14,378.00	14,378.00	14,378.00		0.00	
ATM2022 35 County-First Stop	1,317.00	1,317.00	1,317.00		0.00	
ATM2022 36 County-Healthy Aging	15,044.00	15,044.00	15,044.00		0.00	
ATM2022 37 County Homeless Prevention	8,095.00	8,095.00	8,095.00		0.00	
ATM2022 38 County-SUD Prevention	7,055.00	7,055.00	7,055.00		0.00	
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	19,200.00	19,200.00		19,200.00	0.00	
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	150,000.00	150,000.00		150,000.00	0.00	
ATM2023 16 Visioning	25,000.00	25,000.00		25,000.00	0.00	
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	35,858.00	35,858.00		35,858.00	0.00	
ATM2023 22 Fire Equip Stab Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00			0.00	
ATM2023 23 Police Hybrid	43,000.00	43,000.00	100,000.00		0.00	
ATM2023 24 Highway Dump Truck	90,000.00	90,000.00		43,000.00	0.00	
ATM2023 25 LCB Dune Lowering	8,000.00	8,000.00			0.00	
ATM2023 27 Unemployment Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
ATM2023 37 County-DCHCA Bldg	28,240.00	28,240.00	3,000.00		0.00	
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	965.00	965.00	28,240.00	965.00	0.00	

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
STM2023 03 PY Arualjo Bros		2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00		0.00
TOTAL FY 2023 WARRANT ARTICLES	794,917.50	505,513.00	1,300,430.50	541,163.03	758,910.19	357.28
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARD						
FY22 Encumbrances						
FY22 Highway Equip Order	1,405.93		1,405.93	1,405.93		0.00
FY22 IT Upgrade Order	4,800.00		4,800.00	4,800.00		0.00
Sub-total : FY2022 Encumbrances	6,205.93		6,205.93	6,205.93	0.00	0.00
Prior Year Warrant Articles						
ATM2021 15 MVEMDA EM Cordanator	5,000.00		5,000.00	1,000.00		4,000.00
ATM2021 34 Assessors Reval	24,000.00		24,000.00	24,000.00		0.00
STM2021 05 UIRSD-WT School	257,370.00		257,370.00	257,370.00		0.00
ATM2022 09 Lamberts Cove Hydrant	114,837.40		114,837.40	91.12	114,746.28	0.00
ATM2022 11 Highway All-Season Machine	126,320.00		126,320.00	126,320.00		0.00
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept Expenses	15,562.50		15,562.50		15,562.50	0.00
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	36,000.00		36,000.00	31,090.00	4,910.00	0.00
ATM2022 28 Building Maintenance	100,000.00		100,000.00		100,000.00	0.00
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete St	470.00		470.00		470.00	0.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater Lines	36,000.00		36,000.00		36,000.00	0.00
ATM2022 40 Chilmark Generator	13,656.69		13,656.69	13,656.69		0.00
STM 10-2020 06 Assessors Revalue	24,000.00		24,000.00	24,000.00		0.00
STM 10-2020 08 Building Maintenance	100,000.00		100,000.00	70,137.86	29,862.14	0.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	4,000.00		4,000.00	727.93	3,272.07	0.00
STM 10-2020 17 Fire Equip/Truck	100,000.00		100,000.00	3,735.00	96,265.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 27 Chilmark School Windows	19,514.00		19,514.00		19,514.00	0.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	19,000.00		19,000.00	12,124.00	6,876.00	0.00
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation	1,330.60		1,330.60		1,330.60	0.00
ATM2019 08 Building Maintenance	5,573.97		5,573.97	5,573.97		0.00

	Balance Forward as of 07/01/2022	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Forward 06/30/2023	Surplus Revenue 06/30/2023
ATM2019 18 Assessor Revaluation	245.62		245.62	245.62		0.00
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	19,201.04		19,201.04		19,201.04	0.00
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	1,526.00		1,526.00		1,526.00	0.00
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	731.96		731.96		731.96	0.00
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstones	440.00		440.00		440.00	0.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	4,050.00		4,050.00		4,050.00	0.00
ATM2019 37 Permitting Software	4,166.40		4,166.40			0.00
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	29,936.73		29,936.73	4,166.40	29,936.73	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	1,062,932.91		1,062,932.91	574,238.59	484,694.32	4,000.00
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS	1,069,138.84	0.00	1,069,138.84	580,444.52	484,694.32	4,000.00
FY 2023 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS						
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,323.00		3,323.00	3,323.00		0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	136,336.00		136,336.00	136,336.00		0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,020.00		5,020.00	5,080.00		(60.00)
830-5600 County Assessment	65,896.00		65,896.00	41,651.68		24,244.32
TOTAL FY 2023 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	210,575.00	0.00	210,575.00	186,390.68	0.00	24,184.32

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of 30 June 2023
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects		Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	4,072,661.01	2,940,704.93		2,127,924.17		9,141,290.11
Investments						0.00
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	9,948.49					9,948.49
Real estate taxes	148,666.93	4,031.21				152,698.14
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(189,038.68)					(189,038.68)
Tax liens	1,832.98					1,832.98
Motor vehicle excise	105,353.59					105,353.59
Other receivables		31,296.06				31,296.06
Foreclosures/Possessions	75,063.66	257.98				75,321.64
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					4,515,136.00	4,515,136.00
Amounts to be provided - landfill postclosure costs					42,000.00	42,000.00
	4,224,487.98	2,976,290.18	0.00	2,127,924.17	4,557,136.00	13,885,838.33
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants payable						0.00
Accounts payable	310,654.53	165,180.77		5,811.22		481,646.52
Accrued payroll	164,467.66	177.49		15,690.00		180,335.15

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			
Deferred Revenue						
Real and						
personal property taxes	(30,423.26)	4,031.21				(26,392.05)
Tax liens	1,832.98					1,832.98
Tax foreclosures	75,063.66	257.98				75,321.64
Motor vehicle excise	105,353.59					105,353.59
Other Receivables		31,296.06				31,296.06
Prepaid taxes/fees	15,479.85					15,479.85
Tailings	34,190.27			72,869.78		34,190.27
Agency Funds						72,869.78
Notes payable					435,136.00	435,136.00
Bonds payable					4,080,000.00	4,080,000.00
Closed landfill future costs					42,000.00	42,000.00
	676,619.28	200,943.51	0.00	94,371.00	4,557,136.00	5,529,069.79
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	11,016.77					11,016.77
Reserved for expenditures	750,000.00					750,000.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,243,604.51	1,360,965.38				2,604,569.89
Reserved for premiums	9,905.00					9,905.00
Undesignated fund balance	1,533,342.42	1,414,381.29		2,033,553.17		4,981,276.88
	3,547,868.70	2,775,346.67	0.00	2,033,553.17	0.00	8,356,768.54
	4,224,487.98	2,976,290.18	0.00	2,127,924.17	4,557,136.00	13,885,838.33

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS BY FUND
as of June 2023

GENERAL FUND

Assets/Debit Balances		Liabilities/Fund Equity
Cash	4,072,661.01	
Real Estate Tax Receivables	148,666.93	Allowance Abatements & Exemptions
Personal Property Tax Receivables	9,948.49	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable
Tax Liens	1,832.98	Warrants Payable/Payroll
MVE Tax Receivables	105,353.59	Payroll Withholdings
Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66	Prepaid Taxes/FY 2024 RE Tax
Fund Balance/Appropriation Deficit		Unclaimed Checks
		Deferred Revenue/Property Taxes
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Liens
		Deferred Revenue/Tax Foreclosures
		Deferred Revenue/MVE
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances
		Fund Balance/Continuing Appropriations
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Expenditure
		Fund Balance/Reserved for
		Unamort Bond Premium
		Undesignated Fund Balance
	<hr/> 4,413,526.66	9,905.00
		<hr/> 1,533,342.42
		<hr/> 4,413,526.66

SPECIAL REVENUE

Cash on Deposit	2,940,704.93	Warrants Payable/Payroll	177.49
CPA Surcharge Receivables	4,031.21	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	165,180.77
CPA Surcharge Tax Liens Receivables	0.00	Deferred Revenue CPA Surcharge	4,031.21
CPA - Tax Foreclosures	257.98	Deferred Revenue CPA Tax Liens	0.00
Septic Loans Receivables	31,296.06	Deferred Revenue CPA Foreclosures	257.98
		Deferred Revenue-Septic Loans	31,296.06
		Fund Balances CPA:	
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Appropriations	1,360,965.38
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	0.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Open Space	41,000.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Housing	34,081.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Historic Preserv	0.00
		Fund Balance/Unrestricted	809,956.43
		Fund Balances:	
		MED Project (Police)	4,124.21
		State Grant Mass Trails	(115,000.00)
		State Highway Chapter 90	(145,893.31)
		State Highway WRAP	30,870.87
		State Regional Cultural Council	79,351.59
		MV Fire Training Council Grant	25,482.67
		COVID Mass Assm Health Boards	9,305.00
		Federal ARPA CLFRF	284,874.10
		State Veterans Benefits COLA	474.00
		State TNC Receipts Reserved	1,318.10

	2,976,290.18		
State Elderly Persons			1,528.05
State EPM Grant			10,028.50
State Aid to Libraries			36,394.15
WT Library Foundation Gift			36,309.06
Library Friends Grant			29,682.24
Sale of Cemetery Plots Reserved			124,110.65
Septic Systems Repair			63,745.52
Wetlands Protection			41,821.71
Revolving Fund/Wetlands By-Law Fees			2,965.00
Gift			5,009.75
Gift Fund-Council on Aging Designated			2,842.00
			<u>2,976,290.18</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash	0.00	Warrant Payable	0.00
		Balance Authorized for Highway Building	0.00
		Balance Authorized for Highway Truck	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	65,333.45	Fund Balance/Cemetery Funds	59,790.00
		Fund Balance/Library Funds	5,543.45
	<u>65,333.45</u>		<u>65,333.45</u>

