

# DEDICATION

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Courtesy of the Martha's Vineyard Times

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When John was first elected, the Martha's Vineyard Commission was in its infancy, the West Tisbury School had not been rebuilt, and the library was tiny. There was no senior center, and no public safety building other than the police station. There was no Martha's Vineyard Land Bank. Thirty years ago West Tisbury was small town, marking a clear dividing line between down-Island and up-Island.

Then the Island population surged, particularly in West Tisbury, which became one of the fastest-growing towns in the Commonwealth. This growth meant major changes for the Town and the Island. Regional issues came to the forefront.

Throughout all this change, John Early provided steady leadership. Like other long-term leaders, such as Herbert Hancock of Chilmark and Ted Morgan of Edgartown, he coupled a sense of pride in his own hometown with the knowledge that the Island towns had to work together to confront the next generation of problems.

John represented the Town on multiple levels. He was the Selectmen's representative to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for over twenty years. During that time John's voice of reason and calm helped steer that agency through the tumult of intense development and the adoption of new regulations to safeguard the Island's future. He was the Town's representative to the Dukes County Advisory Board, which oversees County spending.

He served on the Capital Improvement Committee, the Town Hall Building Committee, the Civil Defense Board, the Emergency Planning Committee, the Plan Review Board, the School Building Committee, the Bicycle Path Committee, and the Library Building Committee. He also served as a Cemetery Commissioner, as Assistant Fire Chief, an EMT, and as a Special Police Officer.

In his quiet way, John was able to forge consensus because of the sense of the trust and decency he brought to everything that he did. The numerous Town projects that have been completed

during his tenure are a tribute to his ability to lead in a quiet, dignified way.

John began serving at a time when public service was unquestionably seen as a higher calling. Many of the people who served as Selectmen on Island towns before John served thirty years or more, as he did. It is unlikely that this milestone will be reached again any time soon.

John gave of his time generously and with results. By choosing not to run again for Selectman, John is not walking away from the Town, which he loves, but simply downsizing his role.

The Town of West Tisbury is very fortunate to have had three decades of John Early's time and leadership. This is a moment when, as a Town, we should simply say to John: thank you. You made a difference.

*Written by Ron Rappaport.*

## *Before a Town Meeting*

Tonight the gym is filled with chairs  
In which our town will sit  
Our democratic derrières  
And chew the fat a bit.  
“It seems we did this just last week,”  
We comment with a groan;  
Yet measured by our own physique,  
Another year has flown.

A few of us have gotten grey,  
A few are growing sore;  
A few of us have passed away,  
A few have gone to war.  
This meeting is the way we pass  
Our town from hand to hand:  
This meeting is an hourglass,  
And we its grains of sand.

The way we run our town would doom  
Most cities and dominions:  
We gather in one noisy room  
And freely share opinions.  
The moderator gets to stand  
Behind his noble podium,  
And try to keep proceedings bland,  
Devoid of strife or odium.

The folks on stage, with mugshot eyes  
And microphones before them,  
Are praying there's no big surprise.  
They hope tonight will bore them.  
There's those who carry clipboards 'round  
To help refresh their mind:  
They're on committees, duty-bound  
To leave no fact behind.

But it's the audience at large  
That always steals the show.  
We know, as voters, we're in charge,  
Debating to and fro.  
A few bring wisdom to the floor;  
A few have brought their knitting.  
We can't be sure who leaves with more  
To show, for all their sitting.

Our town has many lovely places,  
But driving through by car,  
You'd never glimpse this field of faces  
That makes us who we are:  
The characters behind the scenes,  
The ones who bait a hook;  
The ones who teach, or harvest beans,  
Or shingle roofs, or cook.

We are far more than farm and creek,  
The stuff of pretty verses.  
So look around you; take a peek,  
Before the town disperses.  
Remember us as we appear  
Tonight, in all our splendors:  
The ready wit, the willing ear,  
The tired, old suspenders.

Remember us for decades later  
Since time on earth is fleeting;  
And also since the moderator  
Would like to start the meeting —  
So carpenter and blizzard plower,  
When all is done and said,  
May leave here at a decent hour,  
And we may go to bed.

Daniel Waters  
Town Poet Laureate

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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **2006**

**(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

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### **MODERATOR**

F. Patrick Gregory Term 1 Year, Expires 2007

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

John G. Early Term 3 Years, Expires 2007  
Glenn R. Hearn Term 3 Years, Expires 2008  
J. Skipper Manter Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

David Merry Term 3 Years, Expires 2007  
Erik Lowe Term 3 Years, Expires 2008  
Timothy Barnett Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Cynthia Mitchell Term 3 Years, Expires 2007  
Stanton Richards Term 3 Years, Expires 2008  
Michael Colaneri Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

### **TREASURER**

Katherine Logue Term 1 Year, Expires 2007

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Brent B. Taylor Term 1 Year, Expires 2007

### **TOWN CLERK**

Prudence M. Whiting Term 1 Year, Expires 2007

### **TREE WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year, Expires 2007

### **CONSTABLES**

Timothy E. Maley Term 3 Years, Expires 2008  
Timothy Barnett Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Sharon Estrella Term 3 Years, Expires 2007  
J. Skipper Manter Term 3 Years, Expires 2007  
Alexander R. DeVito Term 3 Years, Expires 2008  
Brian Athearn Term 2 Years, Expires 2008  
Richard Knabel Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Marilyn Hollinshead	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Ernest Mendenhall	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Linda Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Hermine Hull	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Leslie Baker	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Elaine Pace	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

Virginia Jones	Term 1 Years, Expires 2007
David O. Douglas	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
Susan Silva	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Mark Yale	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Murray Frank	Term 5 Years, Expires 2011*

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

Robert W. Holt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Cheryl Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
D. Bruce Keep	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Richard S. Reinhardtsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Doug Bardwell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **LAND BANK COMMISSIONER**

Glenn R. Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
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**\*Resigned**

# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **2006**

**(APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN)**

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### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER**

Joan Jenkinson	Term 1 Year
Allen Healey, Assistant	Term 1 Year

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Toni Cohen	Term 5 Years, Expires 2007
Eric Whitman	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
Tony Higgins	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
Nancy Cole, Associate	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
Larry Schubert, Associate	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
Bob Schwier	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Tucker Hubbell	Term 5 Years, Expires 2011

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Michael Colaneri	Vicki Thurber
Ernest Mendenhall	Mark Yale
Tom Roan	Eric Whitman
Glenn Hearn	Caroline Locke
Catherine DeVito	

### **BICYCLE PATH COMMITTEE**

John Early	Juleann VanBelle
Peter Rodegast	Kate Warner
Linda Sibley	David Whitmon

### **BY WAYS COMMITTEE**

James Paquette	James Powell
Victoria Riger Phillips	Andrew Woodruff

### **CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD**

John Scanlon	Term 3 Year, Expires 2009
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### **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

John G. Early	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Glenn R. Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

### **CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

John S. Alley	Term 1 Year
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Howard Wall, Assistant	Term 1 Year
Glenn Hearn, Assistant	Term 1 Year
Brian Athearn, Assistant	Term 1 Year

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Debra Swanson	Term 1 Year, Expires 2007
Prudence Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Judith Crawford	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Tara Whiting	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Patrick Phear	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008*
Patricia Durfee (Associate)	Term 1 Year, Expires 2007

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Jeffrey S. Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Ann Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Nancy P. Cabot	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR**

Joyce Bowker	Term 1 Year
Kathleen Brady, Assistant Director	Term 1 Year

#### **MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Shelton Bank	Term 1 Years, Expires 2007
Leslie Baker	Term 2 Years, Expires 2008
Ann Miller Maley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD**

John G. Early	Term 1 Year
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#### **DUTCH ELM DISEASE WARDEN**

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

Christopher Cini, Director	Term 1 Year
John G. Early, Administrator	Term 1 Year

#### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Shelton Bank	Phil Larson
Richard Knabel	Warren Hollinshead
Art Nelson	Ned Robinson-Lynch
Sandy Shapiro	

#### **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Jennifer Rand	Term 1 Year
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**FENCE VIEWERS**

James Powell	Term 1 Year
Dan Prowten	Term 1 Year

**FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN**

Manual Estrella III	Term 1 Year
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**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Anne Fischer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Allan McDowell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Sean Conley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Nancy Dole	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Marcia Cini	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Mark Mazer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

**INSECT CONTROL WARDEN**

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Ernest Mendenhall	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Jerry Weiner (Assistant)	Term 1 Year

**INSPECTOR OF SIGNS**

Ernest Mendenhall	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
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**LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD**

Richard Cohen	Bruce Keep
Michael Colaneri	George Hough
William Haynes	Susan Silva

**LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Anne Fischer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Leslie Gray	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Karen Stanley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Jill Bouck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Ellen Weiss	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

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

Jim Powell	Term 1 Year
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**PATHS BESIDE THE ROADS COMMITTEE**

Brian Athearn	Ruth Kirchmeier
William Haynes	Diana Manter
Hermine Hull	Richard T. Olsen

#### **PERSONNEL BOARD**

Nancy-Alyce Abbott	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
John Durfee	Term 1 Years, Expires 2007
Norman Perry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Maeve Sheehan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Ernie Mendenhall (Employees Rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

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

Leah Smith	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
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#### **POET LAUREATE**

Dan Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2007
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#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Beth Toomey, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2006
J. Skipper Manter, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Daniel Goldrup, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Matthew Mincone, Corporal	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Daniel Rossi, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Garrison Viera, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Sean Slavin, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Jennifer Kelly, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Leomar De Oliveira, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
David Savage, Reserve	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Brian Cioffi	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Nicholas Monaco	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
John Early	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Tim Carroll	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Jonathan Klaren	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Judith Sibert	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Timothy Rich	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Manual Estrella III	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Richard T. Olsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Sarah Briggs	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Jeff Day	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Justin Faucher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Nicholas Collins	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

#### **POLICE CHAPLAIN**

Pastor Kenneth Campbell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
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#### **REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

John Alley

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Rufus Peebles	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

**SHELLFISH CONSTABLE**

Tom Osmer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
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**DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE**

Kenneth M. Jones	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
Ray Gale	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008

**SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Kenneth Francis	Raymond Houle
John W. Mayhew	Richard C. Karney
Peter Vann	John G. Early, Ex Oficio

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Richard T. Olsen	Term 1 Year
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Bruce Stone	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007
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**CARE OF TOWN CLOCK**

Malcolm W. Young	Term 1 Year
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**TOWN COUNSEL**

Ronald Rappaport	Term 1 Year
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**TRUANT OFFICER**

Beth Toomey	Term 1 Year
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**VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER**

Brian Athearn	Term 1 Year
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**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**WEST TISBURY REPRESENTATIVES**

Katherine Logue	Diane Wall
J. Skipper Manter	

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# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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To the Voters and Taxpayers:

The Board of Selectmen would like to note the passing of Ray Houle. He was a valued volunteer for the town for many years and he will be missed. They would also like to welcome Tom Osmers, who has stepped in as Shellfish Warden.

The Board was happy to work with the Affordable Housing Committee to award three affordable housing lots in January to Michelle Aluia & Noah Richards, Jessica & John David Miller, and Heather & Joe Capece. As usual, it is wonderful to make these lots available but we are constantly looking for ways to provide more housing opportunities for families in our town.

The town received solar panels for the library from The Cape Light Compact. They were installed and are up and running.

The Board requested a vote at Town Meeting, which passed, that took Old Stage Road by Eminent Domain; this will allow the town to maintain the road to the Local Drop-off.

The Board worked with the Tree Warden to remove two very large dead elms from the Town Hall property. In addition, this year brought a tremendous onslaught of moths to town causing great amounts of aesthetic damage to the trees in town. Concerned that the damage will soon be more than aesthetic, the Board asked the Tree Warden to develop a plan to put to the voters for some sort of insect control for the next two seasons at least.

The Board began to look at the Mill Pond and the increase in vegetation that seems to be filling in the pond. The Conservation Committee has taken the lead on this project and is working with the Board of Selectmen. A consultant was hired to analyze the pond and provide possible solutions to the problem. The MVC has also been assisting with this project. The Board also endorsed a committee to look at the procedure for opening James Pond.

The Board voted to endorse the opening of a commercial Oyster season for the first time in three years.

After much discussion about possible solutions for the continued potholes at the Library the Board decided to try a pervious concrete surface in the area directly in front of the building. Additional grading and drainage work was completed and time will tell if this is the solution everyone is hoping for.

The Energy Committee proposed to the Board of Selectmen the construction of a wind turbine with the assistance of Mass Technology



Collaborative (MTC). The Board voted to support the Energy Committee in this endeavor and the request has been formally presented to MTC.

The Board voted to support ComCast's request to take over the cable license held by Adelphia Corporation and sold through bankruptcy proceedings.

The Board granted a Conservation Restriction to the Hopkins family to be held by VOLF, Waived the town's right of first refusal on 61A land owned by Leonard Athearn, MVLB granted right, and granted a Conservation Restriction to the Retik family to be held by Sheriff's Meadow.

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# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK 2006

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## BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<b>January</b>		
22	Brianna A. Fragosa	Joseph R. Fragosa, Jr. Jennifer L. Fragosa/Fontains
<b>February</b>		
6	Alyssa L. Sylvia	Brandyn A. Sylvia Kara A. Marshall/Marshall
23	Evan F. Bettencourt	Mark S. Bettencourt Rebecca J. Cournoyer/Cournoyer
<b>March</b>		
29	Lazlo E. D'Antonio Lucas C. D'Antonio	Milo A. D'Antonio Althea L. D'Antonio/Lowell
<b>April</b>		
1	Gunnar D. Graham	Theodore J. Karalekas Leslie A.L. Graham/Graham
<b>June</b>		
5	Andrue C. Carr, Jr.	Andrue C. Carr Sarah L. Carr/Edgerten
8	Simon H. Hammarlund	Erik Hammarlund Karena L. Hamarlund/Sundman
<b>July</b>		
10	Tegan T. Gale	Jason A. Gale Natasha I. Hartmann/Hartmann
14	Georgia E. L. Magden	Lisa Magnarelli Laura L. Deaman
<b>August</b>		
5	Nina R. Degregorio	David J. Degregorio Tamara M. Degregorio/Jardin
<b>September</b>		
21	Jonah J. Saunier	Michael L. Saunier Kerry E. Sau6nier/Saunders
25	Caleb J. Dubin	Elijah S. Dubin Alyssa M. Dubin/Gady

### BIRTHS - Continued

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<b>October</b> (2004 – adoption)*		
15	Mya lee O'Neill	Brendan T. O'Neill Elizabeth H. Lee
<b>December</b>		
21	Auden A. E. Freer	Frederick S. Freer IV Tammy R. Freer/Mayo

\*Registered #19 2004

### MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname after Marriage</u>	<u>Residence</u>
<b>April</b>			
2	Hannah M. Maxner Wagner Pereira	Pereira Pereira	West Tisbury West Tisbury
<b>May</b>			
20	Melissa A. D'Louhy Daniel L. Peltz	Peltz Peltz	New York New York
27	Keri B. McLeod Brian L. Jolley	McLeod Jolley	Oak Bluffs Oak Bluffs
<b>June</b>			
12	Blair D. Trathen Arabella M. Hall	Trathen Hall	West Tisbury West Tisbury
24	Justin P. Conte Jennifer A.M. Smith	Conte Conte	Maryland Maryland
30	Laurel L. Wilkinson Patrick R. Phillips	Wilkinson Phillips	West Tisbury West Tisbury
<b>July</b>			
1	Olivia Q. Daane Eric M. Reische	Reische Reische	Colorado Colorado
<b>August</b>			
2	Jamie S. Pience Kent Leon Riley	Riley Riley	West Tisbury West Tisbury

### MARRIAGES - Continued

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname after Marriage</u>	<u>Residence</u>
<b>August</b>			
5	Patrick Bresnahan Christine Cumbers	Bresnahan Bresnahan	West Tisbury West Tisbury
12	Whitney E.R. Burke Keith M. Fullin	Burke Fullin	Edgartown Edgartown
<b>September</b>			
2	Jerome D. Segel Celine Gobaud	Segel Segel	West Tisbury West Tisbury
2	Jessica K. Bowers Caleb R. Shreve	Shreve Shreve	West Tisbury West Tisbury
2	Rikki Spencer Pashen Chelsea Hoffman Pashen	Pashen Pashen	Tisbury Tisbury
9	Julia C. Stunkel Glenn J. Stalgren	Stunkel Stalgren	Chilmark Chilmark
16	Abigail B. Greene Jeff Goldman	Greene-Goldman Goldman	Maine Maine
16	Brandon W. Child Stephanie N. Oddo	Child Child	Watertown Watertown
23	Jennifer M. Watts Kenneth J. Pillsworth, Jr.	Pillsworth Pillsworth	West Tisbury West Tisbury
23	Georgia A. Hunter Robert M. Farinholt	Farinholt Farinholt	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
29	Douglas S. Cramer Hubert S. Bush III	Cramer Bush	Tisbury Tisbury
30	Emily C. Cabral Matthew K. Good	Cabral Good	California California
<b>October</b>			
7	Deborah J. Berger Nicholas A. R. Fox	Fox Fox	London, UK London, UK
<b>November</b>			
4	Daniel L. Larsen Shannon E. Powell	Larsen Larsen	West Tisbury West Tisbury

## DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
<b>January</b>			
2	Theodore C. Howes, Jr.	69	Cremated
23	Richard L. Hull	84	West Tisbury
<b>February</b>			
5	Beverly A King	76	West Tisbury
12	William W. Hickie	81	West Tisbury
<b>March</b>			
27	Alvin J. Mentzel	84	Cremated
31	Paauline C. Michaelson	82	Tisbury
<b>May</b>			
29	Clara M. Burke	85	Cremated
<b>July</b>			
21	Jeffrey L. Drinkwine	84	Cremated
23	Kaye H. Moody	74	Cremated
24	Francis A. Coutinho	85	Tisbury
30	Phyllis D. Calio	87	Cremated
<b>August</b>			
30	Alice R. Murphy	74	Cremated
30	Albion A. Alley, Jr.	81	West Tisbury
<b>October</b>			
3	Peter A. Culkin	43	Cremated
<b>November</b>			
13	Joan S. McGurren	63	Cremated
24	John Moment	85	Cremated
<b>December</b>			
10	Raymond P. Houle	88	Cremated
26	Glenn J. Wilson	56	Cremated

# **ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS 2006**

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## **17 JANUARY 2006- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

Attended by 215 qualified voters (10%).

### **Passed:**

**Article 1.** Reports of Town Officers and Committees,

**Article 2.** To Amend Zoning Bylaw. (Swimming Pools).

**Article 3.** To Amend Zoning Bylaw. ( Illegal apts. And affordable housing).

**Article 4.** To Amend Zoning Bylaw. (Homesite Lots).

**Article 5.** To Amend Zoning Bylaw. (Home occupations by Special Permit).

**Article 6.** To Amend Zoning Bylaw. (New definitions of Solid Waste Facility and unenclosed Porch).

**Article 7.** \$55,776.54 to pay unpaid legal expenses to the State Appellate Tax Board.

**Article 8.** \$19,223.46 to pay a past-due bill to Appellate State Tax Board for FY05.

### **FAILED**

**Article 9.** \$6,300.00 to pay Vision Appraisal/ State Appellate Tax Board.

**Article 10.** \$5,700,00 to pay Vision Appraisal/ State Appellate Tax Board (FY05).

### **FAILED**

**Article 11.** \$47,000.00 to Coleman and Sons/ State Appellate Tax Board.

**Article 12.** \$35,000.00 to FY06 Legal Budget for anticipated costs to Ellen Hutchinson/ State appellate Tax Board.

**Article 13.** \$15,000.00 to be added to FY06 Legal Services Budget.

**Article 14.** To adopt a by-law to constitute a quorum of not less than 5% of registered voters at town meetings.

**RESOLUTION: SHOULD THE TOWN PROCEED IN THE CURRENT PROJECT OF THE TOWN HALL?**

**FAILED.**

### **11 APRIL 2006- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Attended by 218 qualified voters (10.5%).

#### **Passed:**

**Article 1.** \$36,000.00 for architectural work of the Town Hall renovation.

#### **FAILED.**

**Article 2.** \$15,000.00 for use of the Board of Assessors for the Appellate Tax Board Cases.

**Article 3.** \$20,000.00 for the construction of paths along the town's roads.

**Article 4.** \$2614.49 for Emergency Management.

**Article 5.** Tri-town Ambulance Committee to begin charging for ambulance calls to reduce amounts paid annually by West Tisbury, Aquinnah and Chilmark to fund ambulance services.

### **11 APRIL 2006- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Attended by 218 qualified voters (10.5%).

**Article 1.** To elect Officers on the Official Ballot.

**Article 2.** Reports of Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 3.** Raise sums of money to defray Town charges and expenses for 2007.

**Article 4.** Treasurer and Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements.

**Article 5.** \$13,750.00 for Towns share of the cost of Mass. Estuaries Project in the Tisbury Great Pond.

**Article 6.** \$24,000.00 used by the Board of Assessors to update real and personal property.

**Article 7.** Postponed indefinitely.

**Article 8.** Board of Health /InterMunicipal Aid Agreement.

**Article 9.** Personnel by-law salary adjustment to 4.0%.

**Article 10.** \$49,690.00 for road reconstruction work.

**Article 11.** \$30,377.00 for West Tisbury's share of administrative expenses of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority.

**Article 12.** \$10,000.00 for maintenance of the police station.

**Article 13.** \$18,000.00 for painting exterior of the Howe's House.

**Article 14.** Establishing a trust to be known as the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

**Article 15.** Repairs and rehabilitation to the Town Hall bathrooms.



**Article 16.** \$2,500.00 for town's share of the M V Drug Task Force Grant.

**Article 17.** \$32,000.00 for new 4WD Police Cruiser.

**Article 18.** \$5,200.00 for new computer hardware for W.T. Police Department.

**Article 19.** \$5,000.00 to conduct a town-wide space needs and feasibility committee.

**Article 20. Postponed indefinitely.**

**Article 21.** CPA Fund recommendations.

**Article 22.** \$5,000.00 for upgrades and maintenance of the Community Hall building on Old Courthouse Rd.

**Article 23.** \$11,000.00 to conduct FY06 audit.

**Article 24.** \$15,000.00 for painting and repair of the two fire stations.

**Article 25.** \$40,000.00 to purchase a new "Hydrolic rescue tool".

**Article 26.** To accept layout of Old Stage Road.

**Article 27.** To authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain Old Stage Road.

**Article 28.** \$50,000.00 to repair and/ or make alterations to the existing Local Transfer Station.

**Article 29.** \$175,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

**Article 30.** Personnel By-Law entitled On Call Duty to the amount of \$60.00.

**Article 31.** To establish the Ambulance Replacement Stabilization Fund.

**Article 32.** \$16,500.00 to be added to the Ambulance Replacement Stabilization Fund.

**Article 33.** To accept deeds from owners of parcels of land in lieu of foreclosure of the tax titles the Town holds.

**Article 34.** Amend Allowable signs Zoning By-Law.

**Article 35. Postponed indefinitely.**

**Article 36.** \$1,000.00 for the M.V. Cultural Council's annual budget.

**Article 37.** By Petition: No person shall hold membership of municipal boards and committees at the same time.

**Failed.**

**Article 38.** The Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen may borrow \$255,000.00 for expenses already paid or already incurred on the renovation of the Town Hall.

**Article 39.** Zoning By-Law amendment.

**NO MOTION, NO SECOND.**

## 28 NOVEMBER 2006 - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Attended by 144 qualified voters (6.7%)

### **Passed:**

**Article 1.** Reports of Town Officers and Committees.

**Article 2.** \$20,000.00 for the Space needs Committee to continue its work.

**Article 3.** \$190,000.00 for the use of the Paths Committee for construction of a path on Edgartown Road.

**Article 4.** \$2,714.34 for Tri-Town Ambulance Advanced Life Support Coordinated and \$ 1,265.34 for Tri-Town Ambulance Coordinator to be added to the FY07 budget.