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	1,968,219.72	Warrants Payable	0.00
		Fund Balance/Stabilization	545,361.30
		Fund Balance/Stabilization-Ambulance	60,674.07
		Fund Balance/Stabilization-Bldg Maint	15,516.67
		Fund Balance/Stabilization-Fire Department	208,089.78
		Fund Balance/Terminated Emp Reserve	88,535.02
		Fund Balance/Unemployment Compensation	3,018.73
		Fund Balance/Cemeteries	9,102.60
		Fund Balance/Affordable Housing Trust	948,205.48
		Fund Balance/Libraries	22,222.07
		Fund Balance/Conservation	67,494.00
	<u>1,968,219.72</u>		<u>1,968,219.72</u>

AGENCY

Cash	94,371.00	Warrants Payable/Payroll Payable	15,690.00
		Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	5,811.22
		Agency Balance/Payroll	712.45
		Agency Balance/Police Details	0.00
		Agency Balance/Deputy Collector	12,186.71
		Agency Balance/Licenses Town Clerk	(57.60)
		Agency Balance/Police Firearms to State	700.00
		Agency Balance/Escrow Account	53,164.48
		Agency Balance/Consultants(44-53G)	6,070.74

			Agency Balance/School PPA due CVEC	0.00
			Agency Balance/Due to Other Libraries	93.00
				<hr/> 94,371.00
LONG TERM DEBT/OBLIGATIONS				
Bonds Authorized			Bond Authorized and Unissued	0.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Long Term Obligations	0.00		Bonds Payable	4,695,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Retirement of Short Term Obligations	4,695,000.00		Landfill Closure & Post Closure Costs	49,000.00
Amts to be Provided for Landfill Post Closure Costs	644,886.00		BANS Payable	644,886.00
	49,000.00			

SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

	Balance 06/30/2022	Issued FY 2023	Retired FY 2023	Balance 06/30/2023	Interest Paid FY 2023
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
Town Hall Renovation	1,620,000.00		235,000.00	1,385,000.00	52,134.38
Library Renovation	700,000.00		100,000.00	600,000.00	17,275.00
Police Station Construction	1,445,000.00		125,000.00	1,320,000.00	46,350.00
Reconstruction of Roads	930,000.00		155,000.00	775,000.00	21,932.50
Total - Long Term Debt	4,695,000.00	0.00	615,000.00	4,080,000.00	137,691.88
<u>Short Term Debt</u>					
Highway Garage	314,886.00		70,750.00	235,136.00	6,280.23
Scott's Grove Affordable Housing Project	250,000.00		50,000.00	200,000.00	1,121.88
Fire Department Pumper Truck	80,000.00		80,000.00	0.00	359.00
Total - Short Term Debt	644,886.00	0.00	209,750.00	435,136.00	7,761.11
<u>Bonds Authorized and Unissued</u>					
	Unissued 06/30/2022	Authorized FY 2023	Issued FY 2023	Unissued 06/30/2023	
Library HVAC System Replacement	0.00	1,200,000.00	0.00	1,200,000.00	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2024 BUDGET			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	185.00	185.00
114-5305 Moderator Legal	500.00	0.00	500.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,820.00	40.00	1,780.00
122-5110 Select Board Salaries	11,042.00	5,000.00	6,042.00
122-5120 Select Board Pers Serv	212,245.74	94,453.20	117,792.54
122-5700 Select Board Expenses	35,338.00	13,112.43	22,225.57
124-5120 Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,128.20	340.45	1,787.75
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,930.00	244.50	1,685.50
132-5700 Reserve Fund	54,534.00	0.00	54,534.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	134,096.71	59,857.92	74,238.79
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	2,030.00	50.00	1,980.00
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	187,513.38	76,822.87	110,690.51
141-5305 Assessors Legal	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	35,650.00	15,439.35	20,210.65
145-5120 Treasurer Pers Serv	200,736.02	88,939.48	111,796.54
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	29,900.00	7,685.34	22,214.66
151-5305 Legal	75,000.00	26,530.34	48,469.66
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	15,393.21	1,646.23	13,746.98
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00	0.00	800.00
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	110,190.00	70,029.26	40,160.74
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	5,000.00	1,677.00	3,323.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	76,212.14	38,106.09	38,106.05
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,285.00	1,132.50	152.50
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	4,956.00	0.00	4,956.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	11,600.00	0.00	11,600.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	300.00	75.00	225.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	66,190.79	28,429.59	37,761.20
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,180.00	595.43	2,584.57
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	81,509.26	37,221.86	44,287.40
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,145.00	1,265.41	4,879.59
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	86,004.66	39,516.96	46,487.70
176-5305 ZBA Legal	40,000.00	15,938.25	24,061.75
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	8,950.00	3,905.80	5,044.20
177-5600 MV Commission	205,088.00	205,088.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	34,557.60	12,077.24	22,480.36
179-5305 AHC Legal	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	3,200.00	85.07	3,114.93
182-5120 Energy/Climate Pers Serv	15,231.96	3,857.18	11,374.78
182-5700 Energy/Climate Com Exp	1,000.00	149.10	850.90
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	142,700.00	34,979.98	107,720.02
193-5700 Property Insurance	155,466.00	155,466.00	0.00
194-5700 Town Electric	47,860.00	7,972.70	39,887.30
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	60,525.00	60,169.00	356.00
Sub-total : General Government	2,240,278.67	1,115,334.53	1,124,944.14
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,480,970.26	612,335.96	868,634.30
210-5700 Police Expenses	150,420.00	100,966.91	49,453.09
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	277,925.22	113,373.60	164,551.62
220-5700 Fire Expenses	200,350.00	115,916.79	84,433.21
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	586,558.91	586,558.91	0.00
235-5600 Communications MVPCSC	34,701.97	0.00	34,701.97
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	354,885.25	147,888.09	206,997.16
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	16,235.00	5,860.63	10,374.37
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	43,000.00	19,000.00	24,000.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	13,060.00	2,303.36	10,756.64
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	97,479.06	35,792.80	61,686.26
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,355.00	3,069.42	5,285.58
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	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	33,104.96	14,885.99	18,218.97
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	11,900.00	2,642.37	9,257.63
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	3,368,645.63	1,802,344.83	1,566,300.80
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	9,400,895.01	4,700,447.51	4,700,447.50
313-5600 MVRHS District	3,396,970.22	1,698,485.10	1,698,485.12
Sub-total : Education	12,797,865.23	6,398,932.61	6,398,932.62
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	74,500.00	37,250.00	37,250.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	250,063.64	114,443.90	135,619.74
422-5700 Highway Expenses	87,620.00	17,602.26	70,017.74
423-5700 Snow & Ice	85,000.00	0.00	85,000.00
424-5700 Street Lights	3,200.00	1,354.30	1,845.70
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,123.20	0.00	3,123.20
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	26,500.00	9,600.00	16,900.00
Sub-total : Public Works	530,006.84	180,250.46	349,756.38
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town LDO Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town LDO Intergov	8,000.00	444.39	7,555.61

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
433-5700 Town LDO Expenses	5,920.00	313.03	5,606.97
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	125,512.00	62,756.00	62,756.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	139,482.00	63,513.42	75,968.58
Human Services			
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	188,780.24	49,463.85	139,316.39
510-5700 BOH Expenses	29,100.89	4,887.37	24,213.52
522-5700 Health Services	26,000.00	1,867.77	24,132.23
525-5600 DC Health Care Access	63,771.00	31,885.50	31,885.50
526-5600 DC Public Benefits Access	6,541.00	6,541.00	0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	22,000.00	7,960.54	14,039.46
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	353,855.05	155,660.58	198,194.47
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	20,900.00	3,387.48	17,512.52
Sub-total : Human Services	743,571.38	272,754.09	470,817.29
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	756,132.83	361,714.54	394,418.29
610-5700 Library Expenses	278,700.00	150,448.89	128,251.11
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	332.00	498.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	44,834.58	23,319.16	21,515.42
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,950.00	544.96	1,405.04
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	97,005.25	81,522.77	15,482.48
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	18,925.00	3,916.91	15,008.09
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	18,193.68	7,158.24	11,035.44
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	10,900.00	2,711.51	8,188.49
650-5700 Town Grounds	10,250.00	5,529.36	4,720.64
690-5700 Historic District	350.00	0.00	350.00
691-5700 Historical Commission	600.00	0.00	600.00
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	1,242,171.34	640,698.34	601,473.00
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	790,000.00	490,000.00	300,000.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	121,032.50	63,860.00	57,172.50
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	73,006.75	0.00	73,006.75
Sub-total : Debt Service	984,039.25	553,860.00	430,179.25
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	660,009.00	660,009.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	19,000.00	16,011.00	2,989.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	1,041,680.00	467,627.85	574,052.15
915-5170 Life Insurance	5,200.00	2,344.50	2,855.50
916-5170 Employers Medicare	74,887.00	35,080.81	39,806.19
945-5740 Public Official Liability	13,350.00	11,581.00	1,769.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,814,126.00	1,192,654.16	621,471.84
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	23,860,186.34	12,220,342.44	11,639,843.90
FY 2024 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,379.00	1,692.00	1,687.00
821-5600 State-RTA	139,744.00	69,876.00	69,868.00

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	5,080.00	2,544.00	2,536.00
830-5600 County Assessment	66,969.00	33,492.50	33,476.50
TOTAL FY 2024 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	215,172.00	107,604.50	107,567.50

FY 2024 WARRANT ARTICLES

ATM2023 18 AISC			
Adult Continuing Ed	14,240.00	14,240.00	0.00
ATM2023 10 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	304.49	23,695.51
ATM2023 28 MVC Engineering	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
ATM2023 41 County-MV Senior Serv	81,527.00	40,763.50	40,763.50
ATM2023 40 County-SUD Prevention	6,861.00	6,861.00	0.00
ATM2023 42 County-CORE	14,366.00	14,366.00	0.00
ATM2023 36 County-DC Supplementa	5,052.60	0.00	5,052.60
ATM2023 38 County-Healthy Aging MV	16,910.00	16,910.00	0.00
ATM2023 39 County-Homeless Prevention	8,411.00	8,411.00	0.00
ATM2023 43 County Building Debt	25,851.60	25,851.60	0.00
ATM2023 44 Compensated Bal Reserve	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 27 Unemployment Ins Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
ATM2023 05 Scale Adj Uanallocated	3,126.27	0.00	3,126.27
STM11-23 06 Opioid Stab Fund	5,146.91	0.00	5,146.91
TOTAL FY 2024 WARRANT ARTICLES	253,492.38	160,707.59	92,784.79

PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS

FY2023 Encumbrances			
FY23 Permitting Modules	7,298.40	0.00	7,298.40
FY23 IT Upgrade Order	1,950.00	731.25	1,218.75
FY23 Office Furniture	1,516.48	0.00	1,516.48
FY23 IT Toner Order	251.89	251.89	0.00
Sub-total : FY2023 Encumbrances	11,016.77	983.14	10,033.63
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2018 11 Fire Command Vehicle	731.96	0.00	731.96
ATM2019 12 Cemetery Headstones	440.00	0.00	440.00
ATM2019 36 Personnel Study	4,050.00	0.00	4,050.00
ATM2020 10 LDO Improvements	19,201.04	0.00	19,201.04
ATM2020 13 TNC Transportation	1,526.00	0.00	1,526.00
STM 10-2020 08 Building Maint	29,862.14	29,862.14	0.00
STM 10-2020 09 Town Events	3,272.07	744.87	2,527.20
STM 10-2020 17 Fire Equip/Truck	96,265.00	0.00	96,265.00
STM 10-2020 27 Chilmark School Windows	19,514.00	0.00	19,514.00
STM 10-2020 13 School Speed Sign	6,876.00	0.00	6,876.00
ATM2021 11 TNC Transportation	1,330.60	0.00	1,330.60

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
ATM2022 09 Lamberts Cove Hydrant	114,746.28	0.00	114,746.28
ATM2022 22 Shellfish Dept Supplies	15,562.50	0.00	15,562.50
ATM2022 26 Tax Billing Conversion	4,910.00	0.00	4,910.00
ATM2022 28 Building Maintenance	100,000.00	96,574.49	3,425.51
ATM2022 30 TNC Complete St	470.00	0.00	470.00
ATM2022 31 Hatchery Seawater Lines	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00
ATM2022 10 Police Vehicle	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
ATM2022 14 Assessors Revaluation	9,595.51	9,595.51	0.00
ATM2022 19 Howes House Design	319,051.68	78,340.00	240,711.68
ATM2023 08 Tree Planting	19,200.00	0.00	19,200.00
ATM2023 11 Building Maintenance	150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
ATM2023 16 Visioning	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
ATM2023 21 WT School Chargers	35,858.00	0.00	35,858.00
ATM2023 23 Police Cruiser	43,000.00	0.00	43,000.00
ATM2023 24 Highway DumpTruck	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00
ATM2023 25 Beach Dune lowering	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
ATM2023 37 County-DCHCA Bldg	28,240.00	28,240.00	0.00
ATM2023 46 Transportation Projects	965.00	0.00	965.00
Road Reconstruction ATM 2012	29,936.73	0.00	29,936.73
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	1,243,604.51	243,357.01	1,000,247.50
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR			
BALANCE FORWARDS	1,254,621.28	244,340.15	1,010,281.13

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

JUNE 30, 2023

To the Select Board and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Town began the fiscal year with \$4,695,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt; we retired \$615,000 in principal, so the year ended with \$4,080,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt. In addition, we paid down \$209,750 on our short-term debt, so rolled \$435,136 into the following fiscal year. The town also shares responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the county, school and refuse districts. I invite you to review the annual report of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee for a projection of future capital spending, including projected borrowing.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue
Treasurer/Collector

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT

ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022:	\$7,914,393.65
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RECEIPTS:

Total Receipts	25,022,261.07
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)	

EXPENDITURES:

Orders of Select Board	(23,797,306.78)	
Less Voided Checks	1,942.17	
Net Expenditures:		(23,795,364.61)

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT

ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023:	\$9,141,290.11
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**REPORT OF ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2023**

CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE: **\$15,779.85**

CHECKING ACCOUNT: **\$34,466.93**

SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:

Deputy Collector	\$11,923.87
Library Online Purchases	975.19
Library Postage	300.05
Permitting/Licensing	10,090.22
Tax Revenue Lockbox	90.01
Town Hall Online Purchases	922.54

SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS: **\$24,301.88**

MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:

Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$952,113.78
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	60,674.07
Bond Proceeds	1,098.56
Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund	15,516.67
Community Preservation Fund	2,395,665.52
Conservation Fund	67,494.00
Escrow Account (Projects)	53,155.46
EV Charger Receipts	1,692.44
Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund	208,089.78
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,240.80
ICS Investment	3,978,366.95
Investment Money Market	453,588.39
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	290.86
Library Gift Fund	40,173.66
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	81,657.59
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	62,706.02
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,721.81
Project Review/53G Account	9,666.75
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	545,361.30
Terminated Employees	
Compensated Absence	122,502.53
Unemployment Compensation Fund	3,018.73
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	4,945.78

SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS: **\$9,066,741.45**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS: **\$9,141,290.11**

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2022	\$293,627.22
Tax Commitments Added	19,323,044.49
Tax Payments Received	(19,543,365.23)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	79,391.66
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	152,698.14

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2022	14,004.98
Tax Commitments Added	195,763.21
Tax Payments Received	(200,108.21)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	288.51
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	9,948.49

MOTOR VEHICLE/EXCISE TAXES

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2022	69,960.33
Tax Commitments Added	995,015.56
Tax Payments Received	(952,823.43)
Abatements/Exemptions/Refunds	(6,798.87)
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	105,353.59

TAX TITLE/LIEN PAYMENTS

Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2022	11,328.71
Taxes Transferred to Tax Title	23,336.19
Tax Lien Payments Received	(32,831.92)
Disclaimed/Foreclosed/Other	0.00
Tax Receivables Balance at 6/30/2023	1,832.98

TOTAL RECEIVABLES AT 6/30/2023:	\$269,833.20
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INTEREST AND FEE REVENUE RECEIVED

Real Estate Interest/Fees	63,114.32
Personal Property Interest/Fees	2,090.05
Excise Interest/Fees	18,802.59
Tax Title/Lien Interest/Fees	5,032.27

TOTAL INTEREST/FEE:	\$89,039.23
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REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Hello Again,

2023 was a ‘quiet’ year for Tree Warden duties. I did less than 6 site visits, and about 6 removals or pruning, and I received about 40 phone calls. I am getting more calls about trees on private property. Just a reminder; I can help you with questions about trees on your property, but you will be responsible for getting the work done yourself. You also may need to check with the Planning Board, the Historic District Commission or your Road Association to find out if you can remove them. Also, trees along State Road and the Edgartown Road are under the jurisdiction of the state, who I work closely with, but they have final decision.

The new Tree Council is going strong. We meet almost every month, and they are a group of wonderful, passionate tree people. We have picked a tree planting day, Saturday April 27th, 2024, the day after Arbor Day and will be looking for volunteers to come help plant. These are the trees that you voted for last year at Annual Town Meeting.

As always, thank you to the town departments who work with me to deal with the issues that come up; The Highway Department and the West Tisbury Police Department and other officers who work details to keep the roads safe. And thanks to the local tree companies for their time providing bids and getting the actual hard work done.

As always, 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

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

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 Yuliya Bilzerian (Tisbury) and Jim Davin (Tisbury) to our squad. They have been a great addition to the team.
- This year construction finished on our new headquarters, in Chilmark. We are moved in and operating out of the new station, and are very happy with it.
- During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight for breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon.

This year was a more traditional year for our call volume, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2022:

Total Ambulance Runs: 421

- West Tisbury: **233** Ambulance Runs (55.35% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **208**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **22**
 - Fire Standby: **3**
- Chilmark: **127** Ambulance Runs (30.16% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **119**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **7**
 - Fire Standby: **1**
- Aquinnah: **46** Ambulance runs (8.12% of the total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **46**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **0**
 - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid and Non Emergent Transport calls: **14** Ambulance Runs (3.32% of the total ambulance runs)

Tri-Town Ambulance would like to thank its Committee members for their continued service and guidance. The committee is comprised of one selectman from each of the three towns as well the medical director from MVH. The committee members are as follows:

- West Tisbury- Selectman Cynthia E. Mitchell
- Chilmark- Selectman Marie Larsen

- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman, (Chairperson)
- Medical Control- Dr. Karen Casper

We would like to thank the following organizations/people for their continued support over the past year. Without these organizations, we would not be able to provide the highest level of patient care to the people of Tri-Town.

- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Fire Departments
- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Police Departments
- The Dukes County Sheriff's Department:
Communication Center Dispatchers
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital –
Emergency Department Personnel, Pharmacy Personnel
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

Without the members of the squad, Tri-Town Ambulance would not function. These EMTs make themselves available year-round to ensure that the people of their community receive high quality medical care in a timely manner. Please join us in our deep admiration and gratitude for the following:

Full Time Staff:

Benjamin Retmier-Chief
Matthew Montanile-Deputy Chief
Jason Blandini
Trulayna Rose
Eamon Solway
Belinda Booker
Allison Grazcykowski

EMT-Paramedics:

Tracey Jones
Haley Krauss
Heather McElhinney
Bradley Carroll
Nisa Webster
Traci Cooney

EMT-Basics:

Meg Athearn
Randhi Belain
Robyn Maciel
Simon Bollin
Jonathan Brudnick
Adele Anderson
Jim Davin
Diane Demoe
Jason Davey
Dawn Gompert
Amanda Gonsalves
Bruce Haynes
Jennifer Haynes
Phil Hollinger
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter
Paul Manning
David Marinelli
Emma Mayhew

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Retmier
Ambulance Chief

REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Select Board:

Councils on Aging in Massachusetts were first created in 1956. **The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center aka Howes House** 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 folks who are 55 years of age and over. Further, the COA promotes the well-being of all Up-Island residents. 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.