**Article 5.** \$9,000.00 for the Board of Assessors to update real and personal property.

### **FAILED.**

**Article 6.** \$1,500.00 for the Board of Assessors for digitizing the town's tax maps.

**Article 7.** \$2,000.00 to install programmable thermostats in town buildings recommended by a energy audit from the Cape and Light.

**Article 8.** \$4,860.00 for surveying the Old Stage Road layout.

**Article 9.** Amend the Driveway Bylaw to add **or any alteration to an existing driveway.**

**Article 10.** \$10,000.00 from the sale of cemetery lots for maintenance of the town's cemeteries.

**Article 11.** \$1,000.00 for professional development training for Town Hall Employees.

**Article 12.** \$22,774.00 for reconstruction work on town roads. To be reimbursed by the Comm. of Mass.

**Article 13.** \$5,000.00 for making funds available to Town Boards and Committees for MVTV videotaping.

**Article 14.** \$30,000.00 for resurfacing and maintaining the Library/Howe's House parking lot.

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION – APRIL 13, 2006

Registered Voters – 2054

Turnout Percentage – 37%

### **Moderator**

F. Patrick Gregory 641

### **Selectmen**

Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter 395

### **Board of Health**

Timothy A. Barnett 595

### **Board of Assessors**

Michael Colanari 300

**Treasurer**  
Katherine Logue 629

**Town Clerk**  
Prudence M. Whiting 674

**Constable**  
Timothy Barnett 586

**Finance Committee**  
Brian Athearn 382

**Planning Board**  
Murray Frank 568

**Tax Collector**  
Brent B. Taylor 650

**Tree Warden**  
Jeremiah Brown 592

**Finance Committee**  
Richard Knabel 388

**Library Trustee**  
Leslie Baker 513  
Elaine Pace 417

**Park and Recreation**  
Richard Reinhardsen 521  
Douglas Bardwell 483

**SECIAL TOWN ELECTION – MAY 18 2006**  
**2,074 REGISTERED VOTERS. 434 VOTED = 20.9%**

**Board of Assessors**  
Cynthia E. Mitchell 245

**STATE PRIMARY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**  
**2098 Registered voters . 551 voted = 26.26%**

**REPUBLICAN 48 Votes Cast**

**Sen. In Congress**  
Kenneth Chase 27

**Lieutenant Governor**  
Reed Hillman 36

**Secretary of State**  
No Candidate 0

**Auditor**  
No Candidate 0

**Councillor**  
Philip Paleologos 30

**Rep in General Court**  
James R. Powell 43

**Clerk of Courts**  
Joseph Solitto, Jr 41

**County Commissioner**  
Woodrow Williams 32

**Governor**  
Kerry Healey 38

**Attorney General**  
Larry Friscoli 36

**Treasurer**  
No Candidate 0

**Rep in Congress**  
Jeffrey Beatty 33

**Sen in General Court**  
Richardo Barros 21

**District Attorney**  
Michael O'Keefe 43

**Registry of Deeds**  
No Candidate 0

**DEMOCRATIC      503 Votes Cast**

**Sen in Congress**

Edward Kennedy      443

**Lieutanant Governor**

Andrea C. Sibert      228

**Secretary of State**

William F. Galvin      281

**Auditor**

A. Joseph DeNucci      288

**Councillor**

Kelly K. Lydon      141

**Rep in General Court**

Eric Turkington      407

**Clerk of Courts**

Daniel J. Larkosh      290

**County Commissioners**

Robert Sawyer      200

Paul Strauss      204

Carlene Gatting      218

**Governor**

Deval Patrick      357

**Attorney Gernal**

Martha Coakley      351

**Treasurer**

Timothy Cahill      336

**Rep in Congress**

William Delahunt      420

**Sen in General Court**

Robert O'Leary      394

**District Attorney**

No Candidate      0

**Register of Deeds**

Dianne Powers      377

**STATE ELECTION      November 7, 2006**

**407 Votes Cast      66.21%**

**Sen In Congress**

Edward Kennedy      1138

**Attorney General**

Martha Coakley      1108

**Treasurer**

Timothy Cahill      994

**Rep in Congress**

William Delahunt      1116

**Sen in General Court**

Robert O'Leary      1117

**District Attorney**

Michael O'Keefe      740

**Governor**

Patrick and Murray      1003

**Secretary of State**

Wm Francis Galvin      1030

**Auditor**

A. Joseph DeNucci      996

**Councillor**

Carole Fiola      937

**Rep in General Court**

Eric Turkington      945

**Clerk of Courts**

Joseph Solitto, Jr      790

**Registry of Deeds**

Dianne Powers 1189

**Regional School District**

Roxanne Ackerman 641  
Jeffrey S. Manter 804  
Susan Parker 722  
Daniel Cabot 798  
Marshall Segall 648

**County Charter Commission**

Timothy Connelly 411  
Mimi Davisson 552  
Arthur Flathers 451  
Daniel Flynn 416  
Richard Knabel 581  
Patricia Moore 629  
Nora Nevin 477  
James Newman 448  
William O'Brian 448  
Linda Sibley 637  
Ted Stanley 575  
Woodrow Williams 444  
Tad Crawford 150  
Thomas Rancich 124

**County Commissioners**

Leslie Leland 567  
Robert Sawyer 490  
Carlene Gating 597  
Tristan Israel 737

**M.V. Commission**

James Athearn 998  
Christina Brown 686  
Mimi Davidson 610  
E.Douglas Sederholm 562  
Linda Sibley 738  
Andrew Woodruff 968  
Daniel Flynn 419  
Kathy Newman 535  
Richard Toole 506

**Q. 1 Liquor in Groc. Stores**

Yes 673  
No 650

**Q 2. Names on Ballot**

Yes 547  
No 698

**Q 3. Child Care Providers**

Yes 646  
No 589

**Q 4. Charter Commission**

Yes 940  
No 299

# REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The number of registered voters in September 2006 was:

Democrat	777	in 1996	605
Green Party	4		0
Green-Rainbow	9		0
Libertarian	5		5
Rainbow Coalition	1		0
Republican	172		220
Unenrolled	1130		1163
Total	2725	Total	1993

The Street List of residents in March 2006 was:

Active Voters	2044	in 1996	1601
Non-Active	681		469
Total	2725		2070

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS PEEBLES  
ANTONE H. REZENDES, JR.  
BERNICE KIRBY

PRUDENCE M. WHITING, Clerk

# **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

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The Board would like to thank John Powers for serving on the board as the Employee Representative for the past 3 years. Ernie Mendenhall has replaced John in this capacity. Thank you John and welcome Ernie. After 7 years of service to the Board, Dan Cabot also resigned this year to take a seat on the School Committee. John Durfee, Dan's replacement, brings over 20 years of Human Resources experience to the board. Thanks to Dan and welcome John.

In 2006 the library welcomed Howard Curtis as the new Library Director. Ebba Heirta resigned as Assistant Librarian to become the Librarian in Chilmark and Beth Kramer has taken her place. Jennifer Tseng, Emily Smith, Ava Castro and Colleen Morris have all joined the library staff as circulation assistants. The library is a busy place!

The Police Department added three new officers this year, Jennifer Kelley, Leomar DeOliviera and David Savage. David has also replaced Judy Sibert as the department's administrative assistant. Tammis Sprague joined the Assessing Department as data collector. Nancy Rogers is the new Finance Committee assistant and Kristen Clothier is working with the newly formed CPC committee. Welcome to all the new employees.

After discussion and research, including a study of the Consumer Price Index, the Employment Cost Index and comparison with other island towns and the county, the Personnel Board recommended, and the voters approved, a 4.0% FY 2007 salary adjustment for town employees.

The Board continues to participate in the Massachusetts Municipal Association's annual Benchmark Salary Survey.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

NORM PERRY, Chairman  
NANCY-ALYCE ABBOTT  
JOHN DURFEE  
ERNIE MENDENHALL  
MAEVE SHEEHAN

# **REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT**

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On June 30, 2006, we finished the first full fiscal year operating entirely on PC-based network, and using the new accounting and tax billing software. There was an intensive effort on the part of all staff involved to refine and optimize this software, to ensure full functionality. Again, we thank our colleagues for their cooperation. We expanded the use of the permitting software so that any permitting department can use it; this allows for more coordination between departments.

We are working to develop a sustainable long-range maintenance and upgrade plan, funded by our annual budget. We have completed digitizing the assessors' maps, and will implement their integration into both the appraisal and permitting software. We plan to migrate all town hall workstations to the current MS Office version, all at once.

We thank you for your support of our ongoing efforts to keep the town up to date, and remind you that a great deal of information is now available to you via the town's website at [www.town.west-tisbury.ma.us](http://www.town.west-tisbury.ma.us). Assessors' information on each parcel of land is also now available at <http://data.visionappraisal.com/WestTisburyMA/>.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE LOGUE  
JO-ANN RESENDES  
BRUCE STONE  
Data Processing Staff



# REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Board of Selectmen:

It has been another busy year but with the addition of the new brush truck, the jaws of life, and the help of the men & women in the department it's been a good year.

Another year has past and the State Forest is still in the same situation. The fuel load is just enormous with all the dead pines. Just look on Edgartown & West Tisbury Rd.

As you can see, Fire Station 2 is being used all the time for all types of organizations, even the Hospital runs classes there and with the mandated classes put on the department by the government it takes up a lot of time. For example, January 22, 2007 to May we have 7 classes to go to. One class is a two-day course and the other is a 3-day course, plus the men and women taking firefighter 1 classes every week.

It takes a lot of dedication from the men and women in the department, but it also takes time away from their families so I would like to thank all of them for their support.

Fire Alarms	120	Car Accidents	22
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	6	Car Fire	1
House Fires	2	First Responder Call	2
Oil Spills	1	Illegal Burns	3
Alert 2	2	Man Station for storm	1
Pole Fires	2	Plane Crash	1
Miscellaneous	20	Brush Fire	8
Smoke Investigations	4	House Hit By Lighting	1
Smoke in Basement	1	Horse Rescue	1
Smoke in Planes	2	Gas Alarm	2
Trash Fire	1	Gas Spill	1
Chimney Fires	2	Mutual Aid	1
Electrical Fires	4	L.P. Gas Inspections	105
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Inspections			109
Oil Burner Permits	6	Tank Removals	4

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL ESTRELLA III  
Fire Chief

# REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

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Dear Residents:

Tri-Town Ambulance is staffed by a team of dedicated and exceptionally-trained volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (at the Basic, Intermediate, and Paramedic Levels) and First Responders who are committed to helping their neighbors and visitors to the island alike. While further changes and challenges continue to present themselves, Tri-Town Ambulance rolls forever onward to expand its service towards providing the best in quality patient care:

- ❖ This year, beginning in July, Tri-Town Ambulance started billing for its services. Whereas, in past years, Tri-Town provided free patient care and transport to the hospital; funds for operation, maintenance and supplies for the ambulances were drawn from the towns' annual taxes. As demands on the service have grown, the budget has expanded exponentially in order to continue providing the best care possible, and to meet required state regulations. Tri-Town hopes to offset these budgetary demands by billing patients or their insurance companies. Income from billing will go into a fund to be dispersed to the three towns: Aquinnah, Chilmark, and West Tisbury equally. Tri-Town foresees alleviating some financial demands on the townspeople with this new system.
- ❖ Tri-Town Ambulance is now operating with its first full-time employee. Deb Cini, paramedic, has been hired as the Advanced Life Saving (ALS) Coordinator for the ambulance service. Among her duties, she provides paramedic duty coverage for the entire response area and oversees quality control for all ALS calls for Tri-Town. Welcome Deb!
- ❖ During 2006, Tri-Town Ambulance responded to 363 calls for the ambulance. There were 217 runs in West Tisbury, 113 runs in Chilmark, and 33 calls in Aquinnah. This call volume is down only slightly from the 365 runs of 2005. This year's calls were classified as follows: 7 Priority One (highest priority), 93 Priority Two, 146 Priority Three (lowest priority). There were 115 calls that did not involve transport, whether it was for patient refusal, cancellation, or fire department back-up and airport standbys. Tri-Town Ambulance also conducted 2 non-emergency patient transports. Continued tracking of calls providing ALS care shows a 60% involvement; up considerably from last years 10%. Considering the decrease in the number of higher priority calls, from last year (32% in 2005 vs. 28% in 2006), the substantial increase in ALS calls is interesting to note.

It appears that our new all-island Paramedic Program is being put to good use!

- ❖ We celebrated the addition of four new EMTs into our squad this year! Roger Cook, Chris West, Spencer Booker, and Max McCreery all successfully completed the 2006 EMT-Basic Class. Congratulations and welcome to them all! Chris West, a West Tisbury firefighter, has taken to EMT response like a fish in water, responding to 20% of all calls since he acquired his certificate in May. He received recognition for his efforts with an award for Most Active New EMT 2006. Fran Bradley and Sloan Hart both won, in a tie, Tri-Town EMT of the Year 2006; for their continued dedication and excellence to Tri-Town Ambulance. We are very proud of them all and we congratulate them for their successes!

The Tri-Town Ambulance Committee would like thank the following organizations for their continued support. These organizations all play a vital role in the achievement of Tri-Town Ambulance's goal of providing quality patient care to everyone in the Tri-Town area:

West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Fire Departments  
West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Police Departments  
Dukes County Sheriff's Department:  
Communication Center Dispatchers  
Martha's Vineyard Hospital – Emergency Department Personnel  
Bardwell Electronics  
SBS

The Committee would also like to recognize the volunteers serving as EMTs in the Tri-Town area. These EMTs make themselves available around the clock, to ensure the provision of the best emergency medical care to their neighbors. Please join us in our deep admiration and gratitude towards the following:

**Chilmark**

Mary Boyd  
Roger Cook  
Jeff Day  
Sloan Hart  
Max McCreery  
Eamonn Solway  
Bret Stearns

**West Tisbury**

Robyn & Simon Bollin  
Fran Bradley  
Joe Capece  
Deb & Chris Cini  
Debby Farber  
Jennifer Gardner  
Jen & Bruce Haynes  
Betsy Macdonald  
Skipper Manter  
Martina Mastromonaco  
Herb Moody  
Chris West  
Zeke Wilkins

**Aquinnah**

Spencer Booker  
Gary Coates  
Paul Manning  
Cheryl Selitti  
Martha & Nick Thorne

**Out of Town Responders**

Randhi Belain  
Andy Bluestein  
Rick Brew  
Bill Cini  
Dan Johnson  
Marina Lent  
John Rose

Respectfully submitted,

Tri-Town Ambulance Committee:

Chief TIM RICH

Chief BETH TOOMEY

Chief RANDHI BELAIN

Chief WALTER DELANEY

MARY BOYD

JOHN EARLY, Selectman

Ambulance Coordinator

MARTINA MASTROMONACO

Assistant Coordinator (Clerical)

SLOAN HART

ALS Coordinator

DEB CINI

Assistant Coordinator (Mechanical)

SIMON BOLLIN

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# **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*To Serve, Protect, and Educate*

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The year 2006 was marked by growth and great change for our town. It continues to be apparent to me that our Island is changing physically as well as socially. This creates new challenges, as well as opportunities, for law enforcement, education, and community policing. We are training and planning diligently to meet these challenges, and I look forward to developing an even closer relationship with the residents of West Tisbury over the coming year.

In 2006 we welcomed Officer Jennifer Kelley and Officer Leo DeOliviera, as new full time officers to our department. They will be filling positions at the airport as well as in patrol. Sergeant Skipper Manter continued as our very popular Senior Liaison Officer. He attended weekly luncheons and meetings at the Howe's House and visits with senior citizens in their homes. Sergeant Daniel Rossi served as the Student Resource Officer for the high school, as needed. Detective Daniel Gouldrup continues as the Student Resource Officer for the West Tisbury School. Detective Gouldrup also performs the intake duties for firearms permits that are now submitted via computer, to the state. Sergeant Matthew Mincone - promoted from Corporal-continues as our representative to the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force with assistance from Officer Garrison Vieira. Reserve Officer & Administrative Assistant David D. Savage was hired full time in October. In addition to assuming many of the duties formerly assigned to Judy Siebert, David will be maintaining our website, updating E911 records, and acting as a Reserve Officer when needed.

As many of you know, Judy moved to Washington D.C. in June and has completed her graduate Degree in Emergency Management. Judy joined the police department part time in 1994 and started working full time 4 years ago. She graduated from the Plymouth Reserve Intermittent Police Academy in 1995. Judy was an active member of the Tri-Town ambulance Squad and was one of the driving forces starting the Paramedic Program on the island. Additionally Judy served as the town's Director of Emergency Management. We are sincerely grateful for her outstanding service, and proud of her accomplishments. We wish her all the best in her new life.

Officer (Pastor) Kenneth Campbell continued to support the department as our chaplain. His wife Cathy was severely injured in bicycle accident last fall so the pastoral care of the police department was performed long-distance

from Texas while she was in a physical rehabilitation facility. We look forward to return their return to the island in June.

For the last four years the West Tisbury Police Department has contributed to the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Fair by furnishing an on-site police booth. Among other security functions our booth provides a "Missing Parents / Found Children" service. We also provide a lost-and-found, a message board, and information services.

As a Community Policing service, The West Tisbury Police Department initiated its "Keep Kids Safe" child identification program. Using a digital photo/card printing computer - similar to a driver's license system - this new program was a big hit. Parents will now have a very recent photo of their child as well as important information always available to supply to law enforcement in case of an emergency. Officer David Savage designed the program and operated the computer and camera. The West Tisbury Police's "Keep Kid's Safe" Program created over eight hundred "Keep Kids Safe" child ID's for families. Many teens also took part in the ID program. It was fun to meet, talk to, and laugh along with so many of our Island's teenagers. This pilot project provided the perfect forum to talk with them about "Stranger Danger" issues and safety tips.

The Department continued to receive funding for a number of programs that benefit West Tisbury and the Island. In conjunction with Women's Support Services, our Domestic Violence grant continues to provide for a liaison between WSS and island police departments. Our Byrne Grant partially funds Corporal Mincone's and Officer Vieira's participation in the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force. I am Chairperson of the Island Public Safety Computer System that was awarded funding for a new multi-jurisdictional records management system and computer aided dispatch. Our Community Policing Grant funded many special projects that continue to bring the department and the community closer.

Our "Safety Net Program" is off and running. Working side by side with Emergency Management we are pleased to announce Oak Lane as the first road actively taking part in this initiative. Please take a few moments to call us and sign up for our "Safety Net Program". We are excited about recruiting Team Leaders for each and every street in our town in order to include *every home* in this important emergency management program. The West Tisbury Police Department is looking forward to another happy and safe year of serving the citizens of West Tisbury.

Sincerely,



Beth Toomey  
Chief of Police

## West Tisbury Police Department

	<b>Total</b>
911 Hang-up	<b>41</b>
Accident    Aircraft	<b>1</b>
Bicycle	<b>1</b>
Moped	<b>1</b>
Boat	<b>1</b>
Airport Incident	<b>44</b>
Alarm    Commercial Burglar	<b>36</b>
Commercial Fire	<b>18</b>
Residential Burglar	<b>111</b>
Residential Fire	<b>37</b>
Trouble	<b>4</b>
Bank Hold Up	<b>2</b>
Life-line	<b><u>2</u></b>
<i>Alarm Total</i>	<b>210</b>
Ambulance Runs	<b>210</b>
Animal Complaint	<b>53</b>
Arrest    Drug	<b>9</b>
OUI	<b>8</b>
Other	<b><u>28</u></b>
<i>Arrest Total</i>	<b>45</b>
Assault & Battery	<b>6</b>
Assist Other Agency	<b>157</b>
Assist the Public	<b>653</b>
B & E/ Larceny	<b>3</b>
By-Law Violation	
Noise	<b>27</b>
Other	<b>22</b>
Child Abuse/ Neglect	<b>1</b>
Criminal Summons	<b>32</b>
Death Notification	<b>1</b>
Unattended Death	<b>2</b>
Domestic Disturbance/ Restraining Order	<b>37</b>
Domestic Related Activity	<b>511</b>
Erratic MV Operator Report	<b>31</b>
Fireworks Complaint	<b>12</b>
Harassing Phone Call	<b>6</b>
Hit & Run MV Report	<b>3</b>
Hunting Violation Complaint	<b>11</b>
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	<b>14</b>
Larceny/Larceny by Check	<b>28</b>
Littering/Dumping Trash	<b>10</b>
Lock Out (Assist Motorist)	<b>37</b>
Malicious Destr/Vandalism	<b>16</b>
Mental Health Call	<b>22</b>
Mental Health Related Activity	<b>205</b>

2006

	<b>Total</b>
Missing Person	<b>7</b>
Motor Vehicle    Abandoned	<b>4</b>
Accident	<b>65</b>
Vs. Deer	<b>28</b>
Citation	<b>251</b>
Stop (no citation)	<b>270</b>
Disabled	<b>32</b>
Recovered Stolen	<b>3</b>
Stolen	<b>1</b>
Towed	<b>40</b>
Noise Complaint	<b>27</b>
Parking Violation Complaint	<b>7</b>
Parking Violation Ticket	<b>42</b>
Power Outage	<b>7</b>
Property    Found	<b>65</b>
Lost	<b>45</b>
Protective Custody	<b>4</b>
School Bus Incident	<b>1</b>
Service of Court Documents	<b>26</b>
Sex Crime	<b>2</b>
Shots Fired	<b>5</b>
Suspicious    Motor Vehicle	<b>13</b>
Person	<b>7</b>
Activity	<b>17</b>
Trespass	<b>7</b>
Welfare Check	<b>26</b>

An individual call may be listed in several Categories. A total of these statistics does not represent our call volume.



# **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

## ***Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery***

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To the Board of Selectmen:

This past July, Judy Sibert passed the torch as Director of West Tisbury Emergency Management. As Judy moves off-island to other pursuits, she leaves a department on a solid footing to continue the preparation of West Tisbury, it's citizens and visitors for current and future natural and man-made disasters.

During her tenure, Judy completely revised the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and placed it on the Town's website. She stockpiled and expanded the Emergency Management and other Town departments' supplies through Federal Grants and tirelessly worked on community preparations at both the Town and Island level. Judy's energy and passion will be sorely missed.

Since moving from the Assistant Director's chair to Directorship, I have taken up a number of initiatives and continued several on-going projects. As part of National Preparedness requirements, we continued to assist Town departments with federally mandated training including Incident Command Systems (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

I am working with the Island's public and private leadership to formulate a comprehensive Island-wide approach to any Pandemic or large scale, long-term Public Health emergency. This island cooperative venture seeks to join all six Towns, the County, and Tribe and representatives from Police, Fire, EMS, Public Health, Emergency Management, the Martha's Vineyard Hospital as well as other critical public and private stakeholders in a comprehensive, integrated plan in the event of a pandemic emergency.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in a joint project with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) had pre-positioned Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) and pallets of bottled water on island during this past hurricane season. This past thanksgiving, we were notified that FEMA was letting the island Towns keep the Disaster supplies for future events. Additionally, the American Red Cross also pre-positioned extra shelter supplies with the island Towns. Our special thanks to Chief Estrella and the West Tisbury Fire Department and Jesse Oliver and the West Tisbury Highway Department for their assistance in receiving and storing these critical supplies.

In 2007, we are looking forward to increased public education initiatives, federal grants for supplies, information and computing infrastructure, more cooperative ventures with island Towns, the County and Tribe and greater training opportunities for Town departments. The Department still faces critical challenges with storage and coverage issues. We hope to fill the vacant Assistant Director position and look forward to the results of the West Tisbury Space and Needs Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHRISTOPHER S CINI  
Emergency Management Director

# REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH WARDEN

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To the Voters:

Optimism is a necessary ingredient of a positive outlook on West Tisbury waters for the coming years.