Demographics

**State of Massachusetts: 22.9% of the population is 60 years of age & older
Year-round & seasonal population:**

West Tisbury: 42 % (1,393 people) of the population is 60 years of age & older

Chilmark: 53% (628 people) of the population is 60 years of age & older

Aquinnah: 48% (247 people) of the population is 60 years of age & older

Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2023

(West Tisbury -WT), (Chilmark- C), Aquinnah- A)

Approximately 810 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older received direct service and/or participated in our programs in 2023.

DIRECT SERVICE PROGRAMS

Information and referral (WT- 440, C- 110, A- 21)

Nutrition Programs

Surplus Food Distribution/Meals on Wheels/congregate lunch, Holiday meal delivery, holiday luncheons, Island Grown Initiative (frozen meals and soups to-go) (WT– 27, C- 16, A– 7)

SHINE Program (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) The **SHINE Program** provides free unbiased health insurance counseling information and assistance to MA residents with Medicare, their caregivers and those approaching Medicare eligibility.

(WT- 98, C- 44, A- 13) The COA Director & Assistant Director are certified SHINE counselors.

File of Life (medical info. cards) (WT- 8, C– 10, A– 6)

Housing Assistance (WT-5, C- 3, A-1)
 Transportation – Go Go Grandparent/COA staff assisted transport, Regional Transit Authority VTA Passes) (WT-11, C-10, A -6)
 Durable Medical Equipment Loans (WT- 29, C- 14, A- 7)
 Case Management (WT- 35, C- 18, A- 6)
 Legal Assistance (WT- 30, C- 2, A- 2)
 Client Support (assistance with errands, companionship & socialization) (WT- 9, C- 7, A- 5)
 Fuel Assistance (WT- 10, C- 5, A-6)
 Notary Public Services (WT- 37, C- 13 A- 5)
 Telephone Reassurance Calls (WT- 13, C- 7, A- 7)
 Food Stamps (WT- 9, C- 6, A- 5)
 Fish (M.V. Bluefish Derby) (WT- 25, C- 13, A- 7)
 Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners) (WT-18, C-8, A- 7)
 AARP Tax Preparer Assistance (WT- 11, C- 5, A- 3)
 TRI (The Resource Inc.) presentation (WT- 3), (C-1) (A- 3)
 Home Safety Modification Program (WT- 8, C- 2, A- 1)

Wellness Programs

Strength Training Class (remote), fitness class, Yoga Class (remote) (WT- 29, C- 17, A- 3)
 Parkinson's Support Group (WT- 4 , C- 2)
 Pedi-Care Clinic (WT- 1, C- 4, A- 2)

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 Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as caregivers for at-risk family members. The Outreach Program served 62 (WT- 42, C- 15, A- 7) up-island seniors in 2023.

UPICOA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is appointed by the Select Boards representing the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The Board consists of nine voting members, three each from the participating towns.

Formula Grants

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging was awarded \$32,718.00 for FY '24 for the following:

Program development/support
 Defray utility costs

Defray transportation costs (staff & client transportation)
Office supplies, equipment & furnishings
Professional Development

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is a non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$8,550.00 in 2023, for the following:

- * Special Programs Support
- * Grounds Maintenance

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/utility costs (\$8,750 – WT- 7, C- 2, A- 3), food gift cards (\$6,750.00 – WT- 10, C- 2, A- 3), purchase VTA bus passes (\$240.00 – WT- 3, C- 2) and gift cards for island pharmacies \$1,800.00 (WT- 4, C- 1), totaling \$17,335.00. The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Coordinator.

In closing, on behalf of the COA Staff I would like to thank our volunteers, program leaders and taxpayers for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Albertine, Director

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Select Board:

The Zoning Board of Appeals held 85 hearings and acted on 55 applications in 2023.

Case File 2023-01 *Sig Van Raan, 90 Music St., Map 32 Lot 25.3*

On January 5, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted to GRANT a Special Permit with conditions to allow the construction of a 24'x22' two-car garage with a second-floor wet studio (toilet and sink) requiring 9 ft. of side yard setback relief AND to construct a 20'x26' living room extension plus the installation of solar panels on the garage/studio, addition and house.

Case File 2023-02 *Eliot Coutts, 65 Longview Rd., Map 7 Lot 79*

On January 5, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a covered porch with attached deck requiring 11 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-03 *Nancy Kirby, 90 Campbell Rd., Map 32 Lot 6*

On January 5, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of an 18'x40' inground swimming pool and an 8'x10' equipment shed.

Case File 2023-04 *Vineyard Hangar G, LLC, Hangar Road South, Map 28 Lot 1.15*

On January 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with conditions to allow the construction of a 15,000 sq. ft. hangar located at Martha's Vineyard Airport to garage eight (8) small aircraft with space for two (2) automobiles [each].

Case File 2023-05 *Myron Garfinkle RE: 140 Sarita Walker Rd., Map 38 Lot 7.1*

On January 19, the ZBA voted to DENY the Appeal made by Myron Garfinkle of a December 5, 2022, determination made by the Inspector of Buildings concerning the application for four (4) foundation only permits for 140 Sarita Walker Rd., Map 38 Lots 7.1 and 7.12.

Case File 2023-06 *Shelyn Garcia, 560 State Rd., Map 16 Lot 61*

On February 2, the ZBA voted to DENY a Modification to the conditions of Special Permit #2017-07 and determined the conditions as stated should stand.

Case File 2023-07 *Vineyard Preservation Trust, 1067 State Rd., Map 32 Lot 66*

On February 23, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the increase in the degree and intensity of the non-conforming use of the Grange Hall.

Case File 2023-08 *South Mountain Company, Inc., 20 Rock Pond Rd., Map 10 Lot 200*

On March 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a request for a modification of the previously issued comprehensive permit, solely for the purpose of removing the 3.17-acre parcel identified on the site plans.

Case File 2023-09 *Farley J. Pedler, 50 Dr. Fisher Rd., Map 21 Lot 13.2*

On March 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of an 18'x44' inground fiberglass pool with an automatic cover and electric heat pump.

Case File 2023-10 *Wyatt Hamilton, 193 Otis Bassett Rd., Map 17 Lot 48*

On March 2, the ZBA voted to DENY a Special Permit that would have allowed the transport of logs to his property on Tuesdays and Thursdays only; and would have allowed splitting wood Monday thru Friday on some rain/snow days only, Dec. thru Mar., 8am-3:30pm.

Case File 2023-11 *Annie Parr, 5 Murphy's Rd., Map 32 Lot 4*

On March 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow a 20"x20"x1" sign for a home occupation.

Case File 2023-12 *Middle Point Bend, LLC, 216 Middle Point Rd., Map 39 Lots 7 and 8*

On March 16, 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 14.5'x50' inground swimming pool and an 8'x13' spa (both with automatic covers), and a pool equipment shed.

Case File 2023-13 *Bruce C. Haynes, 32 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 29 Lot 40*

On March 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 26'x21' pole-mounted dual-axis solar array requiring 7'10" of front yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-14 *Blu Water Capital, LLC, 71 Airport Rd., Map 28 Lot 1*

On March 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the operation of a seasonal, mixed food/retail concession at the Martha's Vineyard Airport in an 11'x11' unconditioned area exclusive to guests departing aboard commercial aircraft (with products to be warehoused on the premises), Memorial Day through Columbus Day, 10am-6pm.

Case File 2023-15 *Peter Bostock Family Trust, 10 Edson Forest Rd., Map 25 Lot 4.2*

On March 30, the ZBA voted to DENY an application to install a 5'8"L x 35"W x 30"H Japanese soaking tub and an 11'x11' deck with 28 ft. of side yard setback relief, finding that the incursion into the setbacks would have a material detrimental effect upon the established and future character of the neighborhood and town.

Case File 2023-16 *Maria and Bruce Bullen, 89 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.68*

On April 27, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Variance to allow the conversion of

100 sq. ft. of non-habitable space to habitable space, expanding a pre-existing non-conforming detached bedroom, finding that literal enforcement of the detached bedroom bylaw would cause undue financial and personal hardship.

Case File 2023-17 *Troy and Kimberly Stanfield, 140 Sarita Walker Rd., Map 38 Lot 7.1*

On May 11, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the alteration of an existing use of a pre-existing, non-conforming structure from a 1,440 sq. ft., 34 ft. high, non-habitable Horse Barn to a new 643 sq. ft., 18 ft. high Wellness Studio Barn.

Case File 2023-18 *Casey Decker, 625 Edgartown Rd., Map 31 Lot 28*

On May 11, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 641.7 sq. ft. ground-mounted solar array requiring 40' of rear yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-19 *Peter M. and Jenny Brody, 62 Ophelia Way, Map 11 Lot 44*

On March 30, the ZBA voted to DENY an application to install a 5'8"L x 35"W x 30"H Japanese soaking tub and an 11'x11' deck with 28 ft. of side yard setback relief, finding that the incursion into the setbacks would have a material detrimental effect upon the established and future character of the neighborhood and town.

Case File 2023-20 *FFD Enterprises MA, Inc., 510 State Rd., Map 16 Lot 101*

On June 8, the ZBA voted to GRANT an Amendment to Special Permit #2022-39 allowing Sunday hours from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm starting in 2023 upon approval and ending at close of business on October 1; and then in subsequent years starting on June 1 and ending at close of business on October 1.

Case File 2023-21 *Robert W. and Melissa H. Scammell, 219 Charles Neck Way, Map 36 Lot 37*

On June 22, 2023, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 24'x32' non-habitable, detached accessory structure (garage and wood workshop space) with 31 feet of side yard setback relief on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot.