In Bivalvia, including Oysterdom and Clamdom, a great battle rages between the forces of progress and the natural world of ponds, estuaries, bays and inlets. In the many other places where this battle has been fought, progress has won.

The human-caused stresses upon the marine environment are evident now, here, in the forms of algal blooms, huge smothering weed beds, shellfish diseases like oyster dermo and clam leukemia, and in oxygen depletion in certain areas. There has been an island-wide decrease in the ability of the shellfishes to reproduce and sustain themselves at their former levels. To see the future for the fisheries we need only look to the mainland, where the decline is further advanced.

Dependence upon the same sciences employed on the mainland for dealing with a similar outcome. Our zoning laws may delay the crash experienced elsewhere but will not stop it, and have the added effect of limiting land use based on a faulty premise regarding the drinking water and the watershed.

There is hope in the State's Estuaries Project. This study was funded at town meeting and includes the Great Pond and will assess and model nitrogen flows in the watershed. When completed, this study will help get a handle on the damage done.

Now, for a dose of optimism –

All the creatures, the fishes and the shellfishes want to live and are doing everything they can to reproduce themselves even in the face of the many indignities sent them. In the wake of the great oyster plague called Dermo, the oysters are trying to come back from the edge of extinction. The clams are still reproducing, though most die before adulthood.. The greater the numbers of shellfish the greater the filtration capacity, and the better the water clarity. A rising oyster population is going to help the pond. Is the clams can live, that will help the pond. The last year in which the clams survived to adulthood was the year the dead whale washed into the pond opening. Since then the pond openings have been many and shortlived, due to the considerable delta on the inside mouth of the pond. Dredging may be necessary.

The plan for the department for the coming year is to do fundamentals to increase oysters, lobby for dredging, and work with the MV Shellfish Group and Rick Karney to obtain good science and good observations of underwater populations and environment.

Thanks to everyone who has or will help us, especially the committeeman John Mayhew, of great oyster wisdom and help with the committee process. Farewell from all the people to Ray Houle who always entertained hope for the future but could make a tear fall in honor of the past.

Respectfully submitted,

TOM OSMERS  
Shellfish Warden

# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

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To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

With funding from five member towns, private donations, and grant moneys from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, NOAA Sea Grant, and the Edey Foundation, the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its program to promote the well being of the Island's shellfish and the clean water they require. Highlights of our 2006 program follow:

**Solar Shellfish Hatchery** – We produced and distributed to the towns nearly 6 million seed quahogs, over 7 million seed scallops and almost 900,000 soft shell clam seed. Using broodstock oysters from Edgartown Great Pond that have resistance to Dermo disease, we seeded Tisbury Great Pond with 3.5 million remote-set oyster larvae.

**Oyster Disease Investigations** – Both cultured and wild Island oyster populations continue to suffer losses from Juvenile Oyster Disease (JOD) and Dermo. We continue to monitor the status of Dermo, an oyster disease infecting the local oysters in both Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. Interestingly, a good percentage of the population of oysters in both ponds appears to be surviving in spite of the Dermo infection and we have been investigating the possibility that these surviving oysters may have developed a natural resistance to the disease. In collaboration with Rutgers University and the Woods Hole Marine Biological Lab, we are conducting experiments to test the field performance of several putative disease resistant oyster strains. Two Rutgers strains and the offspring of our hatchery's cross of oysters surviving Dermo disease in Edgartown Great Pond are being tested in deployments in Edgartown Great Pond and Katama Bay. Results for the offspring of broodstock selected from survivors in Edgartown Great Pond show them to be twice as resistant to Dermo as a control population. We have begun to use these Dermo resistant oysters from Edgartown Great Pond as broodstock for our seeding program in Tisbury Great Pond in hopes of speeding up the recovery of the decimated populations there. Please note that both JOD and Dermo are diseases of oysters and pose no threat to humans consuming the oysters.

**Promotion of Shellfish Aquaculture** – Over the past year we continued to encourage, support and promote shellfish aquaculture as an ideal "green" industry for Martha's Vineyard. In November we sponsored a presentation on the potential for Vineyard offshore mussel culture by Dr. Richard Langan,

Director of the University of New Hampshire Open Ocean Aquaculture Program. Following up on the interest generated by the presentation, we have applied for grant funding to identify potential offshore culture sites as a first step to develop an industry that may provide product and employment for fishers displaced by the decline of wild stocks.

**The Island Blue Pages-** In 2006, we continued to distribute copies of “ The Island Blue Pages,” the booklet that seeks to inform residents of the environmental impacts of their daily activities on the Island’s water resources. This timely booklet has been very well received both on and off Island. We have responded to requests for copies and information about its creation from groups on Cape Cod, Long Island, New Jersey, Illinois, Colorado and Quebec who see the need to produce a similar publication to protect water quality in their areas.

**Outreach -** In an effort to better educate the community about our program and recommendations for protecting our shellfish resources, we are undertaking an effort to improve our outreach capabilities. Taking advantage of an MVTV promotion, we helped produce five videos on local shellfish issues for broadcast on the Island’s cable TV station. The subject matter included: spawning quahogs, shellfish culture on Martha’s Vineyard, the nursery culture of quahog seed, the potential for offshore mussel culture, and oyster diseases. With funding from the Edey Foundation we have begun revitalization of our website, [www.mvshellfishgroup.org](http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org). The Edey Foundation also provided funds for the purchase of a microscope with a digital camera to capture images of microscopic shellfish for public education.

**Think Locally and Act Globally –** In 2006 I was elected Vice President of the National Shellfisheries Association and serve on its Industry Subcommittee. I continue to serve as Co-Chair of the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center and on the governing boards of the Massachusetts Aquaculture Association, East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, the Lagoon Pond Association and Slow Food MV. I also serve on the advisory boards of the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Squibnocket District Advisory Committee and am an active member of the MV Water Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY  
Shellfish Biologist/Director

# SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2006

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Quahogs</b>	Aquinnah*	700,000
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<b>Soft Shell Clams</b>	Aquinnah*	47,300
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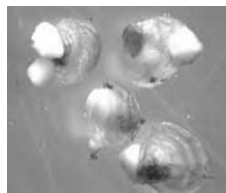
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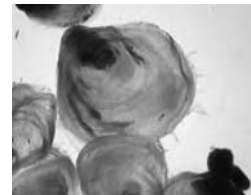
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## **Oyster Larvae** **(disease-resistant)**



23 day old oysters

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31 day old oysters

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# REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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To the Board of Selectmen:

Here we are---another year has gone by and I am still your Animal Control Officer and Allen Healy is still my assistant. This is a job I truly love—I love all the animals I deal with (and I like their owners too). I want to thank my selectmen for appointing me for yet another year to this job. I would like to dedicate this report to my dog, Marigold, who died this past June 6<sup>th</sup>. She was a golden retriever, (golden recliner as one of my friends put it,) and she was the best dog in the world. She gave me 14 years of love and companionship and I miss her very much. She went with me on my animal control calls (day and night, and I want to tell you that it is lonely going on a call without her, especially at night.) and was a friend to every animal and person she met. Marigold and her tennis ball always have a seat next to me on my calls I go on. As I go into my 17<sup>th</sup> year as your Animal Control Officer, I look back on the past year and it was quite busy, especially in the summer. Between Allen and myself, we had over 1500 calls.

During the year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 we had:

- 1,240 Dog calls
- 139 Cat calls (missing and found calls)
- 28 Large animal calls (cows, horses, sheep, donkeys and pigs and goats)
- 25 Small animal calls (roosters, chickens, turkeys and guinea hens)
- 34 Barking dog complaints
- 56 Non-domestic animal calls
- 39 Non-domestic animals hit by cars (raccoons and skunks)
- 11 Domestic animals hit by cars
- 5 Muskrat calls
- 7 Bat calls
- 3 Wild birds hit by cars and taken to Gussy Ben David for treatment (owls)
- 1 Very confused seagull taking up residence at a home with a sliding glass door that he saw his reflection and was in love. I took him to Tisbury Great Pond to look for a new love.
- 16 Cats trapped and either taken to MSPCA for adoption or to Cattrap where they live happily ever after (or in one particular case, adopted by my assistant)
- 4 Turtles in road calls
- 420 Miscellaneous calls

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During the year I attended two off-island classes—one about the powers and duties of the Animal Control Officers, based on the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with Attorney Patrick Rogers and the other with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Animal Health with Mike Cahill.

I would like to thank all the people who help me in the realm of my job. Jen Rand, the secretary to the selectmen, for her wise advice and my assistant, Allen Healy, for his knowledge and coverage when I am not on duty. The veterinarians on the island who have helped me in emergencies, all the Animal Control Officers on the island for emergency coverage and advice when needed, and the animal related agencies on the island that have given me assistance ie: MSPCA, PAWS/SPAY Program, CATTRAP and Campbell Douglas for their donations of cat and dog food.

Sincerely,

JOAN W. JENKINSON  
West Tisbury Animal Control Officer

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JOAN W. JENKINSON  
West Tisbury Animal Control Officer



# **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The Building Department issued the following permits in 2006:

- 17 New Single Family Residences
- 80 Addition/Alteration Permits
  - 2 Foundations
  - 2 Certificate of Occupancy for Existing Building
  - 3 Demolish Single Family Residence
  - 1 Demolish Barn
  - 1 Demolish Shed
  - 1 Demolish Garage
  - 7 Detached Garages
  - 3 Detached Garages with Accessory Apartments
  - 1 Detached Garage with Studio
  - 4 Barns
  - 6 Private Swimming Pools
  - 3 Pool Houses
  - 3 Studios
  - 1 Move a Studio
- 20 Sheds
  - 1 Chicken Coop
  - 1 Greenhouse
  - 2 Woodstoves
  - 4 Change of Use (Barn to SFR, Detached bedroom to Office

Total Permits Issued

- 163 Building Permits Issued
- 200 Electric Permits
- 183 Gas Permits

Total Building Department Fees Collected      \$77,778

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST P. MENDENHALL  
Inspector of Buildings

# **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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**To the Board of Selectmen  
The ZBA held 47 hearings for 43 cases in 2006.**

**Case 06-01      January 4**

Abigail and Anthony Higgins: 145 Christiantown Rd; Map 12 lot 38; RU District

Request for Special Permit to have a 16 by 24 one-story garage with lean-to within 500 ft of Christiantown and Firetower Hill, to be sited 40' from NE bound was granted.

**Case 06-02      January 4**

Jeff and Laura Entner: 82 State Rd; Map 8 Lot 34; RU District

Request for Special Permit to build an 18 by 20 addition with farmers porch on pre-existing non-conforming house was granted.

**Case 06-03      January 4**

David and Laura Ross: 41 Oak Grove Rd; Map 3 Lot 21; RU District

Request for amendment to a Special Permit of '04: to build a 26 by 13 open pavilion with changing rooms as associated pool structure was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-04      January 18**

Patricia Kuehn and David Fitzpatrick: 1073 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 67; Village Residential District

Request for Special Permit for 7.5' of setback relief on N bound for an addition to a barn was granted.

**Case 06-05      January 18**

Karen Colombo: 27 Davis Look Rd; Map 11 Lot 46.1; RU District

Request for Special Permit to produce ice cream at Nip n' Tuck farm stand was granted.

**Case 06-06      February 15**

Jill and David Collis: 20 Coffins Field Road; Map 29 Lot 86.5; RU District

Request for Special Permit for 18 by 36 in-ground pool was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-07      February 15**

Robert Breth: 11 Oak Lane; Map 10 Lot 25.1; RU District

Request for Special Permit for a 500 sq ft accessory apartment over a 24 by 24 garage was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-08      February 15**

Joseph and Heather Capece: Michaels Way; Map 30 Lot 11.3; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to allow a single-family residence on a substandard 2.5 acre lot created as a Homesite Lot was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-09      February 15**

Hicklin Jones Holding Co LLC (Lambert's Cove Inn): 90 Manaquayak Rd; Map 7 Lot 99; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming use: Enclose existing deck, relocate main dining room, relocate current library, relocate second dining room was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-10      March 15**

Noah Richards and Michelle Aluia: Michael's Way; Map 30 Lot 11.4; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to allow a single-family residence on a substandard 1-acre lot created as a Homesite Lot was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-11      March 15**

Jessica and John David Miller: Michaels Way; Map 30 Lot 11.5; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to allow a single-family residence on a substandard 1-acre lot created as a Homesite Lot was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-12      March 8**

Tad and Judy Crawford: 56 Nat's Farm Lane; Map 26 Lot 12.6; RU District  
Request for Special Permit for 5' of setback relief at nearest corner for an entry addition was granted.

**Case 06-13      March 8 and March 29**

Brian Driscoll; 265 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.50; RU District  
Request for Special Permit for a 784 sq ft pool with 10' of setback relief was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-14      March 8**

Stan Hersh: 200 Otis Bassett Rd; Map 17 Lot 49; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house: addition to need 4' of setback relief on NE bound was granted.

**Case 06-15      March 8**

Dan and Nancy Cabot: 30 Middle Rd; Map 32 Lot 17; RU District  
Request for Variance for setback relief for a guesthouse due to the width and shape of the lot; To be 29' from one side bound and 41' from the other was granted.

**Case -06-16      March 29**

David Gorenberg and Leslie Baker: 62 Elias lane; Map 26 Lot 19; RU District

Request for Special Permit for an over 676 sq ft accessory building on an under 3 acre lot: a 30 by 36 barn to need 15' of setback relied on N bound and 25' from E bound was granted.

**Case 06-17      April 26 and May 17**

Harrowby Property Co LTD: 245 John Cottle Rd; Map 6 Lot 7.2; RU District  
Request for Special Permit for a 20 by 50 in-ground pool with spa and associated equipment shed and fence was granted with conditions, and later amended to 20 by 40 by the applicants.

**Case 06-18      April 12**

Eamonn and Rebecca Solway: 7 Great Plains Rd; Map 10 Lot 32.1; RU District

Request for Special Permit for 6' of setback relief to add a 32 by 6 open porch (attached accessory structure) was granted.

**Case 06-19      May 31**

Ellen Wolfe: 15 Vandrow Lane; Map 8 Lot 29.1; RU District

Request for Special Permit for an over 6' high, 375' long fence to be less than 10' from the W bound was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-20      April 26**

Henry and Berta Geller: 237 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd; Map 37 Lot 14; RU District

Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house: A 2-story addition to be sited 40' from S bound was granted.

**Case 06-21      April 26**

Paul Garcia: 1045 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 58.1; VR District

Request to alter and extend a pre-existing non-conforming sign increasing the size and changing the appearance was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-22      April 26**

James and Rachel Neville: 50 Red Pony Rd; Map 30; RU District

Request for Variance for height relief of 2'8' was granted.

**Case 06-23      May 17**

Warren Woessner: 77 Vineyard Meadows Farm Rd; Map 29 Lot 11; RU District

Request for Special Permit for accessory building of over 676 sq ft on under 3 acre lot by adding 200 sq ft to that already permitted in a Jan 06 building permit was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-24      May 17**

Steve and Wendy Nierenberg: 45 Otis Bassett Rd; Map 17 Lot 12; RU District

Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house by adding a 20 by 24 first floor addition, a 7 by 24 extension above, a porch and a deck, to need 4' of setback relief at nearest point was granted.

**Case 06-25      May 31**

Beth McElhiney: 860 State Rd; Map 25 Lot 7; RU District

Request to withdraw application (after publication of notice) was granted.

**Case 06-26      May 31**

David Berlow: 71 Red Pony Rd; Map 30 Lot 11.2; RU District

Request for Special Permit for an attached accessory apartment was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-27      June 21**

Edward Bayne and Lea Delacour: 59 Hidden Village Rd; Map 11 Lot 6; RU District

Request for Special Permit for home occupation as a psychotherapist was granted.

**Case 06-28      July 26**

David Knauf: 41 West Farm Rd; Map 29, Lot 86.16; RU District.

Request for Special Permit for a 29 by 16 in-ground pool was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-29      September 6**

James Ferry: 21 Amos Lane; Map 16 Lot 71.1; Mixed Business District

Request for Special Permit for a standard 60 by 120 outdoor tennis court was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-30      September 6 and 27**

Glenn Maki: 113 Great Plains Rd; Map 17 Lot 110; RU District

Request for a Special Permit to build a 25 by 27 detached garage with 12 by 27 overhead storage (on under 3 acre lot) was granted but the request for 15' of setback relief was reduced to 5'.

**Case 06-31      September 6**

Patricia Kuehan and Dave Fitzpatrick: 1073 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 67; VR District

Request for Special Permit for setback relief for a farmer's porch and a shed, and to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house by adding on a porch, a kitchen and master bedroom was granted.



**Case 06-32      September 27 and October 18**

Ellen Wolfe: 632 State Rd; Map 22 Lot 47; RU District

Request to amend a Special Permit granted in 2002 to Donnie Mills: To have clarified what can be sold under the term “art gallery” and to be able to continue selling clothing on the premises of “Yes, We Have No Bananas” was granted for the duration of one year with conditions.

**Case 06-33      September 27**

Robert Skydell and Rose Willett: 680 State Road; Map 22 Lot 55; RU District

Request for Special Permit for retail sales in connection with agricultural use was denied.

**Case 06-34      October 4**

Troy and Laura Maciel: 30 Pine Lane; Map 10 Lot 58; RU District

Request for Special Permit for an attached 1,115 sq ft garage for personal vehicle storage, business equipment storage, with overhead family room/office; and to have a service business on the premises was granted to be withdrawn without prejudice.

**Case 06-35      October 4**

Foster Greene: 24 Alex Way; Map 26 lot 12.8; RU District

Request for Special Permit to extend and alter pre-existing non-conforming house by adding a 12 by 23 porch, deck extensions, storage area and bulkhead was granted.

**Case 06-36      October 4**

Mary Wirz: 76 Pin Oak Circle; Map 16 Lot 196; RU District

Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house by extending a sunroom to encroach 2 more feet into the rear setback was granted.

**Case 06-37      November 1**

Gail Rowe: 137 Charles Neck Way; Map 29 Lot 69; RU District

Request for Special Permit for 20’ of setback relief for a detached, single-story, 14 by 28 garage was granted as a 16 by 24 garage with 14’ of setback relief.

**Case 06-38      November 29**

Neil Flynn: 26 Orchard Rd; Map 8 Lot 12; RU District

Request for Special Permits for a retail honey business and off premises sign was granted to be withdrawn without prejudice.

**Case 06-39      November 29**

Nancy Strauss: 43 Line Drive; Map 34 Lot 1.1; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house by adding on a mudroom and deck to be 35' at nearest corner from S bound was granted.

**Case 06-40      November 29**

Patricia Kirwin: 96 State Rd; Map 10 Lot 192.2; RU District  
Request for Special Permit for caning and furniture restoration home occupation was granted.

**Case 06-41      November 29**

Dennis Driscoll: 24 Waldron's Bottom Rd; Map 29 Lot 47; RU District  
Request for a Special Permit to construct a 28 by 36 in-ground pool with associated spa was granted with conditions.

**Case 06-42      December 13**

Carl and Debbie Magnuson: 5 Carl's Way; Map 32 Lot 72; RU District  
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house by adding on a sunroom was granted.

**Case 06-43      December 13**

Charles Wiley: 42 Old Stage Rd; Map 16 Lot 235.3; RU District  
Request for Special Permit for 17' of setback relief from Town-owned landfill bound for a 22 by 24 one-story garage was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC C. WHITMAN, Chairman  
ROGER W. HUBBELL JR., Vice-Chairman  
ANTONI M. COHEN  
NANCY M. COLE  
ANTHONY HIGGINS JR.  
LAWRENCE H. SCHUBERT  
ROBERT M. SCHWIER II

# **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

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2006 was yet another busy year on many fronts for the Planning Board.

In March, we received a citizen's petition to amend the Zoning Bylaw to increase the maximum size of buildings in the Mixed Business District to 9,000 sq. ft. Following a public hearing, the Board voted unanimously not to bring the proposal to the Annual Town Meeting. The Board did, however, propose a change to the sign bylaw that would prohibit temporary signs at the triangle at the intersection of State and Edgartown Roads, which contains a War Memorial. This amendment passed at Town Meeting.

During 2006, the Board reviewed and endorsed 14 Form A (Approval Not Required) divisions of land, some resulting in the creation of new lots, while others were minor property line changes. One of these plans created the layout of Old Stage Road, which the Town voted to take on as a public road. The applicant of a 15<sup>th</sup> Form A plan requested an extension of the decision deadline until February, 2007.

The Zoning Bylaw requires Site Plan Review by the Planning Board for several proposed uses, including single-family residences over 3,000 sq. ft. During 2006, we reviewed four such houses. We spent a considerable amount of time on one house, a 15,000 sq. ft. structure on the North Shore, located at the end of a long dirt road. Concerned with the regional impacts of a project of this scale, we referred it to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC). Although MVC members felt there was no precedent for them to review single-family residences, they were able to include several conditions mitigating traffic impacts as well as any potential disturbances to Native American burial grounds. State legislation has granted the MVC land use regulatory powers that towns do not possess. As we believe the trend for very large summer homes will continue, we urge the MVC to consider reviewing their impacts. The Tisbury Planning Board has urged them to do so, as well.

Other Site Plan duties included reviewing two retail uses in the Mixed Business District, and a proposed storage area for heavy equipment in the Light Industrial District. A proposal to build a "country-type hardware store" along with offices and apartments was referred to the MVC, where it is currently receiving review before returning to Town boards.

Other miscellaneous business included reviewing proposed changes to driveway locations to improve visibility, and thus safety; approving proposed road names; holding a public hearing for the proposed removal of two trees

within a Scenic Road layout; reviewing Land Bank Management Plans; and working with Town Counsel to craft a settlement offer in an eight-year-old law suit. The Board also held a joint meeting with the ZBA to discuss the grandfathered business uses in North Tisbury, outside of the business district. Early in 2007 we will be holding a meeting with Townspeople to discuss that area's future; we encourage all to attend.

Board members continue to be troubled by the scope and location of the proposed new jail at the airport, and the lack of public awareness about the plan. The current jail is 6,125 sq. ft. The new jail plan calls for a building of 44,000 sq. ft. – larger than an acre! – on a seven-acre site, with 79 beds. The Board strongly believes this proposal needs to be fully aired in a public forum. News of high-profile, off-Island inmates being relocated to our County jail in recent years underlines the need to question such a drastic increase in prison space.

During 2006, the Board accepted with deep regret resignations from two of its members. In May, Eileen Maley resigned; the Planning Board and Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Virginia Jones to fill that vacancy. Virginia sat on the Board for 20 years before resigning three years ago to sail across the Atlantic. In December, Chairman Murray Frank announced that he and his wife would be leaving the Island. We are currently in the process of interviewing interested candidates to fill his seat. We thank both Eileen and Murray for their years of service to the Town; their intelligence and experience will be sorely missed.

Board members continue to serve the Town in other capacities. Susan represents us on the Land Bank's Town Advisory Board, and Mark sits on the Affordable Housing Committee. Virginia represents the Board on the Community Preservation Act Committee. Leah serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. David is the liaison to the Finance Committee. Board members take turns attending the MVC's All-Island Planning Boards meetings.

We would like to thank Electrical Inspectors Tom Colligan and Barry Stone, Road Inspector Leo DeSorcy, and Fire Chief Manny Estrella for their assistance again this year.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID O. DOUGLAS, Chairman  
SUSAN S. SILVA, Vice-Chairman  
VIRGINIA JONES  
MARK YALE  
LEAH SMITH, Associate Member

# **REPORT OF THE SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE**

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The 2006 Annual Town Meeting created the charge for this committee. The Board of Selectmen appointed the members on June 7, 2006. A brief summary of our work to date and future plans follows.