Case File 2023-22 *Vera Cacique, 105 Charles Neck Way, Map 29 Lot 64*

On June 22, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the operation of a service business (carpentry, landscaping & house cleaning), with three (3) standard size pickup trucks and two (2) 14,000 lb. dump trucks.

Case File 2023-23 *Vera Cacique, 105 Charles Neck Way, Map 29 Lot 64*

On June 22, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 36'x27' (1,944 sq. ft.) two-story garage for storing equipment no longer requiring 15 feet of front yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-24 *David Horwich, 126 Naushon Rd., Map 1 Lot 17*

On June 22, the ZBA voted to DENY an Appeal and Uphold the Building

Inspector's determination, but reduced the time penalty from two years to twenty (20) days and also voted to GRANT a Special Permit allowing the temporary use of two RVs during the construction period beyond the one year already granted by the Zoning Inspector and voted to GRANT a Special Permit allowing the replacement of the non-conforming front entry steps by approx. 85 sq. ft. with 20 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-25 *Ryan Begley, 140 Old Holmes Hole Rd., Map 16 Lot 3.5*

On July 6, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the operation of a home occupation (custom tattoo studio) with a small (less than 24") sign next to studio door.

Case File 2023-26 *Benjamin and Thorunn Zimmerman, 380 Lamberts Cove Rd., Map 7 Lot 57*

On July 20, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the installation of an 8'x14' pre-cast concrete Soake Pool with cover.

Case File 2023-27 *Jessica and Michael Holtham, 575 Edgartown Rd., Map 31 Lot 34.1*

On July 20, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 765 sq. ft. 2-car garage with a 740 sq. ft. storage area above requiring 35 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-28 *Middle Point Bend, LLC, 216 Middle Point Rd., Map 39 Lots 7 and 8*

On August 3, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction a 22'x22' (484sf) detached single-story garage.

Case File 2023-29 *Zachary and Layla J. Stedman, 9 Old House Way, Map 7 Lot 106*

On August 3, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 20'x45' inground swimming pool with deck, patio and a fence with 30 ft. of front yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-30 *Donald H. Romano, 17 Otis Bassett Rd., Map 17 Lot 4*

On August 3, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 300 sq. ft. (20'x15') second floor addition to an existing pool house for the purpose of a woodworking shop.

Case File 2023-31 *Gene Stupnitsky, 26 Chappaquiddick Ave., Map 1 Lot 53*

On August 24, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the demolition of three pre-existing non-conforming structures and the construction of a 3,300 sq. ft. single-family dwelling and a 725 sq. ft. subordinate dwelling unit with a one-car garage.

Case File 2023-32 *Middle Point Bend, LLC, 216 Middle Point Rd., Map 39 Lots 7 and 8*

On August 24, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the renovation and the construction of certain additions that will add a net increase

of 4 sq. ft. to a pre-existing non-conforming structure, resulting in a detached bedroom and studio with bathroom.

Case File 2023-33 *Watcha Club LLC, 100 Watcha Club Rd., Map 43 Lot 1*

On August 24, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the inclusion of guardrails to: (1) the roof of the screen porch and exterior spiral stairway that services it, necessitating 25 in. of height relief; and (2) above the proposed owner's deck, necessitating 12 in. of height relief.

Case File 2023-34 *Stillpoint Martha's Vineyard Inc., 20 Stillpoint Meadows Rd., Map 22 Lot 4.11*

On August 29, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the conversion of a barn/greenhouse, a pre-existing, non-conforming structure, to be used for Dover-protected uses.

Case File 2023-35 *Deanna Ahearn Laird, 72 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 29 Lot 34*

On September 7, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 16'x32' inground swimming pool; a 12'x20' shed; a 16'x18' open-air pavilion; and a 24'x24' garage with an office/gym above on a pre-existing non-conforming lot.

Case File 2023-36 *Susan Stone and Roger A. Levine, 671 State Rd., Map 22 Lot 37*

On September 7, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the extension and alteration of a pre-existing structure with interior and exterior renovations to include: 1) an 1,874 sq. ft. two-story addition above-grade with a walkout basement below and a 266 sq. ft. side entry porch to the rear of the Main House requiring 10 ft. of right yard setback relief; and 2) a 612 sq. ft. garage addition to a pre-existing detached bedroom requiring 45'8" of left yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-37 *Joshua Saltmarsh, 143 Old Holmes Hole Rd., Map 16 Lot 146*

On September 21, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit for a Service Business, amending Special Permit #2019-55, to allow the maintenance and storage of up to 25 boats on the property with a size limit of 22 feet.

Case File 2023-38 *Miss Ollie's Beach Nominee Trust, 139 Little Homer's Pond Rd., Map 43 Lot 13*

On October 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 15'x35' inground swimming pool with an 8 ft. square spa.

Case File 2023-39 *Emily Moehnke, 87 Field View La., Map 11 Lot 73*

On October 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of an 868 sq. ft. two-bedroom, one bath addition requiring 10 ft. of side yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-40 *Christa Fischer, 200 Road to Great Neck, Map 35 Lot 3.6*
On October 19, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 20'x40' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2023-41 *Robert S. Nash and Joann H. Frechette, 36 Oak La., Map 10 Lot 30*

On November 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow the construction of an 800 sq. ft., 1.5-story Accessory Apartment requiring 18' of right yard setback relief and 18' of rear yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-42 *Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, 78 Campbell Rd., Map 32 Lot 5*

On November 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit with Conditions to allow Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, to assume the buildings at 78 Campbell Rd., Map 32 Lot 5 in the RU district, for office space, staff housing, and storage of trucks, tractors and equipment – serving as a base for the island properties and trails it manages.

Case File 2023-43 *Nancy B. Gardiner, trustee, 130 Plum Bush Point Rd., Map 35 Lot 6.12*

On November 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 366 sq. ft. addition to an existing 633 sq. ft. guest house as well as a 14'x24' detached shed.

Case File 2023-44 *Robin and Jesse Liotta, 31 Millstone La., Map 7 Lot 143*

On November 2, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 400 sq. ft. detached bedroom with bath requiring 16 ft. of setback relief.

Case File 2023-45 *Mitch and Danielle Lee, 120 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.15*

On November 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of an 18'x42' inground swimming pool with a 7'x10' built-in spa.

Case File 2023-46 *Philip Pratt and Kathie Skinner, 85 Oak La., Map 17 Lot 63*

On November 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of an addition consisting of a 494 sq. ft. first-floor bedroom, walk-in closet, bathroom and laundry closet as well as a 96 sq. ft. screen porch requiring 4 ft. of rear yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-47 *Matthew M. Greenfield and Laurence H. Dumortier, 80 Oak La., Map 17 Lot 105*

On November 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 16'x52' in-ground swimming pool and 7'x16' spa.

Case File 2023-48 *Jeffrey and Carolyn Carney, 80 Plum Bush Point Rd., Map 35 Lot 6.7*

On November 16, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the

replacement and construction of an existing 18'x37' inground swimming pool with an 18'x42' swimming pool and a 7'x10' hot tub, and to move the pool equipment from its current location on the property line to 35' away from the property line in an 18'x15' pool/storage shed.

Case File 2023-49 *Christine and George Stobely, 100 Pond Rd., Map 30 Lot 2.84*

On November 30, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 16'x40' in-ground fiberglass swimming pool.

Case File 2023-50 *Gene Stupnitsky, 26 Chappaquiddick Ave., Map 1 Lot 53*

On November 30, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit that amends Special Permit #2023-21 and allows the construction of a 15'x30' in-ground swimming pool.

Case File 2023-51 *David Sprague, 32 Stoney Hill Ln., Map 10 Lot 138*

On December 14, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 1,147 sq. ft. 2.5 bay garage with a 444 sq. ft. storage loft requiring 17' of left yard and 17' of right yard setback relief.

Case File 2023-52 *Maik Kerr De Souza and Kristine Petruityte, 105 Stoney Hill Rd., Map 10 Lot 199.8*

On December 14, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a ½ bath for an office/studio for the operation of two service businesses.

Case File 2023-53 *Dawn Porter, 200 John Hoft Rd., Map 2 Lot 7.2*

On December 14, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 20'x40' inground swimming pool.

Case File 2023-54 *H. Jan Rosenfeld, 243 Lamberts Cove Rd., Map 3 Lot 2*

On December 14, the ZBA voted to GRANT a Special Permit to allow the construction of a 9'x21' plunge pool and four accessory structures 120 sq. ft. or less requiring setback relief.

Case File 2023-55 *Emanuele Gulino, 193 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd., Map 37 Lot 7*

On December 14, the ZBA voted to DENY an Appeal and Uphold the Building and Zoning Inspector's determination that the size of five evergreens planted for screening purposes, as outlined in the conditions of the appellant's special permit, did not meet the size suggested in the definitions of both 'Screen/Screening' and 'Visible/ Visibility' in the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaw.

The West Tisbury ZBA consists of five (5) standing members and two (2) associate members appointed by the Select Board, with duties and powers set forth in M.G.L. ch.40A §14:

Section 14. A board of appeals shall have the following powers:

(1) To hear and decide appeals in accordance with M.G.L. ch.40A §8.

(2) To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the board is empowered to act under said ordinance or by-laws.

(3) To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in M.G.L. ch.40A §10.

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In exercising the powers granted by this section, a board of appeals may, in conformity with the provisions of this chapter, make orders or decisions, reverse or affirm in whole or in part, or modify any order or decision, and to that end shall have all the powers of the officer from whom the appeal is taken and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Schubert, chair

Julius B. Lowe, vice chair

Deborah Wells

Andrew Zaikis

Jeffrey Kaye

Casey Decker – Associate Member

Patrick Barrett – Associate Member

Kim Leaird – Board Administrator

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

The Moderator regulates the conduct of the Town Meetings, decides all questions of order, and declares the result of all votes. No one may address the meeting without recognition by the Moderator and all statements are to be addressed to the Moderator; the purpose of this is to eliminate personal debate across the arena of the meeting.