**Mission Statement.** Research and organize the specific space needs of the Town by department and function. Input will be sought from the public, town departments, and other relevant parties in order to prioritize these function and space needs and group them into three areas: immediate (one to three years), moderate (three to five years) and long term (five to ten years). Prepare one or more models and timelines of how to effectively and efficiently satisfy the Town's total space needs by creatively using, renovating, adding onto, or leasing existing available assets within the Town or building new assets.

**Desired End Product.** Produce a comprehensive, ten to fifteen year Town Space Planning Program for all town functions and voter approval. Several options will be presented with the pros, cons, recommended timing and projected financial impact on the town's long term debt service schedule and resident tax burden. The recommended timing of each project will be based upon the functional urgency of the space need and the impact of its projected cost on our taxes.

Our goal is to satisfy the town's space needs while avoiding significant "spikes" in annual debt service payments and real estate taxes. Adding projects and debt as the town retires existing debt will do this.

## **Guiding Principles For Evaluating Space Use Options**

- All options should be considered with an open mind.
- Each planning option will be considered in light of the scale and character of West Tisbury as a small town.
- In order to serve all town residents, allocated space should be adequate for current functions and anticipated future changes in functions, duties, staff or services.
- All plans and construction should have a life cycle that is equal to or greater than the term of its required financing.
- Renovations and new construction should be cost efficient and use as many appropriate grants or other funding mechanisms as possible and practical to minimize the tax burden of the final outcome.
- Use or convert the use of all existing assets and meeting places where practical.
- The recommended timing for each capital project should be driven by the functional urgency of the need and the town's long-term debt burden. Try to add debt as the town retires debt to avoid large changes in annual property taxes.

- There should be a contingency fund in the financial plan for a future unexpected, unanticipated need for capital.
- Routine periodic maintenance and funding should be incorporated into the annual operating budget throughout the life cycle of each facility.
- Related functions should be in one facility or at one location.
- Wherever possible energy efficiency should be considered as it relates to each facility's ongoing operating cost.
- Parking, access to public transportation and foot traffic should be adequate for each facility's intended use.

Work Completed To Date.

- Identified available Town assets and capacities for space use – current space and expansion opportunities.
- Interviewed all Town departments to determine functional responsibilities, current space use and future space needs. Converted these needs into dimensional floor space by Town function, wherever possible.
- Prepared planning options for discussion at the November 2006 Special Town Meeting and a December public forum.
- Mailed and posted our first report to the Town in November 2006. It is available on the town's website, and at the Town Hall.
- Received town meeting appropriation to obtain professional cost estimates for the options that are presented in the first report.

Work underway or planned at this writing:

- Evaluate and refine the comparative cost estimates.
- Prioritize the future space needs according to the size and scope of the projects, the functional urgency of the space need and the town's long-term debt service financial plan.
- Solicit further public input in public forums.
- Request authorization and funding to proceed to the architectural planning stage for the most urgent need.

The committee thanks all the town departments and committees for their assistance and cooperation, and members of the community for their input.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHUCK HODGKINSON, Chair

KENT HEALY, Vice Chair

LES CUTLER

SUE HRUBY, Alternate

HERMINE HULL

KATHY LOGUE

BEA PHEAR

BOB SCHWARTZ

JOE ELDREDGE, Advisor

# REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The Cape Light Compact was formed in 1997 following two years of study and votes of town boards of selectmen and town council. It is organized through a formal intergovernmental agreement signed by all 21 member towns and Barnstable and Dukes counties. The purpose of the Cape Light Compact is to advance the interests of consumers in a competitive electric supply market, including the promotion of energy efficiency. Each participating municipality has a representative on the Compact Governing Board, which sets policy and works with staff, technical and legal support to advance the Cape Light Compact programs.

## *POWER SUPPLY*

In 2006, the Cape Light Compact (Compact) provided energy to residents and businesses in accordance with a competitive electricity supply contract negotiated by the Compact with ConEdison *Solutions*. Although prices were initially high as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in late 2005, the Compact continually worked to lower prices throughout the year. Commencing in July, prices for all customer rate classes were reduced by 1 cent per kWh in order to lower electricity bills for the remainder of 2006.

In addition, the Compact was able to reduce electricity prices for all of the town's municipal accounts as a result of a separate procurement of energy in the spring of 2006. These reductions, effective in April 2006, saved between 25% and 30% on electricity bills for the town's municipal buildings, schools, and other town related facilities. While these savings were not seen directly on consumers' individual electric bills, these savings flow through to all taxpayers in the town as a result of lower tax bills.

Competition for consumers was more fully realized in 2006 as more competitive suppliers came into the market to serve residential as well as commercial and industrial accounts. The Cape Light Compact supports a competitive market for all consumers as was envisioned by the Electric Restructuring Act of 1997. As of December 2006, the Compact had 2,194 electric accounts in the Town of West Tisbury on its energy supply. The negotiated rate for 2007 is substantially reduced from rates over the past year.

## *ENERGY EFFICIENCY*

From January to November 2006, rebates and other efficiency incentive programs provided to the town by the Compact totaled approximately \$22,776

brought savings to 99 participants of \$16,904 or about 112,696 kilowatt-hours of energy saved for 2006.

Funding for the energy efficiency programs<sup>1</sup> (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) that appears on each customer’s electric bill.

Cape Light Compact efforts include:

- The Cape Light Compact provided consulting and remediation services to five Town of West Tisbury buildings. The changes included lighting, motion detectors, refrigerator replacement, and controls. The expected benefits and the remediation costs are listed below.

Building	KWh saved	Cost of changes
School	19494	12104
Public Safety	187	169
Town Hall	1905	2305
Library	2736	1787
Fire Station	920	638
Total	25242	\$17003

The annual total expected savings in KWh of 25242 leads to an expected town savings of \$ 5048. The cost to Compact of \$17003 would be recovered in as a little of three years.

- 2 Low-Income homes retrofitted to reduce energy usage and increase comfort.
- One solar panel at the West Tisbury Library as part of the Solarize Our Schools campaign to sign up 3% of the occupied households in each town. Congratulations!
- The Cape Light Compact brought energy education support to 200 students, parents, and teachers in 5 school programs.

Respectfully submitted,

SHELTON BANK  
West Tisbury Representative  
Cape Light Compact Board of Governors



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

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To May 2006 a new Energy Committee was formed with the objective of reducing town and citizen energy use through the application of a variety of methods and technologies. Importantly the costs of electricity, gasoline, oil and propane have significantly increased in the past five years (60-75%). Moreover it is likely that this trend will continue. Additionally the public awareness of the need to conserve is greater. Finally the efforts of the past five years have revealed areas where improvements are needed and in part what methods work.

The Energy Committee seeks to enhance the ability of the Town and its residents to shape their own energy future through conservation and alternative energy technologies. The intent is not only to minimize costs, but to reduce dependency on environmentally degrading fuels. The group focuses on methods to develop and implement a clear and comprehensive energy program for the Town and assist other groups and individuals in doing the same.

In the area of conservation the committee requested an engineering analysis of energy opportunities for five town buildings in West Tisbury from the Cape Light Compact. This detailed study (June 21, 2006) resulted in a formal report to the town of the findings and recommendations.. The recommendations were in two categories, first those that would be paid in full by the Cape Light Compact and those that were the financial responsibility of the town. For the former the Cape Light Compact and Rise Engineering devised plans and work was begun at the Town Hall, the Library, The Public Safety Building and the Fire Station during the week of December 11 and at the School during the week of December 18. The changes included lighting, motion detectors, refrigerator replacement, and controls. The expected benefits and the costs are listed below.

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Turning attention to the recommendations that would be performed at town expense the Energy committee focused first on the installation of Setback/Programmable Thermostats. A warrant article for \$2000 presented at the November 28 town meeting was unanimously passed. The installation of 16 such devices is scheduled for installation in 5 town buildings in early 2007. The total heating costs to these buildings is about \$16,500. Thus if we achieve the expected 10% savings the costs would be paid for in a little more than one year.

In the exploration of alternate energy sources the School and more recently the Library have installed solar panels to augment the energy supply. A key objective of the committee is the development of a major municipal project with an emphasis on an alternate renewable source And that is the possible use of a wind turbine to supply electricity to the West Tisbury School. The School is the largest user of electricity among all the town buildings. This is approximately 10 times more than the nearest other town building which is the Public Safety Building.

Both Vineyard Haven and Aquinnah are investigating the use of wind power in a similar manner. The electricity used by the school costs the town around \$80,000 a year. In this preliminary stage the Energy Committee has reviewed this matter with the Selectmen and the school board and has requested a site survey to determine the potential of the site. With a favorable survey the committee would seek approval in order to apply for the test tower.

If our application is accepted, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a state agency, will perform at no expense to the Town, a 12 month monitoring of the site to see if a wind turbine is feasible. The site would be somewhere on the property adjacent to the school. The monitoring process involves the temporary use of a 160 foot testing tower. Further exploration of state funding for an actual turbine will depend upon those results.

Respectfully submitted:

SHELTON BANK  
WARREN HOLLINSHEAD  
RICHARD KNABEL  
PHIL LARSEN  
ART NELSON  
NED ROBINSON-LYNCH  
SANDY SHAPIRO

# REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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First of all, thank you for the opportunity to work for the town. I really enjoy being involved. I am still learning the clerical part of this job; budgeting and paperwork, but I am getting better.

As for an annual report, things are generally looking well. I have been working with others regarding the removal of the dead pines throughout town. I have also been preparing for the caterpillars, as you know they will come. I am also doing my best to save the Elms, but they are sick and we should begin to think of replacements. I am open to ideas from all town members.

Again, thank you for the election, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

JEREMIAH BROWN  
Tree Warden & Pest Control Officer



# **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

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To the Voters and Taxpayers:

During 2006 we continued to make improvements to our three cemeteries, West Tisbury, Lambert's Cove and North Tisbury. At our special town meeting in November the Town authorized the use of ten thousand dollars from the cemetery maintenance trust fund to continue making improvements.

The Selectmen authorized the purchase of cemetery record keeping software, which will be installed on the town's server. We have started the process of transferring the historical information of lot ownership, lot location, and interment data into the database. Any questions or information regarding the cemetery records can be directed to Glenn or Linda Hearn.

The town sold seven cemetery lots in 2006.

The Cemetery Commissioners wish to thank the many people who have contributed to the improvements of our three cemeteries including; Brian Kennedy and his Community Services workers, Richard Olsen and Jesse Oliver from the Highway Department, Cemetery Superintendent John Alley and his assistant Howard Wall, John Hoft of Oak Leaf Landscaping, Vincent Maciel of Maciel Land and Tree and Brian Athearn, the Veteran's Graves Officer.

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health had another busy and productive year in 2006. The BOH department moved out of Town Hall in August and is now located in the Annex (formerly the Library periodical room) on Music St. behind Town hall. All are welcome to visit. We have lots of information available such as tick brochures and notices such as current flu advisories posted there. The Board would like to remind residents that ticks and tularemia (several cases in 2006) still present health risks, and that everyone, especially outdoor workers, should be diligent in preventing exposure by measures such as removing ticks, wearing a mask when mowing or brush cutting, and avoiding dead animal carcasses especially rabbits. More information is available at the MDPH web site, [www.mass.gov/dph/topics/lyme.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dph/topics/lyme.htm)

The BOH continues to work with the Cape Cod Tobacco Control Program to enforce regulations concerning the sale of tobacco. This involves compliance checks on tobacco vendors. There was one violation in West Tisbury in 2006.

One of the BOH's primary responsibilities is to protect our groundwater. Several costly above ground oil tank spills occurred in 2006. Property owners are required to report spills to the BOH, Fire Department, and MADEP. Spills over 10 gallons require MDEP supervised clean-up by a licensed site professional which is expensive. Please check your tanks to avoid a costly spill. Further, we review all proposed wells, septic systems, and construction projects to insure adequate protection of ground water. The Board would like to remind residents that septic repair money is available through a low interest loan program for replacing failed or failing septic systems. Please call 508-696-0105 for more information.

Most notably, 2006 was a milestone year for emergency management planning. Through extensive meetings and work by numerous individuals and organizations, the BOH is pleased to report that West Tisbury and the Island are better prepared for a significant public health emergency than ever before. Mandates for planning started post 9/11 with deadlines established. Observations of the Katrina response, and the potential for pandemics such as the bird flu further identified the need to plan. MDPH continues to issue date certain, emergency management "deliverables" or mandates that the Board continues to work to satisfy. One plan currently being developed involves the distribution of Potassium Iodide pills to protect residents' thyroid glands in case of our being downwind of a significant nuclear accident. Residents voted 2 years ago to accept these pills paid for by the State legislature, and we

finally have them in inventory. We are part of MDPH (Massachusetts Department of Public Health) Region 5B Coalition (Cape & Island Towns). You may imagine the complexity of organizing, coordinating, financing, and establishing protocol for these diverse groups along with the Island's Fire and Police departments to meet Federal and State mandates and local need. One requirement for a plan to meet any mass public health need was accomplished. This plan, for an EDS (Emergency Dispensing Site) was not only formulated and approved, but was tested using the November flu clinic at the high school. The Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) created the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) of pharmaceutical supplies and other medical material to be deployed within 12 hours of an emergency to an EDS which should be able to be activated within 24 hours of notification and inoculate/treat the entire Town population within 48 hours of opening. Much was learned from the flu clinic/EDS test. Communications need improvement, but the exercise and the numerous meetings here and on the Cape, the workshops, ongoing education, and Federal and State communications have enabled the Island's Towns, departments, agencies, and individuals to think ahead and work together as never before. A Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) has been established and funded. The Board of Directors of the MRC include the Hospital, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, VNA (Visiting Nurses Ass.), Community Service's MVCSVNS (MV Visiting Nurse Service), all Island Boards of Health, and Dukes County Emergency management. The MRC is composed of medically trained and untrained volunteers who are able to help in the event of an emergency. For more information you can contact the MRC at their website, or at 508-696-3844.

This year's flu clinics were well run. The large (cost effective) flu clinic at the high school on 11/10 delivered 1600 flu shots (double 2005), 350 in the first hour! It was a very efficient, orderly, and quick and served as a test of the EDS plan. The 11/25 clinic at Howes House administered 150 shots, and the 12/7 clinic at the Public Safety Building gave 114. Also offered at all three clinics were tetanus and pneumonia vaccines as well as blood pressure checks. All vaccinations are given free of cost. We would like to thank all who volunteered or gave donations toward these clinics.

Beach and Public Building water testing was regular and effective, identifying a couple problems in 2006. Black (Coca-Cola) Brook in August showed elevated levels of bacteria necessitating signage to warn swimmers. The MDPH beach test web site is [www.mass.gov/dph/topics/beaches.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dph/topics/beaches.htm). Many thanks to Joe Schroeder, the Lamberts Cove Beach crew, and the Wampanoag Testing Lab.

**The Refuse District:** BOH members David Merry and Erik Lowe are our Town representatives to the Refuse District, and they report that Don Hatch, the district manager, in his second year, continues to do a good job. Finances are in good shape, a two year audit was done in October, and a Long Range Planning Committee formed. This committee will seek to control costs,

increase bottom line revenues, and provide better service by examining ideas such as modifying hours of operation, being open the day after a holiday, better managing staffing needs, providing better signage and traffic flow, and requiring/selling more permits.

**West Tisbury Local Drop Off (LDO):** After 15 years, the MA DEP finally gave final conditional approval to the WT SSWHF (West Tisbury Small Waste Handling Facility). Regular quarterly inspections by the BOH engineering firm, Wright-Pierce, identified some minor infrastructure and safety problems and offered an assessment and estimates for the necessary repairs and improvements. Broken well heads were repaired on several gas monitoring wells, the old rusting bulldozer sold, new roll-offs put in use, surface graded, and power was trenched down Old Stage Rd. to the LDO entry gate for future use. The retaining wall needs some repairs and safety rails above, and there is discussion of extending it to accommodate another roll-off for better access to recycling. We ended the fiscal year under budget while faced with higher costs and lower tonnage. To control future cost increases, there are a variety of options that require public input. West Tisbury's recycling numbers were impressive, with 84 tons of cardboard, 98.7 tons of newspaper, 97.9 tons of co-mingleables, 5.5 tons of metal, and 1 ton of tires sent to off island facilities such as Casella and FCR in Boston and Excell in Brockton.

2007 Harmful Household Waste Collection Dates: Saturdays,

5/19, 7/21, 8/15, and 11/10, from 9AM to 12Noon at the MVRRD (Edgartown Transfer Station).

West Tisbury Local Drop Off (LDO): 508-693-6756; Hours of Operation: Tuesdays, Saturdays, 8AM to 4PM, and Sundays 8AM to 12Noon.

The Board would like to remind residents that dump stickers are required (purchase at attendant shack), uncovered loads must be covered (or they will be turned away), and **NO** mattresses or tires are taken at the LDO (take to Edgartown Transfer Station).

Finally, the Board adopted new massage and floor drain regulations on July 13, 2006. The Board continues to review existing Town BOH regulations for modernization.

In conclusion the Board would like to thank the following for their time and effort in fulfilling the various responsibilities of the positions they hold; Health Agent and animal inspector John Powers, Refuse District representatives David Merry and Erik Lowe, plumbing inspectors William Haynes and Michael Ciano, BOH representative to the Land Bank Advisory Board William Haynes, affordable housing representative Victoria Thurber, assistant to the Agent Hadden Blair and assistant animal inspector Joan Jenkinson.

The Board of Health reports the following activity.

Disposal Works Applications Approved.....65  
Well Permits.....33  
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Septic Pumping Permits..... 131  
Plumbing Permits.....92

Respectfully Submitted,

DAVID MERRY, Chairman  
TIM BARNETT  
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### **Episode of the City Horse**

Your selectmen bought for the town a one horse team quite cheap and although the horse was somewhat run down he soon fattened under the influence of an abundance of oats, meal and Mr. Cottle's rowen, to the like of all which he at first appeared to be a stranger, and soon developed prodigious muscle and became the envy of all the other horse owners employed on the road. He was commonly called the "City Horse". Owing to the lateness of the season in closing work we were obliged to sell him for one-fourth his value.

*As written in the annual report, March 10, 1896-97*

### **City Horse, No. 2.**

Encouraged by the convenience and profit of No. 1, last year and this, your Selectmen bought another low cost horse and cart last spring. But she was of few days and full of trouble. Like the late Nancy Luce, she had enemies. Her offence appeared to be in being nearly old enough to vote and she might have seen better days when she was in her prime.

She steadily refused to fatten, disappeared one day and has never been seen since.

*As written in the annual report, March 12, 1898*

# **REPORT OF THE ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING**

**For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006**

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The Island Councils on Aging Inc., (ICOA) is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a board of directors consisting of appointed representatives from each of the four Town Councils on Aging (with Up-Island combining the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury). The ICOA Board and staff work with the Directors and Boards of each of the Town Councils on Aging as well as Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Inc., and other local service organizations to maintain and develop programs that meet the growing and changing needs of seniors on Martha's Vineyard. Our mission is to promote health, independence and life-long learning.

ICOA seeks out funding for and supervises the use of grants and funds from federal, state, county and/or local governments and other sources for programming and services to benefit all Island elders. In addition, all six towns, through their respective Councils on Aging, contribute to the ICOA operating budget and programs. The level of local municipal support is determined proportionally by population of those 60+ in each town. In FY06, in addition to local municipal support, ICOA received \$15,500 in grants, donations and other state, federal and local charitable funds to support these regional services.

The ICOA Director works closely with town Council on Aging staff, Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc., and other municipal and private agencies to develop and provide services in the community setting that will promote health, independence and the aging in place concept. Our goal is to enable seniors to remain in their homes as active community participants as long as possible by assuring the availability of a continuum of supportive services to individuals, their families and caregivers.

The following are programs and services for which the Island Councils on Aging was responsible in FY2006:

**Information and referral:** The 55PLUS Times supplemental section published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month. Through the combined efforts of the ICOA Director, Council on Aging Directors and staff, Elder Services and other contributors, the 55PLUS Times provides comprehensive information pertaining to programs and services available to Island seniors and their families.

**Taxi Service to off-Island medical appointments:** Through a grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands and donations from participants, a

taxi service provides Island seniors with transportation to medical appointments in Falmouth, Mashpee and Sandwich. This service operates 7 days a week, picking elders up at the Woods Hole ferry terminal and taking them directly to their appointment and returning them to Woods Hole when their appointment is completed. Since October of 2003 this service has carried over 200 elders and disabled clients to their medical appointments. In FY2006 clients donated over \$1950 back to the program. These funds go to direct support for the continuance of the taxi program.

**Home Delivered Holiday Meals:** The holiday home delivered meal program provides a meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages approximately 50 meals on each of these holidays, which are picked up and distributed by volunteers to homebound elders. The four local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns.

**Supportive Day Program:** In January, 2006 the Island Councils on Aging office moved to the Anchors Senior Center in Edgartown and in July 2006, the Island Councils on Aging Director took over the position as Director of the Supportive Day Program, in addition to the regular duties as ICOA Director. Several new staff members were hired bringing new talents and creativity to planning and programming for clients. FY2006 saw growth and many positive changes in the Supportive Day Program. This growth, although welcome and expected, puts an increased burden on the staff and physical plants of the Edgartown Senior Center and the Tisbury Senior Center, the two sites where the program operates. Looking ahead to FY2007, considering projected future growth and needs of the Supportive Day Program, Island Councils on Aging will endeavor to seek an alternative and permanent site to house this vital regional program. Due to space constraints and the need for Edgartown and Tisbury seniors to have full use of their senior centers, ICOA has made the goal of moving the Supportive Day Program to its own separate location a priority. ICOA is working closely with the Town Councils on Aging and other local town officials to make the best plan for the future needs of the Supportive Day Program.

**Older Americans Act:** The Elder Services Nutrition Programs, under the Older American Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers, located at the 4 Senior Centers), are supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Island Councils on Aging budget. In FY2006, the towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

**Regional Lunch Program:** ICOA coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a full course gourmet meal at reasonable cost for seniors once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. The High School String Quartet students

provide music for these events. This is a popular social event and a wonderful learning experience for both the students and seniors. During the school year, between 30 and 40 seniors attend these events on a monthly basis, and for \$10 - \$12 per person, enjoy a wonderful 3 course meal, prepared and served by the Culinary Arts students.

**Emergency Food Pantry Program:** Martha's Vineyard has five emergency food pantries; four Senior Centers and the Island Food Pantry (located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). ICOA is responsible for coordinating the ordering, pick up and delivery of monthly shipments of surplus food from the Greater Boston Food Bank to the pantries. The surplus food program strives to provide a variety of free nutritious foods to needy Islanders of all ages. The Edgartown and Oak Bluffs Highway Departments, and the Tisbury Dept. of Public Works volunteer a truck and personnel on a rotating basis, to make the monthly trips to Harwich for pick up of the food supply. The Steamship Authority supports this program by offering free passage for this trip. Recent years have seen a growing number of struggling families seeking the food provided through this program. In FY2006, approximately 2,420 cases of food were distributed through the food pantries on the Island. Some of these cases were purchased, for a total cost of \$7,998.92. This far exceeded the amount spent to purchase food over the previous years because the availability of free food through the Greater Boston Food Bank has significantly decreased. To meet demand, additional food is purchased through the Greater Boston Food Bank at reduced cost. Island Councils on Aging received a \$1000 grant from Project Bread through the Walk for Hunger and a \$500 donation from the Vineyard Committee on Hunger to offset the cost of food. The surplus food program serves an average of 275-300 islanders per month.

**FEMA:** ICOA receives and allocates Federal Emergency Management Administration funds. These funds are used to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when other resources have been exhausted. In addition, some FEMA funds are allocated to purchase emergency food for the food pantries. In FY2006, \$3,368 was allocated to the Island Councils on Aging for these purposes. These funds were used to pay \$2,770.17 in overdue utility bills, and to purchase \$470.68 in emergency food.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP, Director  
Island Councils on Aging

# **REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The Up-Island Council on Aging (COA) is responsible for the administration of elder programs and services; developing coordinating and/or conducting such activities; serving as an advocate for elders; and educating the community-at-large about the needs and resources affecting their lives. The COA promotes longevity, healthy living and life-long learning. We are committed to expanding our programs to meet the ever-changing needs and interests of elders in the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. We are an arm of municipal government, funded by local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. We are open for both scheduled and drop-in activities/services from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The COA is home to a variety of educational, social/recreational, direct service and health programs. These programs result in the utilization of the senior center for an average of 140 hours per month

Approximately 500 up-island residents age 60 & older, and 35 up-island residents under the age of 60, received services and/or participated in our programs in 2006.

## **Population 60 yrs. of age and older in 2006**

Town of West Tisbury	20.1%
Town of Chilmark	32.2%
Town of Aquinnah	22.0%
State of Massachusetts	17.2%
National	16.5%

## **Outreach Program**

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Worker's primary role is to ensure that basic needs for food, housing, mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and/or homebound to assist them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to services to meet those needs. Advocacy is also provided in areas such as legal and financial services. The COA seeks and accept referrals from private individuals, social service agencies, religious communities, police and other community organizations. The Outreach Program served 83 elders in 2007.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers continue to play a very important role as representatives of our programs in the community. The COA could not provide the wide array of programs and services without our veritable army of extraordinary volunteers. Volunteers share their invaluable gift of knowledge & enthusiasm that motivates both our staff and the elders we serve. Over 30 volunteers contributed 530 hours in 2006. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed 10,000.

Volunteers contributed the following services in 2006:

General office help	Meals on Wheels Drivers
Musicians	Lunch Servers
Friendly Visitors	Community Education Speakers
Writing Group Facilitator	Computer Instructors
Fish Baggers	COA Library Clerk
Drivers (MD Appts.)	Tax preparation
Surplus Food Baggers	Watercolor Instructions
Audiologist Services	Special Event Organizers
Craft instructors	Book Group Facilitator

### **COA Chairman**

On a sad note we are sorry to report the death of our longtime Chairman Marvin Joslow. He was passionate about the Council on Aging and its programs/services offered to up-island seniors. We will miss his quick wit, his unique leadership skills, and most of all his friendship.

### **Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging**

The Friends of the Up-Island was established in 1987 as a non-profit 501 ( c) (3) agency to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Friends enable the COA to provide additional programs & services beyond those that can be afforded from tax & grant income. The Friends contributed funds for the finished basement as well as the sunroom when the Howes Howes was renovated 12 years ago. All contents of the senior center was furnished by the Friends. On-going interior maintenance of the senior center and upkeep of the grounds is also to be provided for by the Friends. This year alone, the Friends have contributed over \$20,000 for the following:

grounds maintenance & plantings	replaced floor tile on main floor
replaced carpeting on main floor	windows professionally washed
painting of offices	kitchen supplies
monthly cell phone service (2 lines)	monthly internet service
Computer equipment	shades (interior doors)
Special program support	built-in cabinet & shelves
COA brochure (printing costs)	
Sound equipment –(flat screened	
Television, dvd/vhs player, wireless clip-on microphones,	
head set for the hearing impaired)	

**Formula Grants (FY '07) Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (MEOEA)**

In FY '86 the maximum amount the COA was eligible to apply for was only \$300 per up-island town from the MEOEA. In FY '07 the COA was eligible to apply for \$3,200 per up-island town. Formula Grant funds provided for the following:

- defray heating (oil) costs
- purchase telephone equipment
- electricity costs
- boat travel (off island meetings)
- meetings/workshops/training/annual conference/membership dues
- telephone expense

In closing, I would like to thank each and every volunteer, paid program instructors, Friends of the Up-Island COA, COA staff and Board members for bringing their skills, motivation, conscientiousness, dependability and positive influence to the COA.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE BOWKER, Director

# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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## Advisory Board

Alice Butler, Chairman  
EB Collins, Clerk  
John Alley, West Tisbury  
Leonard Jason, Chilmark  
June Manning, Aquinnah  
Connie Teixeira, Tisbury

*Angela E. Grant*, Administrator

Greetings from the Administrator:

In the spring of 2005, the Island Towns voted in favor of funding a two year pilot program that will provide public transit service to all of the VTA's established fixed route corridors on a year-round basis. Instead of running six routes during the off-season, the VTA ran twelve routes during the 2005-2006 off-season. Fiscal Year 2006 was the first year of the pilot program and I am pleased to announce its success.

Fiscal Year 2006 the VTA saw an overall 7% increase in passenger boardings over FY 2005, which can be primarily attributed to the first year running twelve off-season routes and the continued growth of off-season ridership. Passenger boarding analysis shows a 21% increase in the FY06 off-season ridership from FY05.

I would like to thank our operating company, Transit Connection, Inc., and their employees for their continued commitment as we now go into our fifth year of operation together. Collectively, we have made major improvements to the overall operation of our transit system. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the town and local boards for their cooperation and support, as well as my staff for their devout commitment to providing quality public service. And of course, I must thank the community and our passengers for their continued support of the VTA.

Truly,  
ANGELA E. GRANT  
Administrator



# REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## ANNUAL REPORT to West Tisbury - 2006

The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority provides affordable year-round rentals and rental assistance, homebuyer training and lottery support, waitlist management, monitoring services, advocacy and collaboration with town committees, island organizations, local businesses and concerned individuals working to create the housing options needed to maintain our Island community.

This past year in West Tisbury, the Housing Authority began active oversight of the Town's **Accessory Apartment** program; continued its management of 6 other affordable **rentals**; managed 6 fundraised **Rental Conversion** subsidies; assisted in the tax valuation of affordable properties; supported the **Housing Committee** in efforts to develop housing opportunities and participated in the town's new **Community Preservation** process.

Elsewhere on the rental front, the Housing Authority offered a total of 57 units of **rental housing** under its management; administered rental assistance to 54 households through the **Rental Conversion Program** (funded by the Island Affordable Housing Fund with additional support from the Chilmark Community Preservation Committee); purchased and began extensive rehabilitation of a 9 apartment complex on **Franklin St** in Tisbury; supported Edgartown in their development of the **Pennywise Path** apartments and Chilmark in its preparation of rental housing at **Middle Line Rd**; maintained a **Rental Housing Waitlist** numbering close to 300 applicants; and partnered with other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities and apartment rehabilitation to island renters and their landlords.

The Housing Authority's support of affordable homeownership this year included effort on **lotteries** for 2 homes developed by the Island Housing Trust, 6 Resident Home Sites in Oak Bluffs and planning for upcoming lotteries in Edgartown, Chilmark and Tisbury. We offer assistance with the establishment of lottery criteria, participant certification, lottery preparation and execution and **Homebuyer Education** trainings. We maintain the **Island Affordable Homebuyer Clearinghouse** to publicize homebuyer opportunities and the **Martha's Vineyard Subsidized Housing Inventory** to assist in assuring future protection of existing affordability restrictions. This year the Inventory was used to assist Tisbury and West Tisbury in their assessments of value of affordable properties in their towns.

The Housing Authority was active throughout the year in the towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury as they established **Community Preservation Committee** processes that offer a new opportunity to pursue town housing, conservation and preservation goals. We participated in the trainings and public hearings that resulted in this past fall's application schedule and have submitted proposals for housing rehabilitation and development as well as town funding of Rental Conversion Program subsidies modeled on Chilmark and Aquinnah's current use of their CPA funding.

The Housing Authority also manages the **Vineyard Housing Office** on State Road in Vineyard Haven as a clearinghouse for rental and homeownership opportunities and a focus for islanders working together on housing issues. The VHO currently is home to the Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust, the Island Affordable Housing Fund, Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Martha's Vineyard and offers a redesigned website, **[www.vineyardhousing.org](http://www.vineyardhousing.org)** as a comprehensive resource for affordable housing on Martha's Vineyard.

The DCRHA Board of Directors:

LEO FRAME, Chair, *Representative at Large*  
MELISSA NORTON, Treasurer, *Edgartown*  
ERNIE MENDENHALL, *West Tisbury*  
ZELDA GAMSON, *Chilmark*  
RICHARD SKIDMORE, *Aquinnah*  
HARVEY BETH, *Oak Bluffs*  
LAURA BARBERA, *Tisbury*  
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DAVID VIGNEAULT, Executive Director  
TERRI KEECH, Administrator  
LINDA JOHNSON, Administrative Coordinator  
JAMES O'BRIEN, Property Manager

# **REPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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In 2006 the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) continued to focus its efforts on the goal of promoting and providing a continued supply of affordable housing for the residents of West Tisbury. Since the conception of creating affordable housing in West Tisbury, 24 home/homesite lots have been created. There are 2 rental facilities developed by Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA).

During this year, the AHC completed the transfer of three affordable housing lots with DCRHA being the monitoring agent. A lottery for the three town owned lots on Michaels Way (off of Deep Bottom Road) was held and 3 more affordable housing recipients were added to the ranks. DCRHA continues to assist the AHC with the application and monitoring processes of all affordable housing options.

Since the accessory apartment inception in 2000 the town has seen 36 apartments built by homeowners. Of these 36, private homeowners created 3 in 2006.

DCRHA has started the motions to add on to the Sepiessa apartment complex. This will add another 3 or 4 units to the affordable housing pool in the future.

Although the homesite lot creation zoning bylaw has not been utilized this year, the committee still feels this is an asset to affordable housing. The committee encourages all homeowners to look at this bylaw as a way to help the affordable housing cause.

The committee diligently continues to work on and update a comprehensive handbook. This handbook contains the AHC guidelines to assist prospective affordable homeowners, developers, and anyone seeking information about the zoning issues and bylaws that affect affordable housing in West Tisbury. The West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee handbooks are available at town hall.

The AHC continues to have representatives attend and support the Joint Affordable Housing Committee, which brings together various housing groups across the island at the Martha's Vineyard Commission. This group shares ideas, studies and discusses housing issues of the island.

Caroline Locke continues to be the AHC representative on the Community Preservation Act Committee. The AHC hopes to see more affordable housing projects being possible due to the monies created by CPA funds.

The AHC looks forward to this year bringing more affordable housing possibilities. In this vein the committee will continue to search out those opportunities to create and obtain affordable housing for West Tisbury. The committee, with the assistance of the DCRHA and many other affordable housing advocate organizations, will continue to seek solutions to the affordable housing crisis in West Tisbury and the entire island. Many thanks go out to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed their time and expertise to helping the AHC in this commitment. The committee would also like to extend a welcome to anyone with affordable housing ideas they wish to discuss with the committee.

The membership of the AHC has remained intact.

Respectfully submitted by,

MICHAEL COLANERI, Chairman  
ERNEST MENDENHALL, Vice Chair  
CATHERINE DEVITO  
GLENN HEARN  
CAROLINE LOCKE  
TOM ROAN  
VICKIE THURBER  
ERIC WHITMAN  
MARK YALE  
RHONDA CONLEY, Administrative Assistant

# **REPORT OF THE PATHS BESIDE THE ROADS COMMITTEE**

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To the Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Paths Beside the Roads Committee's first path in the North Tisbury business center was followed in 2006 by our second one running from South Indian Hill Road to the former Vineyard Food Shop. The committee is particularly pleased with the path's grassy banked and gently winding course through our beloved community. Seeing townspeople discover the pleasure of walking it is an added delight to all of us.

We have asked the town for permission to build a third path along the north side of the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road between the Police Station and just east of the Youth Hostel. The majority present at a Special Town Meeting in November approved the project. Site work and engineering for the path has been completed and we hope to begin construction in early spring of 2007.

The committee has chosen our next path to run along the east side of Old County Road where it meets State Road (Hopps Farm Road) to join the existing bike path near the West Tisbury School. This path would serve the large population living in this area, enabling children to safely walk or bike to and from school.

Our committee appreciates the input of all the town's committees, boards, and residents we have met with and are grateful for the townspeople's continuing support of the pathways. Thank you, thank you!

We also wish to thank Steve Berlucchi. We met him as County Engineer and he has become an invaluable resource and honorary member of our group.

Our meetings are at the Howes House on the last Wednesday of each month, at 5:00 in the winter, 5:30 May through September. All are welcome to join us and, please, walk the paths.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIAN ATHEARN 693-9957  
BILL HAYNES (Chairman) 693-3641  
HERMINE HULL 693-2525  
RUTH KIRCHMEIER (Secretary) 693-8443  
DIANA MANTER 693-2592  
RICHARD OLSEN 693-0446

# **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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To The Board of Selectmen:

Capping almost 4 years of work, the Commission completed its work on a set of local wetlands protection bylaw regulations. After a public hearing, the Commission voted to adopt these regulations at its June 13th meeting.

We would again like to thank the voters for approving the second phase of funding to place the Tisbury Great Pond into the Massachusetts Estuaries Program (MEP). The MEP is a collaborative effort among coastal communities, the Department of Environmental Affairs and the School for Marine Science and Technology at the UMASS Dartmouth to evaluate the nitrogen sensitivity of coastal embayments in Massachusetts. Sampling began in the summer of 2005 and is on going. A detailed nitrogen loading computer model will be produced using comprehensive water quality data gathered over the past three years. The end result will be a technical report that will be an invaluable planning tool for the town in determining how to control sources of nitrogen and restore impaired water quality conditions. Voters will be asked to approve an article at the 2007 annual town meeting to authorize the third and final phase of funding of West Tisbury's share of this project. This year the amount to be approved will be reduced by a generous gift from the Riparian Owners in the amount of \$3,500 to be shared between West Tisbury and Chilmark.

Water quality data collection in James Pond conducted by the MVC continued in 2006 with ongoing funding from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the MEP. This work is the prerequisite for being enrolled in the MEP. Once completed, the process will be the same as for the Tisbury Great Pond.

In 2006 the Commission processed applications, conducted site visits, and held hearings resulting in the issuance of the following determinations of jurisdiction and permits:

Orders of Condition:

- Map 2 Lot 9.1 & Map 3 Lots 80 & 81 SE 79-261 (Land Bank)
- Map 3 Lots 2 and 2.1 SE 79-260 (Strecker-denied)
- Map 3 Lot 68 SE 79-259 and SE 79-264 (Sweet)
- Map 5 Lot 2.1 SE 79-258 (Smith)
- Map 15 Lot 5 SE 79-257 (Cournoyer)
- Map 32 Lot 101.2 SE 79-262 (Sheriff's Meadow Foundation)

Map 34 Lot 10 SE 79-265 (Thomas)

Map 35 Lot 1 SE79-263 (Rosenmiller - withdrawn)

Amendment to Order of Conditions:

Map 6 Lot 2 SE79-237 (White)

Extension Permits

Map 3 Lot 17 SE 79-223 (Goodwin)

Conservation Restrictions

Map 12 Lot 8 (Sheriff's Meadow Foundation)

Map 12 Lots 16, 18, 19, 68 & 69.2(VOLF)

Determinations of Applicability

Map 1 Lot 36.2 Repair under SE79-81 (Ablon)

Map 1 Lot 37 (Copenhaver)

Map 3 Lot 1.1 (SMF/Town)

Map 6 Lot 3 (Roberts)

Map 7 Lot 71 (Higginbotham)

Map 7 Lot 7.2 (Luckey)

Map 11 Lot 41.1(Ravitch)

Map 12 Lot 1 (Joba)

Map 32 Lot 83 (Cooper)

Map 32 Lot 115 (MV Garden Club)

Certificates of Compliance:

Map 1 Lot 4 (SE 79-228 and 230) (Barker/Florin)

Map 7 Lot 127-SE79-247 (Hansen)

Map 16 Lot 6 SE79-170 (Watson)

Map 22 Lot 2.3 SE79-208 (Priester's Pond)

Map 22 Lot 2.3 SE 79-208 (Land Bank/Priester's Pond)

Map 32 Lot 126 SE 79-243 (Hearn)

Map 34 Lot 10 SE79-254 (Thomas)

Map 34 Lot 10 SE 79-254 (Thomas)

Map 39 Lot 9 SE 79-137 (Drexler)

Map 39 Lot 11 SE 79-121, 126 and 136 (McDowell/Drexler)

In addition to the above, DEP issued one Superceding Determination of Applicability affirming the Commission's determination that a permit is required for mowing a bordering vegetated wetland even if the wetland is located on a farm. DEP settled two outstanding adjudicatory appeals with active participation by the Commission in the settlement discussions. The Commission also approved a restoration plan submitted in an enforcement

matter that had been appealed to Superior Court. The Commission is proud of the fact that these matters were all settled without the need of formal litigation.

We were saddened by the resignation of Patrick Phear due to health reasons. Patrick brought many skills to his work for the Commission not the least of which was his great ability at mediation. Oceana Rames also resigned from the Commission in 2006 to move to the big city of Vineyard Haven. Patrick and Oceana both worked tirelessly on drafting the local wetlands bylaw and regulations.

The Commission will continue to hear applications under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw at its meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 P.M. Our meetings are held at Howes House and are open to all. We welcome your presence and your participation.

PRUDY BURT, Chair  
JUDY CRAWFORD  
PETER RODEGAST  
DEBRA SWANSON  
TARA WHITING  
PAT DURFEE  
MARIA MCFARLAND, Board Administrator



# REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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The Historic District Commission reviews changes to the properties in the Historic District of West Tisbury.

Our mandate is not to stop change but to make sure that the change that is made, is done in an appropriate manner that fits in with the surrounding homes and neighborhood.

It has been seven years since the expansion of the Historic District and it has helped to maintain the look and feel of our community.

I want to thank all the members for their contribution of time and energy over the past year.

Thank You,

SEAN CONLEY, Chair.

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## **Episode of the City Horse**

Your selectmen bought for the town a one horse team quite cheap and although the horse was somewhat run down he soon fattened under the influence of an abundance of oats, meal and Mr. Cottle's rowen, to the like of all which he at first appeared to be a stranger, and soon developed prodigious muscle and became the envy of all the other horse owners employed on the road. He was commonly called the "City Horse". Owing to the lateness of the season in closing work we were obliged to sell him for one-fourth his value.

*As written in the annual report, March 10, 1896-97*

## **City Horse, No. 2.**

Encouraged by the convenience and profit of No. 1, last year and this, your Selectmen bought another low cost horse and cart last spring. But she was of few days and full of trouble. Like the late Nancy Luce, she had enemies. Her offence appeared to be in being nearly old enough to vote and she might have seen better days when she was in her prime.

She steadily refused to fatten, disappeared one day and has never been seen since.

*As written in the annual report, March 12, 1898*

# **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

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The Community Preservation Act (the “Act”), which was passed by the State Legislature in 2000, is designed to help Massachusetts cities and towns preserve, protect and expand affordable housing, historic, open space, and recreational assets. West Tisbury adopted the Act at the April 2005 Town Meeting and approved the Town bylaw establishing a Community Preservation Committee (CPC) at the October 2005 Special Town Meeting.

The Act authorizes the Town to levy up to a 3% surcharge on property tax bills (the first \$100,000 of assessed value of each property’s assessment is exempt from this surcharge), and enables the Town to receive matching funds from the State. The State has established a trust fund from fees paid at Registries of Deeds which it is sharing with cities and towns that have adopted the CPA. By electing to levy the highest surcharge, 3%, the Town is eligible to receive a 100% match from the State, and in October of 2006 we received a 100% match of the money collected through the surcharge in fiscal year 2006.

The CPC officially formed and began meeting in January of 2006. We are a nine-member committee consisting of representatives from housing (Dale Julier, appointee of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, and Caroline Locke, appointee of the Affordable Housing Committee), historic preservation (Sean Conley, appointee of the Historic District Committee), conservation (Peter Rodegast, appointee of the Conservation Committee) and recreation groups (Bruce Keep, appointee of the Parks and Recreation Committee), the Finance Committee (Al DeVito), the Planning Board (Virginia Jones) and the community “at large” (Lesley Eaton and Susan Phelps, appointees of the Selectmen).

We started the year by learning as much as we could about the Community Preservation Act and the duties of the CPC. Once our committee had a handle on the fundamentals, we met with other committees, boards, and townspeople to share our knowledge about the Act and gain insight on how the Town wanted to use CPA funds. We then earnestly began developing and implementing the procedures for applying for CPA funds and evaluating project applications.

In March 2006 we held a public meeting at Howes House to explain our views of the Community Preservation Act and to present some innovative uses of CPA funds by other towns.

In July the CPC launched its website (accessible from the Town website, <http://www.town.west-tisbury.ma.us/>) and published its Community Preservation Plan, Application for Eligibility and Application for Funding. The CPC publicized information about its application process in both island newspapers, and Caroline Locke and Sean Conley appeared on the Jim Powell Report broadcast on MTV. The CPC Plan and Applications are available through the Town website and also at the West Tisbury Library.

This fall the CPC received Applications for Funding for projects addressing affordable housing, historic preservation and recreation. Proposed projects included

- updating the Town's historic resources inventory,
- constructing a new path beside Old County Road,
- contributing funds to the Jenney Way affordable housing development in Edgartown,
- restoration of the old fire station for a community recreation hall,
- funding predevelopment costs for the expansion of the Sepiessa Point affordable apartments,
- and additional funding for the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Conversion Program.

An application requesting funding for a Habitat for Humanity development was subsequently withdrawn, however the CPC hopes to see another application from Habitat in the future. After thoroughly reviewing and vetting all of the applications, the CPC is presenting its first recommendations for funding on this year's annual meeting warrant. Before presenting its recommendations at Town Meeting, the CPC will hold a public meeting to allow citizens to comment on the recommendations.

As our name implies, the Community Preservation Committee is committed to preserving our community and in 2007 we will continue to strive to do so in a thoughtful and responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE KEEP, Co-Chair  
CAROLINE LOCKE, Co-Chair  
SEAN CONLEY  
AL DEVITO  
LESLEY EATON  
VIRGINIA JONES  
DALE JULIER  
SUSAN PHELPS  
PETER RODEGAST

# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

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In 2006, the Martha's Vineyard Commission – the Island's regional planning agency – moved ahead with the preparation of the Island Plan and several other efforts to plan for a better future for the Vineyard, as well as carried out its mandate to regulate developments of Island-wide impact.

The Island Plan: The Island Plan is the most important planning effort in the Vineyard's history. Its mission is to chart – in simple but compelling ways – a course to the kind of future that the Vineyard community wants and design a series of actions to help us navigate that course. The Island Plan will set the stage for local decision-making concerning a whole range of issues such as water quality, housing, traffic and transportation, open space, growth, and economic opportunities.

- A Steering Committee – set up to oversee both the content and the process of the plan – spent the first part of 2006 outlining the planning process, identifying the issues and topics to be dealt with, organizing public involvement and identifying studies to be undertaken. During the fall, the Committee focused on setting up work groups on various topics, and in 2007 will tackle a number of “Big Ideas/Issues”.
- So far, over three hundred Vineyarders have joined the Network of Planning Advisors to closely follow the planning process and to give their input at key times through surveys, forums, work groups, and other planning activities.
- More than three hundred people responded to two surveys, either on-line, at town libraries, or at the Ag Fair.
- Two large forums were held during the summer to get public input on overall goals.
- Five Work Groups were set up to focus on objectives and strategies in specific topic areas: Energy/Waste, Housing, Livelihood/Commerce, Natural Environment, and Water Resources. Five more will be set up in 2007.
- The Island Plan set up an extensive website – [www.islandplan.org](http://www.islandplan.org) – which helps coordinate distribution of information and documents, and allows exchange between participants through on-line forums.

- A broad public awareness campaign about the Island Plan included information flyers distributed to all Vineyard homes, exhibits around the Island, regular newspaper articles and television coverage, and outreach to various organizations and individuals.
- A forum on Strengthening the Local Economy was one of several related activities.

Many Island Plan activities are broadcast on MVTv. Minutes of all meetings are available on the website. All Vineyarders are invited to get involved by signing up on the website or calling the MVC.