The Moderator may alter the order in which articles are brought to the floor, may reword an article for purposes of clarity, and has the duty of maintaining order by any or all of the means provided by the statutes. It is the duty of the Moderator to assist any citizen of the Town before or during the meeting as to procedure, the writing of articles to be submitted by petition, the writing of amendments to articles in the warrant, or on any other matter pertaining to the meeting.

Motions

An article is brought to the floor by a motion and a second. The motion is best made for the passage of the article since negative motions often lead to great misunderstanding during the voting process. If a negative motion is made which is likely to lead to such misunderstanding, the Moderator may decline to accept it..

Amendments to Motions

Any voter may offer an amendment to the motion under discussion provided the amendment does not enlarge or significantly alter the scope of the original motion. This also holds for line items in the budget article. The amendments are required to be seconded and require a majority to be carried. Only one amendment will be considered at a time, and in the interest of clarity, voters are encouraged to submit amendments in writing. Assistance in framing amendments may be secured before the meeting from the Moderator or the Selectmen; if the issue is of importance, the meeting may be recessed briefly for this purpose.

Postponement

There are various means of interrupting or deferring consideration of an article. Motions "to table" or to "limit debate" require a two-thirds plurality. A motion "to postpone indefinitely" requires a majority and is best used not as a means of keeping the meeting from voting on an article but where it is evident that the article has not addressed itself to the complexities of the issue and should be rewritten for presentation at another town meeting.

Points of Order

If a voter wishes to question the legality or propriety of the proceedings, he may rise, interrupt the speaker and declare that he is rising to a point of order. He must then declare what his point is. If a voter questions the declaration of the

Moderator's ruling on a vote taken, he may rise and so state and if six additional citizens also rise, the vote will be repeated.

Process of Voting

The process of voting, whether by voice, by raised hand, by rising, or by written ballot, is determined by the Moderator. But if a fair number of citizens indicate a desire for a written ballot, there is little doubt that the Moderator will so rule even though they are fewer than a majority.

Reconsideration

An article once voted upon does not become the final decision of the meeting until the meeting is dissolved. This means that there may be a motion to reconsider the article at a later period in the meeting, and such reconsideration requires a majority vote. A move to reconsider may not be made simply to have another chance at winning one's point, and therefore can only be made by one who has voted on the winning side of a motion but who later as a result of additional information or further consideration believes that the meeting may change its decision. In meetings which take more than one meeting, an announcement must be made before the meeting is adjourned to another night that a motion to reconsider one or another article will be made. In unusual circumstances when new and substantive information is brought to the attention of the Moderator between meetings, he may make an exception to this rule.

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2024
EXPENDITURES - FY 2023; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2024;
BUDGET PROPOSAL - FY 2025**

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
		\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
MODERATOR					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370	370	370.00	370.00
114-5305	Legal	500	500	500.00	500.00
114-5700	Expenses	1,520	1,820	6,540.00	6,540.00
	Total Moderator	<u>2,390</u>	<u>2,690</u>	7,410.00	7,410.00
SELECT BOARD					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000	11,042	15,000.00	15,000.00
122-5120	Personal Services	179,845	212,246	224,894.99	224,894.99
122-5700	Expenses	20,808	30,338	30,150.00	30,150.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/Consultant Expense	4,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	<u>214,653</u>	<u>258,626</u>	275,044.99	275,044.99
MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER					
124-5120	Personal Services	835	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total Municipal Hearing Officer	<u>835</u>	<u>2,500</u>	2,500.00	2,500.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
131-5120	Personal Services	1,274	2,128	2,342.40	2,342.40
131-5700	Expenses	163	1,930	1,575.00	1,575.00
	Total Finance Committee	<u>1,437</u>	<u>4,058</u>	3,917.40	3,917.40
RESERVE FUND					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)		50,000	75,000.00	75,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund		<u>50,000</u>	75,000.00	75,000.00
ANNUAL AUDIT					
133-5700	Expenses	17,000	17,000	22,000.00	22,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	22,000.00	22,000.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
135-5120	Personal Services	115,551	134,097	124,141.33	124,141.33
135-5700	Expenses	762	2,030	4,670.00	4,670.00
	Total Town Accountant	<u>116,313</u>	<u>136,127</u>	128,811.33	128,811.33
BOARD OF ASSESSORS					
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	129,147	187,513	231,829.86	231,829.86
141-5305	Legal Services	2,566	20,000	20,000.00	20,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	22,009	35,650	34,950.00	34,950.00
	Total Board of Assessors	<u>156,722</u>	<u>246,163</u>	289,779.86	289,779.86
TREASURER/COLLECTOR					
145-5120	Personal Services	170,401	200,736	214,445.29	214,445.29
145-5700	Expenses	26,821	29,900	31,650.00	31,650.00
	Total Town Treasurer	<u>197,222</u>	<u>230,636</u>	246,095.29	246,095.29

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
LEGAL SERVICES					
151-5305	Expenses	71,778	55,000	75,000.00	75,000.00
	Total Legal Services	71,778	55,000	75,000.00	75,000.00
PERSONNEL BOARD					
152-5120	Personal Services	3,376	15,393	16,127.11	16,127.11
152-5700	Expenses	251	800	800.00	800.00
	Total Personnel Board	3,627	16,193	16,927.11	16,927.11
DATA PROCESSING					
155-5120	Personal Services	4,000	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
155-5700	Expenses	85,243	110,190	115,640.00	115,640.00
	Total Data Processing	89,243	114,190	119,640.00	119,640.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE					
158-5305	Legal Services	1,832	5,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
158-5700	Expenses	0	150	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	1,832	5,150	4,150.00	4,150.00
TOWN CLERK					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	65,678	76,212	79,852.69	79,852.69
161-5700	Expenses	1,078	1,285	1,285.00	1,285.00
	Total Town Clerk	66,756	77,497	81,137.69	81,137.69
ELECTIONS					
162-5120	Personal Services	1,635	4,956	9,912.00	9,912.00
162-5700	Expenses	4,803	11,600	13,700.00	13,700.00
	Total Elections	6,438	16,556	23,612.00	23,612.00
BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
163-5120	Personal Services	300	300	375.00	375.00
163-5700	Expenses	1,581	2,700	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total Board of Registrars	1,881	3,000	3,375.00	3,375.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
171-5120	Personal Services	55,185	66,191	69,346.58	69,346.58
171-5700	Expenses	921	3,180	3,180.00	3,180.00
	Total Conservation Commission	56,105	69,371	72,526.58	72,526.58
PLANNING BOARD					
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	67,505	81,509	85,395.41	85,395.41
175-5700	Expenses	3,876	6,145	7,845.00	7,845.00
	Total Planning Board	76,381	92,654	98,240.41	98,240.41
BOARD OF APPEALS					
176-5120	Personal Services	81,700	86,005	94,675.14	94,675.14
176-5305	Legal Services	4,511	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	8,888	8,950	9,700.00	9,700.00
	Total Board of Appeals	95,100	99,955	109,375.14	109,375.14
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	166,626	205,088	209,638.00	209,638.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	166,626	205,088	209,638.00	209,638.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE					
79-5120	Personal Services	16,666	34,558	29,418.60	29,418.60
179-5305	Legal Services	3,954	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00
179-5700	Expenses	613	3,200	4,050.00	4,050.00
	Total				
	Affordable Housing Comm.	21,233	43,758	39,468.60	39,468.60
CLIMATE & ENERGY COMMITTEES					
182-5120	Personal Services	10,694	15,232	16,761.42	16,761.42
182-5700	Expenses	325	1,000	1,125.00	1,125.00
	Total Town Buildings	325	16,232	17,886.42	17,886.42
TOWN BUILDINGS					
192-5700	Expenses	102,986	142,700	143,500.00	143,500.00
	Total Town Buildings	102,986	142,700	143,500.00	143,500.00
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE					
193-5700	Expenses	131,720	145,000	179,000.00	179,000.00
	Total Property Insurance	131,720	145,000	179,000.00	179,000.00
TOWN ELECTRIC					
194-5700	Expenses	44,929	47,860	51,760.00	51,760.00
	Total Town Electric	44,929	47,860	51,760.00	51,760.00
TOWN REPORTS					
195-5700	Expenses	9,225	11,500	11,500.00	11,500.00
	Total Town Reports	9,225	11,500	11,500.00	11,500.00
TOWN CLOCK					
196-5120	Personal Services	0	250	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0	250	250.00	250.00
DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY					
197-5600	Expenses	56,350	60,525	61,763.00	61,763.00
	Total DCRHA	56,350	60,525	61,763.00	61,763.00
TOTAL					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,714,453	2,170,279	2,369,308.82	2,369,308.82
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
210-5120	Personal Services	1,265,860	1,480,970	1,524,697.29	1,524,697.29
210-5700	Expense	143,470	150,420	154,445.00	154,445.00
	Total Police Department	1,409,331	1,631,390	1,679,142.29	1,679,142.29
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
220-5120	Personal Services	216,258	277,925	293,799.00	293,799.00
220-5700	Expenses	221,804	200,350	205,400.00	205,400.00
	Total Fire Department	438,062	478,275	499,199.00	499,199.00
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	521,145	586,559	860,407.58	860,407.58
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	521,145	586,559	860,407.58	860,407.58
DUKES COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS					
235-5600	Intergovernmental--MVPSCS	38,880	34,702	33,657.71	33,657.71
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	38,880	34,702	33,657.71	33,657.71

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS					
241-5120	Personal Services	280,280	354,885	380,970.50	380,970.50
241-5700	Expenses	9,312	16,235	16,035.00	16,035.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	289,592	371,120	397,005.50	397,005.50
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
291-5120	Personal Services	36,500	43,000	38,000.00	38,000.00
291-5700	Expenses	3,893	13,060	17,360.00	17,360.00
	Total Emergency Management	40,393	56,060	55,360.00	55,360.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER					
292-5120	Personal Services	64,935	97,479	105,268.91	105,268.91
292-5700	Expenses	5,439	8,355	8,355.00	8,355.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	70,373	105,834	113,623.91	113,623.91
HERRING WARDEN					
293-5120	Personal Services	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
293-5700	Expenses	875	1,200	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	3,875	4,200	4,200.00	4,200.00
TREE WARDEN					
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	2,500	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	240	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00
294-5700	Expenses	900	13,000	13,000.00	13,000.00
	Total Tree Warden	3,640	16,500	16,500.00	16,500.00
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT					
298-5120	Personal Services	28,296	33,105	35,933.76	35,933.76
298-5700	Expenses	10,643	11,900	12,400.00	12,400.00
	Total Shellfish Department	38,939	45,005	48,333.76	48,333.76
MV SHELLFISH GROUP					
299-5700	Expenses	38,000	39,000	40,000.00	40,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	38,000	39,000	40,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		2,892,231	3,368,646	3,747,429.75	3,747,429.75
EDUCATION					
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	9,319,878	9,400,895	10,684,671.59	10,684,671.59
	Total Up-Island				
	Reg. School Dist.	9,319,878	9,400,895	10,684,671.59	10,684,671.59
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	3,020,125	3,396,970	3,200,650.90	3,200,650.90
	Total				
	M.V. Regional High School	3,020,125	3,396,970	3,200,650.90	3,200,650.90
TOTAL EDUCATION		12,340,002	12,797,865	13,885,322.49	13,885,322.49
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS					
421-5120	Personal Services	67,000	74,500	82,000.00	82,000.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	67,000	74,500	82,000.00	82,000.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND					
422-5120	Personal Services	212,703	250,064	270,973.96	270,973.96
422-5700	Expenses	93,991	87,620	90,595.00	90,595.00
	Total General Highway Fund	306,694	337,684	361,568.96	361,568.96

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL					
423-5700	Expenses	52,821	85,000	90,000.00	90,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	52,821	85,000	90,000.00	90,000.00
STREET LIGHTS					
424-5700	Expenses	1,765	3,200	3,200.00	3,200.00
	Total Street Lights	1,765	3,200	3,200.00	3,200.00
CEMETERIES					
491-5120	Personal Services	2,417	3,123	3,272.00	3,272.00
491-5700	Expenses	21,655	26,500	26,500.00	26,500.00
	Total Cemeteries	24,072	29,623	29,772.00	29,772.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		452,351	530,007	566,540.96	566,540.96
SANITATION					
TOWN LOCAL DROP-OFF/LANDFILL					
433-5120	Personal Services	0	50	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	8,000	8,000	11,000.00	11,000.00
433-5700	Expenses	3,602	5,920	5,520.00	5,520.00
	Total Town Local Drop-Off	11,602	13,970	16,570.00	16,570.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	124,258	125,512	126,657.10	126,657.10
	Total MVRDRRD	124,258	125,512	126,657.10	126,657.10
TOTAL SANITATION		135,860	139,482	143,227.10	143,227.10
HUMAN SERVICES					
BOARD OF HEALTH					
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	131,425	188,780	176,054.23	176,054.23
510-5700	Expenses	11,341	16,225	22,725.00	22,725.00
	Total Board of Health	145,766	208,005	201,779.23	201,779.23
HEALTH SERVICES					
522-5700	Expenses	12,300	26,000	20,000.00	20,000.00
	Total Health Services	12,300	26,000	20,000.00	20,000.00
DUKES COUNTY PROGRAMS					
525-5600	Dukes County Health Care Access	60,895	63,771	79,303.00	79,303.00
526-5600	Dukes County Public Benefits Access	7,225	6,541	7,326.00	7,326.00
	Total Dukes County Programs	68,120	70,312	86,629.00	86,629.00
UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING					
541-5120	Personal Services	289,694	353,855	319,769.06	319,769.06
541-5700	Expenses	12,609	20,900	36,450.00	36,450.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	302,303	374,755	356,219.06	356,219.06

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
VETERANS' BENEFITS					
543-5700	Expenses	17,965	22,000	21,000.00	21,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	17,965	22,000	21,000.00	21,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		546,454	701,072	685,627.29	685,627.29
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
610-5120	Personal Services	627,034	756,133	830,827.77	830,827.77
610-5700	Expenses	277,585	278,700	289,100.00	289,100.00
	Total Public Library	904,619	1,034,833	1,119,927.77	1,119,927.77
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$166	581	830	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	33,774	44,835	50,103.65	50,103.65
620-5700	Expenses	1,350	1,950	1,950.00	1,950.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	35,705	47,615	52,883.65	52,883.65
LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND					
632-5120	Personal Services	86,079	97,005	96,086.65	96,086.65
632-5700	Expenses	10,847	18,925	23,925.00	23,925.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	96,926	115,930	120,011.65	120,011.65
RECREATION PROGRAMS					
640-5120	Personal Services	5,890	18,194	21,536.24	21,536.24
640-5700	Expenses	7,367	10,900	20,400.00	20,400.00
	Total Recreation Programs	13,257	29,094	41,936.24	41,936.24
TOWN GROUNDS					
650-5700	Expenses	10,560	10,250	10,250.00	10,250.00
	Total Town Grounds	10,560	10,250	10,250.00	10,250.00
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
690-5700	Expenses	0	600	600.00	600.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	0	600	600.00	600.00
LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
691-5700	Expenses	0	350	350.00	350.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0	350	350.00	350.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL					
691-5700	Expenses	3,500	3,500	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total MV Cultural Council	3,500	3,500	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		1,064,567	1,242,171	1,350,959.31	1,350,959.31
DEBT SERVICE					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	774,750	790,000	740,000.00	740,000.00
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	137,692	121,033	103,680.00	103,680.00
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	6,639	73,007	121,250.00	121,250.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		919,081	984,039	964,930.00	964,930.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2023	Appropriations FY 2024	Requested Appropriations FY 2025	Recommended by Finance Committee
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
911-5170	County Retirement	593,315	660,009	690,785.00	690,785.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	18,451	19,000	21,280.00	21,280.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	875,334	1,041,680	1,090,800.00	1,090,800.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	4,663	5,200	5,500.00	5,500.00
916-5170	Medicare Tax	60,593	74,887	78,000.00	78,000.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	13,350	13,350	14,685.00	14,685.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		<u>1,565,706</u>	<u>1,814,126</u>	<u>1,901,050.00</u>	<u>1,901,050.00</u>
GRAND TOTALS		<u><u>21,630,706</u></u>	<u><u>23,747,687</u></u>	<u><u>25,614,395.72</u></u>	<u><u>25,614,395.72</u></u>

WEST TISBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

County of Dukes County, SS
To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Tisbury,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of West Tisbury qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the **West Tisbury School**, Old County Road, in said Town on **Tuesday the Ninth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty Four, at Six O’Clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

And to meet again in the West Tisbury Public Safety Building (North Tisbury Fire Station) in said West Tisbury on **Thursday, the Eleventh Day of April, at Seven O’Clock** in the Morning at the Polling Place, then and there to act on Article 1 of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be **opened at Seven O’Clock in the Morning** and shall be closed **at Eight O’Clock in the Evening**.

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay additional costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Public Library, including removal of failed system components, installation of new components, upgrade to the generator, and related repairs to the library building and grounds (i.e., interior walls and ceilings, utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements) incidental or directly related thereto, and all related borrowing costs?

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of Line item 311 Up Island Regional School District assessment in the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand Twenty Four (2024)?

QUESTION 3: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Should the athletic field surface that is moving forward in the proposed design of the track and fields project at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School be made of artificial/synthetic turf?

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Should the athletic field surface that is moving forward in the proposed design of the track and fields project at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School be made of natural grass?

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

Assessors (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Board of Health (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Constable (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Finance Committee (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Library Trustee (vote for 2) (Three year term)
Moderator (vote for 1) (One year term)
Parks and Recreation (vote for 2) (Three year term)
Planning Board (vote for 1) (One year term)
Select Board (vote for 1) (Three year term)
Town Clerk (vote for 1) (One year term)
Tree Warden (vote for 1) (One year term)

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

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

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

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 27.3 of the Personnel Bylaw (Year-Round Pay Schedule) and Section 27.4 of the Personnel Bylaw (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect a wage adjustment of 4.8% effective July 1, 2024. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 27-1 of the Personnel Bylaw to add the position of Administrative Assistant I to the Board of Assessors at Grade 3, and the position of Department Administrator at Grade 7 on the Year- Round Classification Plan to be effective immediately.

(RECOMMENDED 4-1)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to add to the FY 2025 Budget Line 122-5120 (Select Board Personal Services) for the purpose of hiring a Department Administrator **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to add to the FY 2024 budget line 122-5120 (Select Board Personal Services) for the purpose of hiring a Department Administrator. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to enact a bylaw entitled "Specialized Energy Code," for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of

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

SPECIALIZED ENERGY CODE

§ 1 Definitions

§ 2 Purpose

§ 3 Applicability

§ 4 Specialized Code

§ 1 Definitions

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

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

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

§ 2 Purpose

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

§ 3 Applicability

This energy code applies to residential and commercial buildings.

§ 4 Specialized Code

The Specialized Code, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including any future editions, amendments, or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of West Tisbury General Bylaws.

The Specialized Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Seventy-five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents. (\$75,358.75) for the installation of a dry hydrant and a 10,000 gallon water storage tank to be placed at 58 Tiah's Cove Road Hydrant lot for public safety.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet the certification of values as required by Massachusetts state law.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

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

To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$15,562.50) from the Reserved for Appropriation funds received from the County of Dukes County for the purpose to promote tourism and economic development to be expended by the West Tisbury Shellfish Department for professional services, equipment and supplies.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) to pay costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Public Library, including removal of failed system components, installation of new components, upgrade to the generator, and related repairs to the library building and grounds (i.e., interior walls and ceilings, utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements) incidental or directly related thereto, and all related borrowing costs, which amount shall be expended in addition to the previously approved One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) authorized for this project at the Annual Town Meeting and Election in April of 2023. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow an additional One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) for a total of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000), as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, § 7(1) or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation of total taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, § 21C (Proposition 2 ½) the amounts

required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

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

11-2. Recognized Holidays. The following holidays shall be recognized by the Town on the day on which they are legally observed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and on these days' employees, without loss of pay, shall be excused from all duty except in cases where the Department Head determines that the employee is required to maintain essential Town services. Holidays which fall on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday and those falling on a Sunday will be observed on the following Monday.