Transportation: The Commission facilitates the Joint Transportation Committee, which meets monthly to coordinate transportation efforts on the Island and to schedule Transportation Improvement Projects, funded by MassHighway. West Tisbury's representatives on the Committee were John Alley and Al DeVito..

- Last year, considerable effort went into the triennial update of the Island's Regional Transportation Plan which will be completed in early 2007.
- The MVC carried out a detailed analysis of five options for possible improvement to the intersection of Barnes and Edgartown – Vineyard Haven roads (the Blinker); the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen decided to move ahead with construction of a small roundabout, to improve safety and ease congestion.
- The Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee outlined a series of short-term improvements, some of which were implemented in 2006; and helped identify the priority improvements to the Island's system of multi-user (bike) paths.
- The Commission continued to support the work of the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee, set up at the request of the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury to represent the Vineyard community with respect to MassHighway's proposal to replace the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge.
- The Commission analyzed the results of a 2005 origin-destination study and extensive traffic counts that had been carried out at various locations in Edgartown, and outlined options to be analyzed for possible improvements to the Triangle / Upper Main Street area.
- The Commission also conducted traffic counts throughout the Island.

Emergency Planning: The MVC is coordinating preparation of a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, which will enable Island towns to seek funds for implementation of projects designed to reduce losses of life and property in the event of a natural disaster. MVC staff met with town emergency managers to begin producing the plan. MVC staff gathered data and produced maps of critical facilities and compared their locations with hurricane and flood data to

determine risk. In 2007, the planning group will draft the mitigation plan, identifying projects for potential funding.

Economic Development: The MVC published a series of Data Reports on the Vineyard's population, housing, and economy. The Commission continued to help coordinate efforts to promote locally grown agricultural and aquacultural products. The MVC continues to work with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation and various Island entities in sponsoring free entrepreneurial workshops.

Water Quality: The Commission continued to carry out extensive water testing of Island coastal ponds with a view to having them qualify for inclusion in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which will carry out detailed modeling of ponds to indicate how extensive water quality problems are, and how effective various possible improvement measures would be. The Commission is an active participant of the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance and participated in many presentations to help increase public awareness of water quality issues; some of these were related to a ballot question supporting greater efforts to protect fragile coastal ponds, which was passed in all four towns where it was on the ballot.

Affordable Housing: The Commission and the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority assisted the towns in their update of their Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory. In March, the MVC and the Massachusetts Community Preservation Coalition co-sponsored a workshop that provided town's Community Preservation Committees and other town boards with tools and strategies to effectively implement the CPA.

Area Planning: The MVC played a lead role in a collaborative effort to plan the area north of the High School as the Island's main recreational and community campus, including the arena and proposed YMCA.

Island-wide Cooperation: The Commission coordinated regular meetings of all Island Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, public and private non-profit affordable housing groups, and GIS users, promoting the exchange of issues and ideas across town boundaries and providing informational opportunities with the use of guest speakers. The Commission also hosted several courses and information sessions on a variety of topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and to members of the general public, including a workshop on *Writing Reasonable and Defensible Decisions* and one on *How to Hold the Perfect Public Hearing*.

DRIs: In addition to its planning work, the Commission continues to invest considerable time and effort in its regulatory reviews of Developments of Regional Impact. This review generally results in considerable improvements to projects to mitigate their environmental, traffic, and other impacts on the Vineyard. In 2006 the Commission reviewed 38 projects of which 11 were

approved with conditions, none were denied, 9 were remanded back to their town without DRI review, 4 were withdrawn, 5 were granted extensions, 3 are on hold, and 5 are in progress. At the end of 2006, the MVC unanimously approved the Martha's Vineyard Hospital's expansion proposal after Commission review led to a range of improvements to the various aspects of the proposal including parking, wastewater treatment, impact on abutters, architectural design, and landscaping.

In order to make it easier for applicants and the public to understand how the MVC reviews proposals, the Commission is publishing a series of DRI policies on various topics. In 2006, an Open Space Preservation Policy was adopted, and a draft Water Quality Policy was prepared, both with the financial assistance of the Executive Office for Environmental Affairs.

DCPCs: A taxpayer nomination to create a District of Critical Planning Concern for the Mullen Way neighborhood in Edgartown was not approved, though the MVC agreed to take up concerns expressed about protection of traditional neighborhoods. An amendment to the Aquinnah DCPC regulations regarding facilities for wireless communications was found to be in conformance with the District's guidelines, thus validating the legal status of the amendments.

### **Specific Activities for West Tisbury**

#### **WATER RESOURCES**

- MVC staff conducted water quality sampling in Tisbury Great Pond (funded by the Riparian Owners Association) and from James Pond, funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. A total of 44 samples were collected from the two ponds during the summer and sent to the School of Marine Science lab for analyses of water quality indicators.
- A bathymetric (depth) map of Seth's Pond was completed based on approximately 100 depth measurements. The measurements are tied to a benchmark that will allow a determination of the variation in the volume of the Pond from dry years to wet years.
- MVC staff is working with the Riparian Owners of Tisbury Great Pond to evaluate options to determine the success of each opening to the ocean. We have decided to use salinity measurements and have recruited some volunteers to assist with the data collection.
- MVC staff assisted the University of Massachusetts with collection and processing water samples at the sites of stream gauges at Mill Pond and the Tiasquam River to assess the volume of freshwater flowing to Tisbury Great Pond and the amount of nutrients carried into the Pond.

- MVC staff assisted the Conservation Commission in selecting a consultant to evaluate options to address shoaling and aquatic weed growth in Mill Pond.
- Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from two wells in Town.

#### REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed eight Developments of Regional Impact in West Tisbury in 2006; two were extensions, 1 withdrawal, 2 non-concurrence, one was placed on hold and two are in progress and carried into 2007.

More detail about these activities as well as the ongoing work of the MVC is available on the Commission's website: [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

Respectfully submitted,

LINDA SIBLEY, West Tisbury elected Member-at-Large and  
Commission Chair

ANDREW WOODRUFF, West Tisbury elected Member-at-large

JIM POWELL, West Tisbury appointed by the Board of Selectmen

MARK LONDON, Executive Director



# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

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2774 acres, representing 4.5% 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.

## Acquisitions

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Ten preserves and reservations were created or expanded in 2006:

- (1.) Protecting roadside fields has long been a priority for the island's land planning agencies; **Blue Barque Preserve** is the latest such project for the land bank.
- (2.) Adding 8 acres to the **Gay Head Moraine** accomplished two goals - it expanded an existing reservation and laid more track in the land bank's effort to create a cross-Aquinnah trail.
- (3.) Of all of the land bank's properties, **Moshup Beach** is the most popular. The purchase of 8 acres here adds some 400 feet of prime Atlantic shorefront to Moshup Beach's existing 1155 feet, and spares scenic Moshup Trail from more architectural intrusion.
- (4.) Unlike sister Nantucket, whose topography barely ripples, Martha's Vineyard has plenty of high hills with exciting, long-distance waterviews. One of the best has now been conserved for enjoyment by the public - the **Ocean View Farm Preserve**. Remarkable as well was the generosity of neighbors - Elizabeth Bailey, Michael Fabrikant and the Abel's Hill Association who agreed to donate trail easements so that the preserve can link to the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve (owned by the town and land bank) and the Middle Road Sanctuary (owned by the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation), for an extended hiking circuit.
- (5.) Almost 500 feet of beach C 215 feet on the Edgartown Outer Harbor and 280 feet on the Cape Poge Pond entered public ownership at the **Three Ponds Reservation**. In addition, the land bank purchased a strategic one-acre lot, as part of a cooperativetrail plan in the environs of the reservation.
- (6.) An active roadside sheep pasture was protected on the Middle Road in Chilmark, increasing the size of the **Tiasquam River Reservation** by some 8 acres. Agricultural lands will always figure prominently among the land bank's goals.
- (7.) The **Toad Rock Preserve** is only a year old but already the land bank has doubled its size. It now comprises six acres of ridgeline sitting atop the Moshup Trail conservation area, with long-distance views of Nomans Land Island and the Squibnocket Pond and Atlantic Ocean.

- (8.) Farmland at the head of the Tisbury Great Pond's Muddy Cove was protected via the acquisition of an agricultural preservation restriction over ***Uncle Leonard's Farm***. The land remains privately owned but must be used for agriculture only. This particular restriction surpasses the ordinary version as, in addition to limiting the property to farm use, it also grants to the land bank an option to purchase the scenic declivities extending north of the cove, plus a limitation on any future resale price so as to remain affordable to farmers.
- (9.) The ***Wapatequa Woods Preserve***, located astride the Oak Bluffs - Tisbury town line, exemplifies the land bank's efforts at property assembly; something that starts out small can bloom into a significant open space for public enjoyment. Now at 110 acres, with the addition of 13.7 acres in 2006, the preserve has grown significantly since the first purchase of 20 acres in 1988.
- 10.) In most any town anywhere, the four corners of its central intersection would have long ago been claimed for commercial and other development. On the Vineyard, three of the corners at the blinker light in Oak Bluffs are now conserved as part of the ***Weahtaqua Springs Preserve***. Two had been earlier conserved and in 2006 the land bank purchased a conservation restriction over the third, from the Island Housing Trust Corporation, a local affordable housing entity.

Additional details about the above acquisitions follow:

<b>Property</b>	<b>seller</b>	<b>town</b>	<b>acres</b>	<b>price</b>
(1.) Blue Barque Preserve	Daniel Leventritt	Chilmark	8.0	\$ 875,000
(2.) Gay Head Moraine	Clair Waterbury	Aquinnah	8.6	\$ 250,000
(3.) Moshup Beach	Joan Higbee	Aquinnah	8.0	\$ 2,250,000
(4.) Ocean View Farm Preserve	Jonathan Leavy	Chilmark	18.1	\$ 7,025,000
(5.) Three Ponds Reservation	Judith Murphy	Edgartown	7.4	\$ 3,550,000
	Peter Plumb		12.1	\$ 2,000,000
	Elizabeth Villard		1.1	\$ 200,000
(6.) Tiasquam River Reservation	Susan Kluver	Chilmark	8.5	\$ 915,985

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(7.) Toad Rock Preserve	Victoria Brown	Aquinnah	2.6	\$ 315,000
	Russell Smith		0.6	\$ 700,000
(8.) Uncle Leonard's Farm	James Athearn	West Tisbury	21.1	\$ 1,200,000
(9.) Wapatequa Woods Preserve	Thomas Feeney	Oak Bluffs Tisbury	6.3	\$ 825,000
	Stuart Rapp, commissioner		7.4	\$ 600,000
10.) Weahtaqua Springs Preserve	IHTC	Oak Bluffs	0.6	\$ 15,714
			110.4	\$20,721,699

In addition, the land bank continued to purchase partial interests in properties across the island.

#### Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Horatio Norton Farm; Manaquayak Preserve; Southern Woodlands Reservation; Three Ponds Reservation (expansion); Tiasquam River Reservation; Tisbury Great Pond Beach; and Toad Rock Preserve. A revised management plan for the Manaquayak Preserve was completed and approved by the commonwealth with conditions.

The management plan for the Blackwater Pond Reservation was approved and the property was opened to public use. It contains two miles of new trails, plus two viewing platforms and a 30'-long fishing pier. Trails were also opened at Tea Lane Farm, connecting the Middle and Middle Line Roads; two acres of black locust were removed - the resulting field was seeded with pasture grasses (so as to be useable for farming) and the trees were milled for use as boardwalks on other land bank properties.

Fields were restored or enhanced at the Chilmark Pond Preserve; Gay Head Moraine; Peaked Hill Reservation; Poucha Pond Reservation; and Sepiessa Point Reservation.

A management plan for the Tisbury Great Pond Beach was approved by the West Tisbury Town Advisory Board. The land bank commission is expected to approve it in early 2007, so that the beach can be open for public enjoyment in the summer of 2007.

Ongoing maintenance continued on various land bank properties across the island.

#### Cross-island hike

The land bank's fourteenth annual Cross-Island Hike took place on National Trails Day, which is the first Saturday in June. This year's route started in the morning at the Long Point Wildlife Refuge in West Tisbury and finished in the late afternoon at Jetty Beach on East Chop in Oak Bluffs, a distance of 16.3 miles.

#### Gifts

The land bank gratefully accepted a \$25,000 gift from the Chappaquiddick Open Space Committee.

#### Reimbursements

The land bank received \$13,382.15 from the commonwealth to reimburse it for (1.) construction expenses associated with the universal access trail, fishing pier and boardwalks at the Blackwater Pond Reservation (\$11,988.66); and (2.) maintenance expenses associated with the pond access road at the Pecoy Point Reservation (\$1,393.49).

#### Budget and related matters

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

	Fiscal year 2006 <u>budgeted</u> cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal year 2006 <u>actual</u> cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal year 2007 <u>budgeted</u> cash amount and percentage of total
administrative expenses	\$ 397,158 4.16%	\$ 338,875 2.51%	\$ 428,618 4.51%
land management expenses	\$ 595,857 6.24%	\$ 552,653 4.09%	\$ 618,473 6.51%
debt service expenses	\$ 3,918,262 41.03%	\$ 2,835,261 21.00%	\$ 3,781,014 39.80%
reserve expenses	\$ 30,000 0.31%		\$ 30,000 0.31%
surplus revenues	\$ 4,608,737 48.26%	\$ 9,769,847 72.40%	\$ 4,641,895 48.87%
	\$ 9,550,000 100.00%	\$13,496,636 100.00%	\$ 9,500,000* 100.00%

Surplus revenues are combined with accumulated surplus revenues from previous years, receipts from bond issues and return on investments; these monies are available for new land acquisitions. As of December 31, 2006 the

land bank treasury contained some \$21,255,000 for these purposes; the land bank is currently in active negotiations to purchase various properties whose aggregate value exceeds \$46,000,000.

The asterisk (\*) indicates the land bank's projection for revenues between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Transfer fee revenues

2006 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received January 1, 2006 Through <u>December 31, 2006</u>	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 113,790.66	1.0 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 747,863.13	6.4%
Edgartown Fund	\$ 2,540,746.91	21.7%
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 818,248.87	7.0 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 867,890.25	7.4 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 756,949.83	6.5 %
<i>central fund</i>	<u>\$ 5,845,489.65</u>	<u>50.0 %</u>
	\$ 11,690,979.30	100.0 %

This represented a 7.1% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

The land bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; Carlos Montoya, Aquinnah; Edith Potter, commonwealth; Thomas Robinson, Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round land bank staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, foreman; James Dropick, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; Julie Schaeffer, ecologist; and Vernon Welch, conservation land assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL  
Executive Director

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

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Dear Board of Selectmen,

The Parks and Recreation Committee continues to enjoy the Community Hall building on Old Courthouse Road as a base of operation for the summer staff and beach sticker sales. We have continued to do minor renovations to the interior of the building to maintain it for this purpose. The surrounding grounds have been maintained and a split rail fence has been erected to distinguish the parking circle and play area.

In early March, we held our fifth annual Family Skate at the ice arena. The community brought an abundance of snacks and desserts to share and we supplied hot chocolate and juice. In early April, we sponsored entertainer, Joe Howard, at our spring show. Approximately 120 children and adults enjoyed his show. This event brought in \$230. The Parks and Recreation Committee continue to try to offer quality family entertainment at a reasonable price.

In the spring and summer, both newly renovated ball fields saw lots of use from the school league, Little League, and many private groups of soccer, softball, and baseball. The fields have been maintained with the cooperation of MV Little League. We thank the community for their support and remind everyone of the carry on carry off policy for trash. The playground at the Town Hall continues to be an active spot, especially on Saturday mornings during the Farmer's Market. As always, we remind parent's to supervise their children at all times on the playground.

The Dog tag program has been well received to help alleviate problems at Lambert's Cove Beach after hours. The dog permits brought in \$850. We had 32 students enrolled in four levels of Red Cross certified swim instruction. The parking and limited beach space is an ongoing challenge but the community has been cooperative. Beach sticker sales were \$50,660 this year. The summer started out rainy but July and August brought sunshine and many beach goers. It also brought a few Man O War to the private side of Lambert's Cove but no incidents were reported. The beach wheel chair got lots of use for the elderly, some folks on crutches as well as a few sunstroke victims. The Sheriffs Meadow Foundation, in compliance with their agreement with the Goethels, have cut a walking trail at the edge of the parking area down through the woods that meets up again with the path just before the dune. We no longer offer tennis lessons due to lack of response but the courts did get use this summer. The courts brought in \$710.

The annual Halloween Party as always was very successful. Over the past several years we have seen a steady increase in the number of people that attend. Children and adults enjoyed pizza and cider, games, prizes and costume awards. Ten-year-old Paige Taylor was the winner of the Candy Corn guessing game which had a \$20 gift card to Hollywood Video inside the jar. The spooky hayride is still the most popular attraction. Fred Fisher and his horses accommodated just over 100 partygoers and many more were disappointed having been turned away. The Committee would like to thank all those that make this tradition a wonderful event!!

Our three sessions of adult yoga were filled to capacity. We took in \$900 in yoga receipts this year. We would like to thank the West Tisbury Congregational Church for the use of their hall. We sponsored a ten-week Saturday recreation program of sports and art at the West Tisbury School that had 26 students enrolled. This program brought in \$350. Our Chess club begins every January. This program had 32 students enrolled in the ten-week session that finished with a tournament and party. There were trophies for all participants as well as awards for the top three finisher in each level.

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

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# **REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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To the Voters and Taxpayers:

The first half of 2006 was occupied with the search for a new director. Our search committee was made up of the following members: Elaine Pace, Leslie Baker, Virginia Jones, Mary Lu Keep, Bea Phear, Ebba Hierta, and Hermine Hull. Elaine Pace ably served as chairman. We met weekly to advertise the position, solicit patron input, design interview questions, schedule and conduct preliminary interviews, and check resumes and references, before giving a list of our final choices to be considered by the Board of Trustees. Public interviews of the finalists were held at the Howes House the first weekend in May. Howard Curtis was selected to become our new library director. A reception to welcome him to the community was held on the library lawn on a lovely afternoon in June.

Howard began his tenure at the beginning of June, just in time for the busy summer, with little time to settle in. His first day, Young Adult Librarian Ebba Hierta announced that she would be leaving, having accepted the position of Library Director in Chilmark. The person hired to replace her decided not to take the position, leaving the remaining staff, Nelia Decker, Paula Black, Beth Kramer, and Brian Ruddick short-handed all summer. They did an incredible job keeping the library open and providing services and programs to the community. On one day this past August, we recorded over one thousand patrons using the library.

With no increase in staff or cost to the taxpayers, Howard managed to rearrange the schedule to expand our hours to a full day on Friday (we are open till 5 pm,) and add an extra hour on Monday evening (till 9 pm,) and an extra hour on Sunday afternoons (till 5 pm.) This has made the hours more consistent and easier to remember.

At the Annual Town Meeting in April, voters passed an article establishing the position of Poet Laureate in West Tisbury. Nelia Decker, Ebba Hierta, and Shelton Bank formed the committee that reviewed suggestions from the public and after due consideration recommended to the Library Board and then the Selectmen the appointment of Dan Waters. Dan held a poetry reading during the summer, and invited local poets and patrons to read their own or a favorite poem at the library in November. Howard Curtis has assumed Ebba's place on the committee.

Children's Librarian Nelia Decker began a series called "Guys Read" one Sunday afternoon a month. Beginning last January, Manny Estrella IV, Skip Manter, Tim Maley, and Patrick Grady read aloud to groups of children and

their parents. Literary characters Max the Bunny, Curious George, and the pig from “If You Give a Pig a Pancake” all paid visits to the library when they were here on the Island. Eighteen children participated in the Annual Library Sleepover during the April school vacation. “What’s Buzzin’ @ Your Library” was the theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program. Artist/poet Peter Sis designed the artwork that adorned t-shirts and book bags, prizes for the 420 children, young adults, and adults who completed their reading commitments. The program began over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, with a kick-off performance by magician Scott Jameson.

On-going children’s programs included an Infant’s Story Hour on Monday mornings led by Nelia Decker and Jen McHugh of the Family Network at Community Services and our regular Story Hour on Wednesday mornings. Every Saturday a craft project is set up for the whole day, allowing children to “drop-in” and have a special activity for them.

We have worked to increase the number and diversity of programs for adults in the community. The Monday Night Movies now carry a theme through each month; also on Monday evenings, the library hosts a group of knitters and needleworkers called “In Stitches.” Gardening workshops by Chris Wiley and Nancy Rogers were very popular, as were origami workshops by Elin Nelson and felting workshops by Christa Fischer. Martha Hubbell has also done some wonderful craft programs. Sue Whiting gave a lecture at the Howes House about her trip to Antarctica. Micky Stone sponsored a program about Guatemala at his home on State Road. Both of these programs, as well as a poetry reading by Dan Waters, raised money for the Friends of the Library’s Construction Fund. The sale of pins, pendants, and book bags with Dan Waters’ birds in their nest logo all goes toward this fund.

“One Book, One Island” 2006 featured a series of events relating to “Unfinished Season” by Ward Just and “Persepolis” by Marjane Satrapi.

The Friends of the West Tisbury Library held their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Sale at the West Tisbury School in July with an estimated 28,000 items for sale. The library hosted the Friends 25th Annual Meeting on August 25. At their annual meeting and at board meetings throughout the year, they voted to provide additional new shelving for the adult book collection, a \$5000.00 donation for books, a custom-made set of worktables in the staff area, signage for the stacks, a digital camera, scanner, and paper cutter, a new movie screen, a gallery wall for displays, and a significant contribution toward the design of a new website. The Friends also maintain the landscaping in front of the library. They support the Summer Reading Program and other programs and events at the library.

Members of the staff, trustees, and Friends continued their professional development by attending the Public Library Association meeting held this year in Boston, and other workshops sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the South Eastern Massachusetts Library System, and the Martha’s Vineyard Library Association.

Our library continues to grow. 92,203 patron visits were recorded in 2006. Our records show that 110,226 items were borrowed, including books, magazines, audio books, and DVDs. 64,761 of those items were books. 8,222 sign-up sessions on public computers were tallied, not including the many patrons using their own laptops taking advantage of the WiFi system. We have been creative in shifting furniture and stacks, aggressively weeding and rearranging the collection, to maximize our limited space.

The Cape Light Compact installed solar panels, a weather station, and light sensors at the library and replaced all of our light bulbs with low-wattage ones. The weather-monitoring station captures data and downloads it to be viewed on a website: <http://monitor.fatspaniel.com>.

Four new staff members were added in September; Emily Smith, Colleen Morris, Jennifer Tseng, and Ava Castro are the new faces at the desk.

The library continues to flourish as both a social and an intellectual center for our community with your continued support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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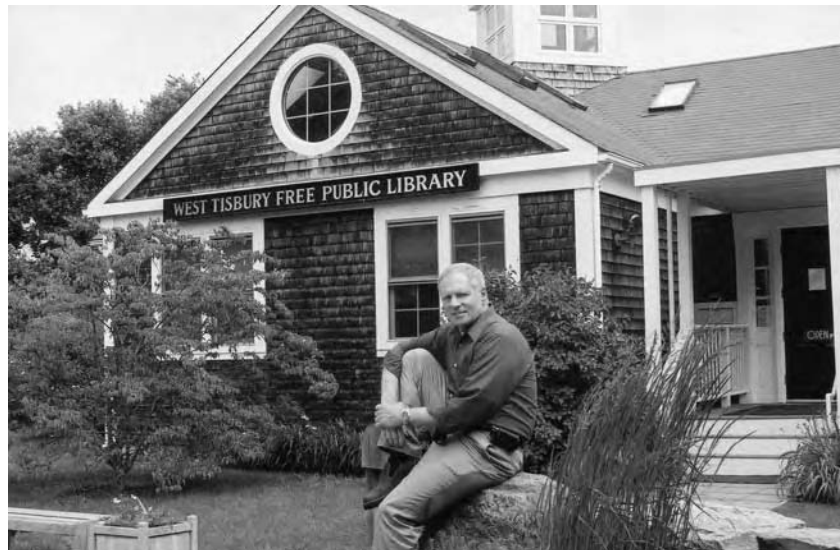
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# **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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David Rossi, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Mr. Rossi:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am very pleased to submit my second annual report as the Superintendent of Schools to you and to the individual members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS). I continue to learn about this wonderful Island, its schools and its communities, and I have truly come to enjoy my role here as Superintendent.