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

(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 2025 revenues, in the following amounts:

- a. Open Space reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$75,000 (10% of estimated FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Undesignated reserve \$487,500 (65% of estimated FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

And to appropriate for administrative expenditures the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500) from the FY 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$82,689) from the Community Preservation Open Space – Recreation Reserve Fund to the Field Fund for West Tisbury School playground resurfacing.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Eighty-One Dollars (\$104,081) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Autism Center and Neighborhood projects funding of this affordable housing project for construction of two four-bedroom residential units to house eight autistic Island residents. The development of this affordable housing is permanently deed restricted as affordable housing with a preference for Island residents with autism or autism related disorders, located at 515 Lamberts Cove Road in West Tisbury. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Housing Trust's Veteran's Outreach Center project in partnership with the Town of Oak Bluffs and the Cape and Islands Veteran's Outreach Center (CIVOC). The project is to include 12 one-bedroom rental apartments and a community room to serve veterans earning 30%, 50%, 60% and 80% or less of the area median income. The development of this project will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing located at 50 Bellevue Avenue in Oak Bluffs. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund as West Tisbury's share for the Island Housing Trust's new construction of a neighborhood of nine rental apartments and a community room for residents who are 60 years and over and their families, serving households earning up to 80% and 100% of the area median income. The development of this affordable housing will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing to be located at 401 State Road in West Tisbury.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to fund one affordable unit, with preference to West Tisbury residents, for the Red Arrow project proposed by Habitat for Humanity. The development of this affordable housing unit will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing for residents earning at or below 80% of the area median income.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund to fund safety improvements of the Martha's Vineyard Garden Club Old Mill building.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve Fund to the Vineyard Preservation Trust for repairs to the Grange Hall foundation.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

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

To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand (\$9,000) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund and Seventy-One Thousand Dollars (\$71,000) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard as West Tisbury's share of ~~Permanent Supportive Housing project for residents who may need medication supervision~~ housing for the Island wide homeless shelter program. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$14,240) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for continuing and community education in Fiscal Year 2025 provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to put towards the purchase and equipping of one all-wheel drive police cruiser in FY 2025 and to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the cruiser being replaced in the best interest of the Town at that time. In the event of unforeseen major repairs, a portion of the \$30,000 may be used towards those repairs. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$46,500) for the purchase of a pickup truck and associated equipment for the highway department and to authorize the Select Board to dispose of the truck being replaced in the best interest of the Town at that time. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$94,843), 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 in the affirmative. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$9,963), to support the 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 in the affirmative. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$14,437), to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time provided all six towns vote in the affirmative. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$16,994), to support the planning, advocacy, and education for Healthy Aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$6,969), to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 33: : To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025, the sum of Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$20,709) as the apportioned share of the county budget supplemental income, provided all six towns vote in the affirmative. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be used towards Transportation Engineering services for design work and/or technical analyses on Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, for Fiscal Year 2025. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following general bylaw:

West Tisbury Short-term Rental By-Law

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

PURPOSE AND INTENT

1. Provide a process through which West Tisbury can continue the historic tradition of a vibrant vacation rental market, such that they may be permitted and registered with the town of West Tisbury for lawful use as short-term rentals.
2. Enable residents to earn extra money from their properties to better afford to live here, maintain their properties, and contribute to the community.
3. Ensure that short-term rentals will not be detrimental to the character and livability of the town and the residential neighborhoods surrounding such short-term rentals.
4. Ensure the proper regulation of commercial uses of homes in West Tisbury residential areas.
5. Deter commercial interests from buying housing to use as short-term rental businesses in order to help ensure equity and sufficiency of housing stock for year-round residents.

6. Protect the health and safety of renters and residents for those lawful short-term rentals.

7. Enable the Town to enforce state and local health and safety laws and regulations, and to provide a method for correcting violations when conditions require immediate attention.

DEFINITION

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

REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. No short-term rentals will have a rental period fewer than seven days.

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

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

REGISTRATION

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

The Select Board shall have the authority to create a registration application form, set registration fees, and adopt rules, regulations, policies and procedures, and to designate an agent to

implement the provisions of this By-Law.

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

EXEMPT PROPERTIES

Any rental of fewer than 14 days per calendar year.

VIOLATIONS AND FINES

Penalty for violation is \$300 per day.

ADOPTION

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

Any owner with multiple short-term rentals prior to the adoption of this by-law must register them with the Town and is exempted as to the number. This exemption is personal to the owner and does not run with the property.

(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Eighty Six Cents (\$8,648.86) to serve as cost share to fund and pay costs associated with grant application services and the grant match requirement for the Hospital Roads Resilience Assessment being performed by the Town of Oak Bluffs, and to cover all costs incidental and relative thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in FY 2025 for the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2025 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town pursuant to the provisions of M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for fiscal year 2025 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

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

(RECOMMENDED 5-0))

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for repairs and upgrades to town buildings as prioritized by the Facilities Maintenance Committee and the Select Board.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$55,135.33) from line 710-5925 (interest-short term debt) to line 710-5910 (Principal – long term debt). **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to transfer to the Retired/Separating Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars and Forty Cents (\$25,240.40) to pay the Town's assessed share of the County of Dukes County debt authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014 for a building to provide health and human services for county residents. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 43: To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws by deleting and adding the language in ***bold italics***:

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

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

Section 14.1 Definitions:

Remove “***studio***” from the “bedroom” definition.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 44: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 4.4-8 Residential Building Size Bylaw, by deleting the stricken language and adding the language in bold italic

4.4-8 B 1 paragraph 8, Attics

~~For the purposes of determining whether floor area in attics constitutes inclusion in the RFA, the requirements for habitable space in the current Massachusetts State Building Code, will be used.~~

Floor area in attics, either finished or unfinished, will be included in the RFA, if the space meets the current Massachusetts State Building Code requirements for habitable space and egress.

●4.4-8 B 2 paragraph 9, Basements:

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

- ~~a. is a minimum of 4' above grade, and~~

- b. ~~has a clear glass area in excess of 50 sq. ft. on the same wall, or an aggregate in excess of 75 sq. ft. on walls of the same orientation.~~

For the purposes of determining whether floor area in basements constitutes inclusion in the RFA, basement rooms will be added to the floor area calculation if they include an exterior wall that is exposed and visible at the grade adjacent to the building and have a clear glass area in excess of 50 sq. ft. on the same wall, or an aggregate in excess of 75 sq. ft. on walls of the same orientation. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0, 2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)**

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Million Seven Thousand Dollars (1,007,000) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2025. **(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 seven 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 13th Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Four.

J. Skipper Manter , Chair
Jessica D. Miller
Cynthia E. Mitchell

WEST TISBURY SELECT BOARD

DATE:

I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury seven (7) days before such meeting..

Timothy A. Barnett
Constable

A true copy, attest:
Tara J. Whiting-Wells
Town Clerk



EARLY / ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 11, 2024

Timothy A. Barnett
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. To VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR MODERATOR One Year Vote for ONE CAROLINE R. FLANDERS <input type="radio"/> 13 Rock Pond Road (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR TOWN CLERK One Year Vote for ONE TARA J. WHITING-WELLS <input type="radio"/> 488 Edgartown Road (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR CONSTABLE Three Years Vote for ONE TIMOTHY A. BARNETT <input type="radio"/> 11 Brushbroom Lane (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR SELECT BOARD Three Years Vote for ONE JEFFREY "SKIPPER" MANTER <input type="radio"/> 25 Pond View Farm Road (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR TREE WARDEN One Year Vote for ONE JEREMIAH BROWN <input type="radio"/> 2 Holly Lane (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE Three Years Vote for TWO JEFFREY "SKIPPER" MANTER <input type="radio"/> 25 Pond View Farm Road BARBARA SUNDERLAND SMITH <input type="radio"/> 13 Scotty's Lane (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR BOARD OF HEALTH Three Years Vote for ONE KENNETH LAWRENCE VINCENT <input type="radio"/> 641 Old County Road (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE Three Years Vote for TWO LYNN P. HOEFT <input type="radio"/> 52 Dr. Fisher Road INDAIA WHITCOMBE <input type="radio"/> 133 Merry Farm Road (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR PLANNING BOARD Five Years Vote for ONE VIRGINIA C. JONES <input type="radio"/> 39 New Lane (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR BOARD OF ASSESSORS Three Years Vote for ONE MICHAEL COLANERI <input type="radio"/> 41 Rogers Path PATTI L. ROADS <input type="radio"/> 30A Dr. Fisher Road (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE Three Years Vote for ONE GREGORY ORCUTT <input type="radio"/> 36 Willow Tree Hollow (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

BALLOT QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay additional costs of repairing and/or replacing the HVAC system in the West Tisbury Public Library, including removal of failed system components, installation of new components, upgrade to the generator, and related repairs to the library building and grounds (i.e., interior walls and ceilings, utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements) incidental or directly related thereto, and all related borrowing costs?

YES

NO

QUESTION 2: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$720,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of Line item 311 Up Island Regional School District assessment in the Annual Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand Twenty Four (2024)?

YES

NO

QUESTION 3: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Should the athletic field surface that is moving forward in the proposed design of the track and fields project at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School be made of artificial/synthetic turf?

YES

NO

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Should the athletic field surface that is moving forward in the proposed design of the track and fields project at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School be made of natural grass?

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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