As the year began, I worked with the All-Island School Committee (AISC) to develop seven significant goals for the year. These included building a stronger relationship with the six school committees, demonstrating educational leadership, working to improve general management, developing appropriate district budgets, improving our personnel practices, improving communication, and building my knowledge of the Island and its communities. While this is a very extensive list, we have made significant progress on each of these goals thanks to the hard work of our building administrators and central office staff.

Much time this year has been devoted to the lengthy process of developing the budgets for the Superintendent's Office and the five school districts. The Superintendent's Office budget consists primarily of staff, who provides services to the elementary and high schools as well as the management team that assists me in coordinating the efforts of the school committees and the more than 600 people who work for the MVPS. This year I had proposed two additions to the budget – an eighth grade algebra program to build our mathematics instruction and a facilities manager to better maintain the buildings that house our students. After careful deliberations with the AISC, it was decided to put the facilities manager position on hold for the present time to reduce the financial impact to the local communities.

Budget development for the five local school districts began with discussions over the summer, taking into consideration that we would be in negotiations with the five bargaining units on the Island. Principals and School Advisory Councils analyzed the enrollment changes and program needs as they looked toward the future. The Oak Bluffs School saw its

enrollment grow by 23 students this year, with continued enrollment growth predicted for the upcoming school year as well. The remaining schools either declined or saw no significant changes. Because staffing costs drive these budgets, we can expect to see some overall growth at each school. Additionally, the two elementary schools that have Title I programs have seen these grants decline drastically over the past two years, forcing them to increase their budgets to continue these important remedial services.

Due to some significant changes in State rules, the regional schools on the Island came under significant scrutiny for the manner in which costs were assessed to the local communities. The State's new approach called the "Aggregate Wealth Model" appears to require us to abandon our long-used method of assessing costs based only upon enrollment and switch to the use of median income and equalized property valuation in addition to enrollment. This change has clearly left us with winners and losers and has raised many questions about process and fairness. Hopefully, Islanders can band together and get through this apparent crisis.

At this year's opening assembly, I challenged our staff to make this school year one focused upon the teaching of non-fiction writing as writing is "thinking at the end of a pencil," and teachers at all schools clearly stepped up to that challenge. I am pleased to report that the students are writing more this year across all curriculum areas. We expect that this will pay dividends as we approach the second year of MCAS testing in Grades 4 through 8. Staff members and many members of the broader community were also able to attend a presentation by Dr. Mel Levine, Director of the Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Levine is a nationally known practitioner and speaker who advocates for a new way of thinking about how children learn and grow, and it is our expectation that Island students will benefit from our staff's awareness of his approach.

With regard to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests, students at all Island schools continue to do well, with every school making adequate yearly progress (AYP) again this year with the exception of Edgartown in the area of mathematics. At Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, 98% of the tenth graders passed the English assessment, and 97% passed the mathematics portion. These results place us clearly ahead of State averages where 93% passed the English portion and only 88% passed mathematics. While these results look positive for our schools and students, the No Child Left Behind Act raises the academic standard each year until 2014 when all students must be proficient. Like all schools in the Commonwealth, we will find this extremely high standard difficult to reach as we move forward to that deadline.

Administrators across the Island have devoted significant time and effort this year in preparing for a State Department of Education on-site visit, which will focus on the districts' ability to comply with the numerous state and federal mandates. This visit called a "Coordinated Program Review" will take place in May 2007, and community members will be asked to participate. School Committees have also devoted a significant amount of time this year to drafting the policies that govern our operations in all areas. I am pleased to report that thanks to this effort we have appropriate policy documents in every area required by law. The Superintendent's Office has also developed a personnel manual, which details the procedures and practices that govern how we handle personnel issues. This will help us to implement our five master agreements in a consistent and coordinated manner. School committee members, FinCom members and administrators also devoted countless hours this year in negotiations with teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, secretaries and food service workers.

For a second year, we continue to manage our school bus system in-house saving the five districts thousands of dollars while still providing excellent service. I would like to commend Transportation Manager James Flynn and Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Affairs Amy Tierney, along with a crew of outstanding drivers, for continuing to make this a very positive experience for everyone. We recently replaced our three off-island buses with modern diesel vehicles and are in the planning stages for a complete replacement of our on-island fleet. ASBA Tierney was cited by the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials with the John F. Conway Distinguished Service Award for her efforts at improving our school transportation system.

This year also brought some significant challenges for our schools administratively. Dr. G. Paul Dulac departed Edgartown to become Superintendent in Marblehead, leaving that school once again searching for new leadership. Oak Bluffs Principal Laury Binney was granted a leave of absence from his duties for the 2007-08 school year. Finally in West Tisbury, Principal and Marine Lt. Colonel Michael Halt was called to duty in Iraq, forcing us to find support for that building as well. Our thoughts are with him and his family during this difficult time.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to the seven members of our school community, who will be retiring over the next months. These talented and dedicated educators have served our students for a combined total of 165 years, a very significant milestone. In October, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Margaret Harris announced that she would be retiring at the end of the school year. Marge has been a staff member on the Island for 32 years, and her dedication to the students of the Vineyard will be sorely missed. The High School saw two long-time staff members announce their departure. Physical Education teacher

and Department Head Nancy Shemeth will leave MVRHS after 33 years, while the woman who brought early childhood instruction to our vocational programs – Ruth DeWilde-Major - will leave after nine wonderful years. The West Tisbury School will bid farewell to three exceptional women at the end of the year. Marilyn Yas will retire after eight years as an elementary educator. Maddie Coutts is concluding her 28 years of service with children in reading at both the Chilmark and West Tisbury Schools, and Joyce Dresser is completing 31 years working with identified students. Finally, Donna Gazaille will leave the Edgartown School after 24 years as an elementary teacher there.

The citizens of the Vineyard are truly fortunate to have the talented educators who work in our schools and the dedicated school committee members who devote their energies to governing those schools. Each and every day, I know how fortunate I am to work with them as well. It continues to be a pleasure for me to serve as Superintendent of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools – attending meetings, visiting schools, being a fan in the bleachers, and listening to our wonderful musicians sing and play instruments. While we will continue to face new challenges every day, I know that together we can give our students a future of which to be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. WEISS, EdD  
Superintendent of Schools



# **REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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Greetings Up-Island!

Thank you Dr. Weiss, volunteers, school committee, teachers, staff, and principals Diane Gandy and Bob Lane, and we wish Michael Halt speedy return from his unexpected call to the war front.

Welcome to veteran Ed Jerome, new principal of the West Tisbury School.

To Diane Wall and Kathy Logue, retiring school committee members, best in your future endeavors, stay close to the schools. Welcome Dan Cabot and Marshall Segall to a four-year run on the Up-Island Regional School Committee.

The School Advisory Committees are the heart and advocate of each of our schools; their school improvement plans build our budgets and determine our school culture.

Chilmark School Advisory Council: Constance Messmer, Sharon Eber, Christina Soulagnet, Julianne Vanderhoop Mahoney, Hillary Noyes Keene, Mike Hebert, Jill Rosenkranz, Jack Regan, Jackie Guzalak, Alicia Knight, Jill Bernstein, Susan Puciul.

West Tisbury School Advisory Council: Martha Stackpole, Tina Miller, Matt Wortmann, Elaine Barnett, Heather Rodrigues.

Let us emphasize that education is our business and these children are our future, they are a great investment. The more we can do for them makes good citizens and builds community.

We at last have received the results from the selectmen's task group that was investigating the fairness of the regional formulas and the way finances are allocated to the towns. Many scenarios were tried and finally it became an exercise in crunching numbers and applying them to well defined tasks. Thank you, Dick Mezger, Janet Weidner, co-chairs, Mike Hebert, Karl Burgess, Katy Upson, Camille Rose, Frank Yeomans, Michael West, and Nancy Cole.

Mark Abrahams Group and Harkin, Kelly, and Associates presented documents regarding the finances and assessments that are available to you upon request. In a response, the school committee has drafted a sample warrant article, presently being reviewed by the three towns' selectmen and finance committees, which attempts to assess the capital building costs of the

two schools in a more equitable manner. The town owning each school would always pay 80% of its capital costs, no matter what percentage of students it has in the school.

And as we reviewed the comprehensive reports on the region's finances, the state decided to put our regional agreement second to the obscure Education Reform Act of 1994 "aggregate wealth formula" in 2007 (FY08). The aggregate wealth formula has been refined by the commonwealth to normalize the costs to towns in regions based on incomes and land base values, as well as foundation enrollment. Many of the financial/regional questions we have asked through the years have been addressed, not necessarily with the anticipated results.

We have completed our budget season and working with all parties we looked at the declining enrollment and school dynamics to bring this budget to you. As this is being written, we are in negotiations with the teachers and support staff with unknown results. We have offered a new health insurance plan that could save one per cent of the budget if all the towns will embrace this economy. Facilities continue to need maintenance, and we can expect to be aggressive on maintenance as the state is not funding new building every twenty years and we should look at how we can share space, economy of space, maybe the library or finance or a program. We need a new fleet of buses and the strategy to accomplish this is built into the budget. The Up-Island Committee did some goal setting this year, selecting three areas: staff enhancement through professional development, facilities maintenance, and transportation. We hope this is reflected in this budget.

We have agreed to continue the Island-wide strategic planning started last February, which will hopefully result in efficiency and economy in finances and facilities, growth and improvement in curriculum and professional development, and greater cooperation among Martha's Vineyard Schools.

The School Committee's work is only one piece of the puzzle of creating a capable, creative, healthy Island community. We must look at our tasks as intertwined with other community preservation goals, and make certain that we are working collaboratively and not at cross-purposes.

Reflecting on the first year with Superintendent Jim Weiss thanks to effort from Kathy Logue-- He models the consensus and communication behavior we want for the whole Island. The difference in school committee meetings this year is a testament to Jim's ability to generate confidence, consensus building, and concrete decision-making – an excellent first year! The All Island School Committee goals are amorphous, yet we have made definite progress on all of them. He is a quick study on all the complex issues, and a healthy level of dialogue and cooperation has emerged. He has earned respect and confidence and demonstrated the ability to listen to all parties and move toward common ground, a good combination of seeing the big picture but also tracking the details. He has exceeded expectations this year. He could just have fought fires, but instead has taken initiatives where he saw the need.

He met unexpected challenges (e.g., transportation) in the first year, and the system has emerged stronger and more effective as a result. Jim is harder on himself than anyone else was in evaluation and thinks we can do better. The measure of his respect for his cabinet and staff is that he solicited their evaluations of his work, even though School Committee did not. We need to make sure that Dr. Weiss has adequate support for his own professional development and growth.

Thank you,

ROXANE ACKERMAN, chair  
DAN CABOT  
JEFFREY SKIPPER MANTER  
SUSAN PARKER  
MARSHALL SEGALL

# **REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**

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To the Citizens of the Town 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, 2006.

Statement of Net Assets

Government Funds Balance Sheet

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances (Budget and Actual)

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	<b><u>Primary Government</u></b>
	<b><u>Government Activities</u></b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 1,524,464
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>49,954</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,574,418</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>346,469</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,920,887</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Warrants Payable	258,377
Accrued payroll	371,026
Abandoned property	<u>15,412</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>644,815</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	346,469
Restricted for:	
Reduction of member town assessments	164,483
Student Activities	47,103
Unrestricted	<u>718,017</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,276,072</u>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET**

**FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,511,375	\$ 13,089	\$ 1,524,464
Restricted assets:			
cash and cash equivalents	<u>-</u>	<u>49,954</u>	<u>49,954</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,511,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 63,043</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,574,418</u></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
 <b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Warrants Payable	\$ 253,977	\$ 4,400	\$ 258,377
Accrued payroll	371,026	-	371,026
Abandoned property	<u>15,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,412</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>640,415</u></u>	<u><u>4,400</u></u>	<u><u>644,815</u></u>
 <b>FUND BALANCES:</b>			
Reserved for:			
Reduction of member town assessments	164,483	-	164,483
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	11,480 ##	-	11,480
Student Activities	-	47,103	47,103
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	295,000	-	295,000
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	399,997	-	399,997
Special Revenue funds	<u>-</u>	<u>11,540</u>	<u>11,540</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>870,960</u></u>	<u><u>58,643</u></u>	<u><u>929,603</u></u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,511,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 63,043</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,574,418</u></u>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Member town assessments	\$ 6,960,137	\$ 6,698,089	\$ 6,698,089	\$ -
Lease revenue	155,000	155,000	-	(155,000)
State aid-foundation	767,074	767,074	787,574	20,500
State aid-transportation	253,588	253,588	325,755	72,167
State aid-school choice tuition	125,000	125,000	191,085	66,085
State aid - charter school assessment reimbursement	66,030	66,030	54,245	(11,785)
Federal aid - impact aid		13,020	13,020	0
Investment Income	11,000	11,000	46,951	35,951
Other	3,500	3,500	3,031	(469)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>8,341,329</u>	<u>8,092,301</u>	<u>8,119,750</u>	<u>27,449</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,444,523	2,444,523	2,294,306	150,217

Special Education	744,723	744,723	762,671	(17,948)
Other	40,352	40,352	34,262	6,090
Support Services:				
Pupil	516,490	516,490	510,969	5,521
Instructional	140,111	140,111	131,140	8,971
Administrative	900,277	900,277	884,035	16,242
Business	43,800	43,800	49,192	(5,392)
Building and grounds	627,774	627,774	639,286	(11,512)
Transportation	383,355	383,355	319,989	63,366
Food	9,400	9,400	7,762	1,638
Rent	545,639	545,639	545,639	-
Pension benefits	120,246	120,246	122,224	(1,978)
Employee Benefits	996,144	996,144	903,357	92,787
Property and liability insurance	104,003	104,003	105,568	(1,565)
State Assessments:				
Charter School	796,500	796,500	667,628	128,872
School Choice	100,000	100,000	97,965	2,035
Debt service-principal	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Debt service-interest	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>8,591,337</u>	<u>8,591,337</u>	<u>8,153,993</u>	<u>437,344</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>(250,008)</u>	<u>(499,036)</u>	<u>(34,243)</u>	<u>(464,793)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE , Beginning of year</b>	<u>905,203</u>	<u>905,203</u>	<u>905,203</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE , End of year</b>	<u>\$ 655,195</u>	<u>\$ 406,167</u>	<u>\$ 870,960</u>	<u>\$ 464,793</u>





# REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL

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James Weiss  
Superintendent  
RR2, Box 261  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss:

I am honored to continue to serve our students and our community as the Principal of the West Tisbury School. It is truly a privilege to be able to work each day with such an experienced and dedicated faculty and staff. Sadly, this year will be the last year for three of our most loved and accomplished teachers. Joyce Dresser, Madi Coutts, and Marylyn Yas will all be retiring at the end of this school year. During their tenure at the West Tisbury School, these three gifted educators helped shape the lives of hundreds of students who were fortunate enough to have them as a teacher. I hope you will join me in celebrating their incredible accomplishments all year long.

The Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation requires schools to test and track student performance with great specificity. We are proud that our students continue to perform well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. Of special note has been the performance of our middle school students. Our students continue to greatly exceed the state average in their performance in English Language Arts in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. They also exceed the state average in Mathematics in grades 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. In 2005 our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class ranked in the top ten of the state for the fourth year in a row for their performance on the MCAS Science and Technology Exam. All schools in the Commonwealth were rated in performance using the terms: Critically Low, Very Low, Low, Moderate, High, and Very High. We are proud to report that our school earned performance level of Very High in English Language Arts. While we are disappointed that our performance in mathematics was only listed as moderate, the teachers and I have put together an action plan for improving our performance in this important area.

The MCAS test is only one of many tools educators use to identify student strengths as well as areas where remediation may be needed. At the West Tisbury School we are excited about the personal connections that exist between our faculty and our students. Small class sizes plus active project-based learning with interdisciplinary support are the hallmarks of our school. Field trips, extra-curricular opportunities, and enrichment activities help make our educational programs come alive for our students.

**Curriculum and instruction** continue to be the heart and soul of the West Tisbury School. Professional development opportunities exist for our teachers both on and off-island. Our teachers continue to learn new instructional strategies to help improve student learning. All of our veteran teachers have earned classification by the Commonwealth as “Highly Qualified” as required by No Child Left Behind.

**Extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities** abound at the West Tisbury School. As a result of a generous federal grant, our students have the opportunity to participate in a wide array of recreation and academic enrichment opportunities in our after school program that is now being run in coordination by the Martha’s Vineyard YMCA. Students may participate in activities such as art, music, literacy, technology, study skills, social skills, and various recreation programs that are designed to reinforce and complement the regular school day activities. Additionally, we continue to offer middle school students the chance to participate in inter-island sports programs such as track, basketball, volleyball, and baseball. Our middle school students also represent us well through their participation in the Martha’s Vineyard Junior High Football Team. We also offer students the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents through involvement in our music programs and in our theatrical productions. Daily late buses are scheduled in order to help ensure maximum student participation in our after school programs.

**Community volunteers** and resource persons are a regular part of the programming and instruction at the West Tisbury School. Routinely, guest speakers visit classrooms to share first hand experiences that directly support our educational goals. Reading volunteers work with various students in the school. Talented artists, authors, musicians, scientists, and naturalists, collaborate with our staff to offer exciting community-based learning opportunities to our students. Community groups such as the *Martha’s Vineyard Historical Society*, *Wampanoag Tribe*, *Felix Neck Audubon Society*, and *The Trustees of the Reservation* link the school with the community on a regular basis.

**The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is an active and strong support group at the West Tisbury School. The main goal of our PTO is to strengthen the school-home connection and help provide programs that will enhance our children’s classroom experiences and encourage a greater sense of school spirit and pride.

**The School Advisory Council (SAC):** The Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 called for the formation of a School Council for each school in an effort to give parents, teachers and community members a forum for sharing ideas and decision making in order to improve the schools and strengthen their support. The West Tisbury School Council consists of the

principal, two staff members, two parents of children attending the school, chosen by election; and a community members who reside in the town, but does not have children attending the school.

The School Council offers advice to the principal in the areas of developing a school improvement plan, reviewing the school handbook, and identifying the needs of the students as well as any other areas agreed upon by the school committee.

The School Improvement Plan is designed to provide information about our schools' purpose and vision. The S.I.P. also communicates the idea that everyone's input is a valued and necessary component to strengthening our school. Our School Improvement Plan's focus is on five key areas that directly relate to teaching and learning. Those key areas are:

- **Curriculum and Instruction**
- **School Culture and/or Student Achievement**
- **Professional Development**
- **Community Relations**
- **School Facilities**

The School Improvement Plan is submitted annually to the School Committee for review and then approved by the Superintendent of Schools. In the past, recommendations made in the S.I.P. have been a factor in many areas of school decision making and budgeting. Actions taken by the School Council are directly influenced by the input received throughout the school year, and an effort is always made to include suggestions from as many members of the school community as possible.

The SAC meets once a month in the school conference room. Parents, teachers, and community members are encouraged to attend School Council meetings and to offer suggestions to improve our school.

2006 has been an outstanding year for the students and staff at the West Tisbury School. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful student body and a dedicated and talented staff. As you know, the success of the West Tisbury School is dependant upon the ongoing support of all of the volunteers, parents, and community members who serve on School Advisory Council, Parent Teacher Organization, those who work directly with students in the classroom, and those who work quietly behind the scene. In addition, our school is fortunate to receive generous support from many island businesses and organizations, and our taxpayers. On behalf of the school committee, and the entire faculty and staff of the West Tisbury School I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our entire community for their continued support.

Very Respectfully,

MICHAEL A. HALT  
Principal

# REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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James Weiss, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
RR2, Box 261  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss:

The 2005-2006 school year at the Chilmark School opened with a flurry of excitement, all in anticipation of a new season, new teachers, new students and a new private preschool. Due to the correlation of our schools' mission statements, the Chilmark School and the Friends of the Chilmark Preschool have been able to coexist comfortably within the same learning environment. The positive energy in the air helped create and maintain a community of life long learners in a multi-age, project based learning environment. Together the Chilmark School and the Friends of the Chilmark Preschool recognize the different learning styles and needs of each individual student. We strongly believe in providing a curriculum that is academically and artistically challenging and at the same time, we encourage and support students' development of the basic skills. Our goals are to simply ensure that children will love to learn and in the process, gain the self-esteem that will enable them to live responsibly in a diverse world throughout their lifetime.

## **Professional Development:**

The Chilmark staff continues to examine ways in which to improve upon teaching and learning in order to provide the best of educational practices for our students' academic success. With this in mind, the staff spent the school year participating in a series of professional development activities. Weekly workshop discussions in Reading and Assessment, facilitated by our Reading Specialist, Deb Dunn, focused on the main components of the teaching of reading. Our Grade 2/3 Teacher, Jack Regan, and Gr. 3 Teacher, Jill Waxweiler, of the Tisbury School, facilitated a technology workshop providing teachers with the instructional support needed to use technology effectively in their classrooms with Smart Board Technology. Teachers unfamiliar with our Island-wide social curriculum participated in Responsive Classroom trainings offered throughout the year by Teacher-Trainers, one of which was our Chilmark Teacher-Trainer, Robin Smith. The staff also participated in ongoing ELL required trainings that were sponsored by the DOE. In the second half of the year, the Charter School was awarded a Dissemination Grant for "Differentiation of Instruction". Bob Moore, the

Director, invited the Chilmark School staff to work collaboratively with his staff in a series of Saturday workshops designed to engage teachers in research, individual projects, pre/post tests, professional readings and onsite classroom visits between the two schools. The end result provided teachers with an opportunity to reflect and improve upon professional practices.

**Curriculum/ Instruction/ Assessment:**

Our K/1 class under the leadership of their teachers Robin and Eleanor delved into Social Studies learning about people, cultures and mapping. Through books, children traveled the globe making discoveries about the rich and wonderful world we inhabit. Most rewarding for students was learning about Martha's Vineyard, their Island home. Science studies covered an array of topics. Magnets were a hot topic for students. The class also conducted several "sink & float" experiments using the water table. K/1 students also learned that Earth is our largest magnet. Life Science studies focused on animal research, which evolved into an Animal Research Fair. Children also wrote poems and songs that accompanied their individual projects, which they shared with their proud parents.

"Communities and Communication" was the yearlong theme for the 2/3 class. Appropriately so, students learned the sign language alphabet and the parts of a letter so that they could become "pen pals" to second and third graders in other states. Students wrote thoughtful questions and sent information about Martha's Vineyard. In return, 14 students in other states sent information about their home state. The 2/3 class also studied the history of lighthouses. With their teachers Jack and Gwen, the class visited several lighthouses both on and off island. One such visit also included a geological dig on Cape Cod that netted them some very fascinating artifacts. Discovering as much as possible about communities, the class participated in an inter-generational project with residents of Windemere called "Growing Up Island." Students were given cameras to take pictures of their favorite places on the Island along with special events and activities in their lives that they shared with their friends at Windemere. At the end of the school year, Windemere residents were invited to a school luncheon in addition to viewing the student's "Growing Up Island" photo exhibit at Featherstone Gallery.

The fourth and fifth graders did an in-depth study of North and South American Indians, and to bring their studies to life, enjoyed a visit with Tobias Vanderhoop of the Wampanoag Tribe who shared an oral history of Martha's Vineyard inclusive of the interactions of explorers with the Native people. The class culminated their studies with a research report and a visual representation of their findings. Students participated in community outreach by sponsoring a Mardi Gras Carnival event to raise funds for the American Red Cross and victims of Katrina. Students planned and designed original game stations and invited the Chilmark student body to play the games for a small donation. The donations that Grade 4/5 received provided them an

opportunity to work on math activities that reinforced the importance of place value and decimals. With the leadership of Jackie and Sue, creativity was abounding when the 4/5 students signed up to intern with the Vineyard Playhouse for eight weeks. The creative process began with brainstorming ideas for plotting a script. Students were then assigned to various tasks such as set design, costumes, acting, advertising or ticket sales, depending upon their interests. The internship ended with an original play written and performed by our students. The year wrapped up with an Energy Fair. Warren and Nan Doty worked with the 4/5 class weekly helping them design solar race cars that were eventually entered in the fair, which was held at the Agricultural Hall. Chilmark students competed with other students across the Island in a race to the finish line.

Student performance on the 2006 MCAS test continues to show increments of growth in Reading / Language Arts and Math at the third through fifth grade levels. Since the State only provides data for schools with forty or more students in a grade level, the Chilmark School, with its smaller student population, does not meet the requirement. However, the staff and I continually analyze and assess student progress and focus on those areas of the curriculum that we feel need strengthening.

Without our wonderful Chilmark teaching staff, we would not be able to celebrate the work our students produce each year. The commitment of the professional staff makes that possible. And this year we welcome the following new staff members: Deb Dunn, Reading Teacher; Victoria Dryfoos, K-5 Spanish Teacher; Gwen Wharton, 2/3 Teacher's Assistant and Joanne Cassidy, General Music Teacher to our school community. It was a pleasure working along side of these talented individuals that have joined the Chilmark School family.

I would like to thank our school community, the UIRSD School Committee and local businesses. Your continuous support for our school and students is recognized. Whether it is in the form of volunteering your time to work with students, chaperoning a trip, supporting fundraisers, making donations or just making sound recommendations to improve programming, we appreciate your efforts as we build the foundations for the future of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE GANDY  
Principal

## Chilmark School Students 2005-2006

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### Kindergarten

Gabriel Ambulos	Gabriel Bellebuono
Andrei Bernier	Coltrane Leport
Maggie Mayhew	Ned Smiley

### First Grade

Jared Bardwell	Olya Bernier
Julian Bernstein	Maxwell Eber
Colin Hickey	Olivia Knight
Adelaide Keene	Chris Mayhew
Brahmin Thurber-Carbone	David Webster

### Second Grade

Benjamin Booker	Connor Downing
Addison Geiger	Kate Hansen
Jake Janak	Ella Jernegan
Emerson Mahoney	Chase Soulagnet

### Third Grade

Serogia Bernier	Erin Hickey
Brigida Larsen	Ben Poole
Andrew Ruimerman	Peter Ruimerman

### Fourth Grade

Joshua Bernstein	Chantal Booker
Jessica Campbell	Mariah Campbell
Bradley Carroll	Oscar Hansen
Bo Hurwitz	Thorpe Karabees
Janelle Larsen	Galen Mayhew
Alistair Morgan	Mikalya Tinus

### Fifth Grade

Ian Bardwell	Zoltan Clarke
Sage Goodwin	Katherine Smith
Lindsay Tocik	Madeline Webster
Zoe Zeeman	



# **Chilmark School Staff**

## **2005-2006**

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### **Full Time Staff**

Principal ..... Diane H. Gandy

#### Teachers:

K-1 ..... Robin Smith

2-3 ..... Jack Regan

4-5 ..... Jackie Guzalak

#### Assistants:

K-1 ..... Eleanor Neubert

2-3 ..... Gwen Wharton

4-5 ..... Susan Larsen

Head Custodian: ..... Lisa Nichols

### **Part Time Staff**

School Secretary (80%) ..... Orlaith McCarthy-Estes

#### Specialists:

Special Education ..... Jill Rosenkranz

Reading (40%) ..... Deb Dunn

General Music (20%) ..... Joanne Cassidy

Instrumental Music (10%) ..... Ruth Scudere-Chapman

Physical Education (20%) ..... Holly Pennington

Art (20%) ..... Kathleen Cameron

Spanish (30%) ..... Victoria Dryfoos

School Nurse (20%) ..... Janice Brown

Guidance Counselor (20%) ..... Barbara Bernstein

# REPORT OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL

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I think if Charlotte Costa, and the other founders of our Charter School could sit around a kitchen table today, take stock of the first ten years of the Charter School, they may reminisce about their conversations of twelve years ago. What was it that they were interested in? What qualities were they hoping to be realized in their new school?

High expectations for students and teachers, quality work being performed by every member of the community, passions being followed, Parent-Student-Teacher partnerships, and community interaction, support and service were part of those discussions 12 years ago. And all are imbedded throughout the school today.

In addition, I would venture to guess the Founders had in mind a caring and collaborative school community. They hoped the school would be truly a “Community School” supported by a special community of people.

As I reflect on some of the accomplishments of this school year, I see the Charter School as truly a “Community School”, with every member of our community finding a place for their voice to be heard and their contributions to be made. Our accomplishments this year were only possible through the support and participation of each member of our community. These accomplishments represent creativity, commitment and service to our community.

Linda Hughes came to me two years ago with the Square 1 Art project idea. With her assistance, Rhonda’s supervision, and the wonderful art from our students we were able to incorporate this project into our art curriculum. And it became an enjoyable activity resulting in the Square 1 art tiles decorating the pillar next to the copy machine.

Marie Larsen, Leslie Frizzell and the High School students performed a community service project collecting canned goods for the Island Food Pantry in February when their shelves were bare.

Patri Grace coordinated the successful effort of the Friday evening dinners in March at the Daniel Fisher House as an International travel Fundraiser. The dinners greatly benefited the student’s trip to Italy in April. Thank you to the guest chefs: James MacDonough, Charlie Esposito, David Vanderhoop, Saskia Vanderhoop, Norman Hall, and Christina Napolitan. A wonderful outpouring of community support was prevalent during these dinners.

Professional Development Collaboration between our teachers and their Island colleagues in the areas of the “Responsive Classroom” and “Differentiated Instruction” were successful due to the diligence and efforts on the part of all participants. And we need to ensure that these opportunities continue to be available to the professional educators of our community. Our teachers care about their practice, and care deeply about each child in our community.

The Parent Roundtable this year was under the coordination of Marie Larsen, and it once again gave the community an opportunity to discuss issues essential to all of us.

Jonah and the students enhanced the Community Congress by introducing the school store.

Anna Cotton, Kathryn Harcourt and Kimberly Cartwright coordinated our first track team, which gave a number of students opportunities to compete against other Island students.

Amy, Karin and Emily gave Mattia the opportunity to compete in the Island Spelling Bee. We wish Mattia well as she travels to Washington, D.C. to represent the Charter School and the other Island schools in the National Spelling Bee.

Many thanks to Kathryn, Jan and our parents who successfully brought us “Breakfast With Books” as part of the Scholastic Book Fairs.

Thank you to Jonah, Heather and their students who brought us “Summer of Our Prosperity”. Thanks to the community for supporting this remarkable play. *pause*

The quality of the school’s academic program and the caring school environment are due to the efforts of our teachers. As well, under the leadership of our teachers, our community was successful in the five-year charter renewal process. The members of the renewal visiting team, as stated in their report, were impressed with the professional work of our teachers, the judicious manner in which Felicia and Seth supervise our finances, the attentive management of the school by the Board of Trustees, and the feedback and discussions they had with our students, teachers and parents. A member of the visiting team said to me in a telephone conversation following their visit, “You have a wonderful school”. I commend each member of the community - parents, teachers, students, and Trustees for your contributions in continuing to make this school a wonderful public school option on Martha’s Vineyard.

I commend the High School teachers – Lori, Jane, dawne, Jonah, D.C., Sidney, Wendy, Leslie, Cindy, Rhonda, and Tim for the advice, counsel and support they gave to our 2006 High School graduates who represent our fifth graduation class: Elliot, Korilee, Matthew, Nikki, and Rubin represent the qualities that are dear to the mission of the school: Perseverance, Community

Service, Kindness, Joy, Intellect, and Persistence. Our community looks forward to your special day, June 3. Thank you for your many contributions to our school community.

This school community welcomed two special people this year.

Joao Prata entered our High School in September, after arriving to the Island from Brazil the previous April. The high school students, teachers and Leslie Frizzell embraced him, and provided a school and academic program in which he has felt comfortable.

Hannah Vanderlaske is an 11-year-old girl in Amy and Jenn's class who was diagnosed with cancer a few days into the school year. During a year of challenges for both her and her family, she continued to come to school in between treatments and medical care in Boston. From the start of the year Jenn and Amy's students have been Hannah's friends.

Hannah and Joao have shown us strength and courage throughout the school year.

This is the Community the Founders dreamed about twelve years ago. A "Community School" that is supported by a special community of people. A community that is welcoming, caring and thoughtful.

Revisions to the curriculum, adoption of new programs, hiring new teachers, and enrolling new students will take place over our next ten years, as they have during our first ten years. Continued reflection and improvement will be part of the evolution and growth of the school. It is my vision for the next ten years that the "Community School" with caring community members always remains as the Founders envisioned twelve years ago. It is my hope, and my vision, that respect and trust in young people continue to guide our work each and every day. We ask and want our students to follow their passions. I, in turn, ask our community to continue to be passionate about our school, to be passionate about the wonderful educational option we offer to Island families, and to be passionate about the need to grow and prosper as we address the needs of our community in an attentive and professional manner during the next ten years.

On behalf of the community, I wish Kim Drew the best as she takes her maternity leave for the 2006-2007 school year. Your professionalism and grace will permeate the building during your absence. And, we will leave the laminator on.

As well, on behalf of the community, I thank Jenn Lukas for the wonderful work she has done for our students and school during her two years with us. I have a high regard for you, and a great respect for the quality of your practice. The best of luck as you enter a new and exciting chapter of your life.

I would like to thank Claudia, Marie, Mary, Alex, Susie, Hope and Seth for their thoughtful work on behalf of the school community, and for their encouragement and guidance.

Sam and Nelia, and the Trustees have been enormously supportive of the work being performed by the teachers. I thank them for their continued wisdom and counsel.

With great sincerity, I thank the teachers for their daily perseverance and the quality of their practice, the students for their creative and high quality work, the parents for the many contributions made during the year, and the school community for their continued support, advice and direction.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. MOORE, Director

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

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January 22, 2007

Dear Dr. Weiss:

It is my pleasure to report to you and the towns about Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. The purpose of a high school education is to create independent thinkers, to allow graduates to contribute to the collective knowledge of the human race and to help students acquire positive habits of mind. The six towns of Martha's Vineyard have continuously and generously contributed to the fulfillment of this mission for all students on the Island. The many successes of our school can be traced back to dedication, volunteerism and community support.

In our School Improvement Plan for the 2006 year, we noted that more than any other institution on the Island, the high school functions as a nexus of community interests and activity. Hundreds of students have participated in work-study programs, internships and mentoring programs in businesses and other organizations. Child care, automotive repair, gardening and culinary services are provided through the vocational educational department. Community artists have forged partnerships with teachers and students studying photography, sculpture and digital design. The facility itself serves as an Island-wide community center, providing needed space for adult education, recreation, conferences and performances.

We recognize as well that, although some of these communities may be quite distinct, this is a small island. The fabric of our dialog with each of our community partners must be woven from the same thread: a fabric which serves as the core expression of the school and its values.

We believe that the school's mission statement can serve as the beginning of that foundation. Our mission is drawn from the following:

**To develop competent learners whose academic goals are to:**

- Read with understanding and insight
- Write with clarity and precision
- Utilize technology in the presentation of information to others
- Solve problems critically and analytically

**To develop responsible individuals whose civic goals are to:**

- Lead healthy lives in mind and body
- Make successful choices that enhance self-esteem.
- Demonstrate character values and ethical behavior.
- Understand and appreciate the value of diversity amongst students and staff.
- Understands and appreciates the Island community and one's unique connection to Martha's Vineyard.

**To develop complex thinkers whose social goals are to:**

- Become capable of self-reflection
- Accept and use constructive criticism
- Take responsible intellectual risks
- Hold high expectations for their academic or career decisions
- Function effectively as members of a team

In addition, athletic and extracurricular accomplishments of our students include arts, theater and athletic awards from the state-wide organizations. Teachers have enhanced their professional abilities through advanced degrees and conferences. As a whole school we have kept progressing in the state measures of student achievement – the MCAS exams – while maintaining a rigorous and interesting curriculum for all kids.

In sum, we strive to be a school where students can safely learn and grow into the individuals who can be leaders in our community.

Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M. Regan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret M. Regan

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

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To the Citizens of the Town 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, 2006.

Statement of Net Assets

Government Funds Balance Sheet

General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances (Budget and Actual)

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	<b><u>Primary Government</u></b>
	<b><u>Governmental Activities</u></b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,694,802
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	593,647
Due from Agency Funds	514,411
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>3,802,860</u></b>
Noncurrent assets:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	6,000,961
Capital assets not being depreciated	179,744
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	17,039,802
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b><u>23,220,507</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>27,023,367</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	175,706
Accrued payroll	800,056
Other liabilities	31,990
Abandoned property	28,729
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,095,000
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>2,131,481</u></b>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Long-term bonds and notes payable	7,535,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>9,666,481</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	15,184,154
Restricted for:	
Reduction of member town assessments	386,980
Student Activities	36,411
Other specific purposes	100,546
Unrestricted	1,648,795
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 17,356,886</u></b>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,226,286	\$ 468,516	\$ 2,694,802
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Intergovernmental	6,594,608	-	6,594,608
Due from Agency Funds	514,411	-	514,411
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 9,335,305</u>	<u>\$ 468,516</u>	<u>\$ 9,803,821</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Warrants Payable	\$ 68,663	\$ 107,043	\$ 175,706
Accrued payroll	741,379	58,677	800,056
Other liabilities	31,990	-	31,990
Abandoned property	28,729	-	28,729
Deferred revenues	6,594,608	-	6,594,608
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>7,465,369</u>	<u>165,720</u>	<u>7,631,089</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>    Reserved for:</b>			
Reduction of member town assessments	386,980	-	386,980
Employee benefits	3,408	-	3,408
Student Activities	-	36,411	36,411
Other specific purposes	-	100,546	100,546
<b>    Unreserved:</b>			
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	620,000	-	620,000
Undesignated, reported in:			
General Fund	859,548	-	859,548
Special revenue funds	-	90,488	90,488
Capital projects funds	-	75,351	75,351
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>1,869,936</u>	<u>302,796</u>	<u>2,172,732</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 9,335,305</u>	<u>\$ 468,516</u>	<u>\$ 9,803,821</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive/ (Negative)</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Member town assessments	\$ 10,685,644	10,215,950	10,215,950	-
User fees	175,000	175,000	534,520	359,520
Lease revenue	210,000	210,000	-	(210,000)
Intergovernmental:				-
State Aid-foundation	2,631,535	2,631,535	2,673,935	42,400
State Aid-transportation	484,181	484,181	719,959	235,778
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	871,201	871,201	871,201	-
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	56,955	56,955	70,072	13,117
State Aid - circuit breaker	200,000	200,000	333,265	133,265
Departmental Receipts	33,000	33,000	41,108	8,108
Investment income	30,000	30,000	91,312	61,312
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>15,377,516</u>	<u>14,907,822</u>	<u>15,551,322</u>	<u>643,500</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,116,770	4,116,770	4,058,762	58,008
Special Education	1,483,054	1,483,054	1,482,920	134
Vocational	370,801	370,801	371,635	(834)

Other	123,311	123,311	140,840	(17,529)
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,284,054	1,284,054	1,301,211	(17,157)
Instructional	262,079	262,079	257,006	5,073
Administration	1,318,312	1,318,312	1,349,238	(30,926)
Business	78,600	78,600	57,499	21,101
Building and grounds	938,807	938,807	1,131,501	(192,694)
Transportation	1,096,144	1,096,144	702,840	393,304
Pension benefits	244,232	244,232	208,085	36,147
Employee benefits	1,725,874	1,725,874	1,646,045	79,829
Property and liability insurance	204,126	204,126	189,093	15,033
State Assessment				
Charter school	521,766	521,766	418,049	103,717
Capital Outlay	44,000	44,000	42,165	1,835
Debt service-principal	1,245,000	1,245,000	1,245,000	-
Debt service-interest	435,589	435,589	435,589	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>15,492,519</u>	<u>15,492,519</u>	<u>15,037,478</u>	<u>455,041</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES</b>				
<b>OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(115,003)</u>	<u>(584,697)</u>	<u>513,844</u>	<u>1,098,541</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,025)</u>	<u>(49,025)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>(115,003)</u>	<u>(633,722)</u>	<u>464,819</u>	<u>1,098,541</u>
<b>BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	<u>1,401,709</u>	<u>1,401,709</u>	<u>1,401,709</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,286,706</u>	<u>\$ 767,987</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,528</u>	<u>\$ 1,098,541</u>

# REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Local Cultural Council program, formed a quarter century ago. The MVCC's mission is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all of the Island's residents.

In the summer and early fall of 2003, the Boards of Selectmen of the six Island Towns created the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council by combining what had been six Local Cultural Councils into a single regional organization. Each Town appointed three representatives to the newly formed Island-wide Council, which met formally for the first time in November 2003 to re-grant State funds allocated to the six-Town region.

The annual grant meeting on November 5, 2006 was the MVCC's fourth. With a grant application postmark deadline of October 16; an 18-member deliberative body meeting for six hours little more than two weeks later; disapproval letters sent seven days after that; and approval packages mailed in early December, it quickly becomes apparent that much of what the Council members do happens during a short, intense period in the fall.

Applicants in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences can find instructions, program guidelines and forms at [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org), as well as at each Town Hall. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on, and for the benefit of, the Island community.

A grant applicant not based on the Vineyard must have a local partner or host, and off-Island applicants should include a letter of support from their Vineyard sponsor describing how the project would benefit the Island community. In addition, the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council grants priority to events scheduled to serve primarily the year-round population.

The Council was most fortunate in 2006, having been in receipt of \$24,000 from the Commonwealth for local re-granting. *[Compare to the 2005 figure of \$15,000.]* Moreover, the Towns of Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury donated \$1,500, \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,000, respectively.

Altogether, the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council received 41 applications in 2006. The Council rejected 11 of them outright due to lack of the proper forms, absence of the required budget presentation, a failure to

meet the submission deadline or an off-Islander's having no Vineyard sponsor.

Of the 30 applications considered at the grant award meeting, all but three were at least partially funded, with a total of \$30,025 granted, with the individual amounts depending on both need and adjudged merit.

The projects approved and funded by the MVCC in 2006 were as follows:

#### **History/Natural History**

Martha's Vineyard Museum, <i>Free at Five</i> .....	\$ 1,100
African-American Heritage Trail of MV, <i>Linking Communities</i> .....	\$ 1,440
Oak Bluffs School Third Grade, <i>Visiting Pilgrim from Plimoth Plantation</i> .....	\$ 180
Oak Bluffs Public Library, <i>MV History Series</i> .....	\$ 255
Marine & Paleo Research Institute, <i>Ancient Sealife Lecture/Exhibit</i> .....	\$ 360

#### **Art**

Scott Campbell, <i>Wood-Fired Kiln Firing</i> .....	\$ 660
Rhonda Hershey, <i>Seasonal Transformations</i> .....	\$ 300

#### **Theater**

The Vineyard Playhouse, <i>Fall Workshop Productions</i> .....	\$ 1,915
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#### **Puppets**

April Thanhauser, <i>Puppetry Festival</i> .....	\$ 855
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#### **Dance**

Children in the Arts of MV, <i>Nutcracker Gala</i> .....	\$ 760
Abby Bender, <i>Built on Stilts</i> .....	\$ 2,450
The Yard, <i>Multi-Cultural Residency</i> .....	\$ 2,375

#### **Music**

Island Community Chorus, <i>Holiday Concerts</i> .....	\$ 1,265
Martha's Vineyard NAACP, <i>The MV NAACP Spirituals Choir</i> .....	\$ 1,455
KCT Concerts, <i>Traditional Music Concert Series</i> .....	\$ 2,050

#### **Photography**

Center for Creative Expression, <i>Wednesday Group</i> .....	\$ 1,765
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#### **Film and Video Production**

Kate Feiffer, <i>Matzo &amp; Mistletoe</i> .....	\$ 1,155
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Cleonice Niki Patton, *I Hear Voices* .....\$ 780  
 Matt Taylor, *From Up Island* .....\$ 2,415

**Film Screening**

Silver Screen Film Society, *MV International Film Festival* .....\$ 1,315  
 Silver Screen Film Society, *Film Society Programming* .....\$ 1,165

**Poetry**

Fan S. Ogilvie, *Featherstone Poetry Reading* .....\$ 1,670

**Language/Life Stories**

Lynn Ditchfield, *Creative Self-Expression Class for Seniors & ELL* .....\$ 410  
 Scott Jameson, *Contact: Magic of Communication Block Booking* .....\$ 290

**PASS Grants**

Oak Bluffs School Third Grade, *Trip to Plimoth Plantation*.....\$ 640  
 MV Public Charter School, *American Textile History Museum*.....\$ 515  
 MV Public Charter School, *Actors' Shakespeare Project* .....\$ 485

Respectfully submitted,

JOANNE HORGAN, Chair

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council Membership**

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
Jean Entine	Sandra Grymes
Kathy Newman	Francine Kelly
Carrie Vanderhoop	Holly Nadler
Chilmark	Tisbury
Chris Dreyer	Wiet Bacheller, Treas.
Bonnie George	Dolly Campbell
Dawn Greeley, Co-Chair	Joanne Horgan, Chair
Edgartown	West Tisbury
Nis Kildegaard	Leslie Baker
John Walter	Shelton Bank
Pia Webster, Secretary	Ann Miller Maley
Ex-Officio	
Cathy Lewis	
Dan Waters	

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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In the fall of 2006 an interim update of values was done (for FY2007). This is the second year that an interim adjustment was made as required by new guidelines issued by the Department of Revenue. The result was an increase in values in the non-waterfront areas of the town. The change in West Tisbury, resulting from an analysis of calendar 2005 sales activity, was in line with the changes experienced in other towns on the island and on the cape. The FY2008 revaluation and recertification of values by the Department of Revenue will be started in spring 2007 and completed by late fall.

The annual data on growth, values and tax rates follows. Tax base growth is an annual allowable increase in the levy limit, as established under Prop 2 1/2, resulting from an increase in valuation due to new construction, new parcels, and new personal property. In the last five years the increase in valuation due to growth has averaged \$30.8 million. There was a spike in growth valuation for FY2002 up to \$36 million, and another for FY2005 up to \$47 million, probably due to a higher than average number of permits for new dwellings for those years.

The actual allowable increase in levy capacity resulting from growth is shown below, followed by the tax value and levy data for FY2005, FY2006 and FY2007.

<b>GROWTH</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>
Growth Value	\$47.7M	\$26.7M	\$28.5M
Levy Increase	\$256,853	\$120,920	\$136,106
Total No. Parcels	2,768	2,765	2,775
Approx. # Residential Bldgs.	1,991	2,030	2,050
Permits for New Residences, including GH (calendar year)	48 (2003)	36 (2004)	29 (2005)

## **TOTAL TOWN REAL PROPERTY VALUE (EXCLUDES PERSONAL PROPERTY)**

	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>
Taxable	\$2,181,902,000	\$2,211,712,300	\$2,451,795,500
Exempt	<u>\$385,045,200</u>	<u>\$386,055,000</u>	<u>\$419,595,600</u>
Total Value	\$2,566,947,200	\$2,597,767,300	\$2,871,391,100

*Exempt Property is @ 15% of total town value (FY2005 through FY2007.)*



<b>TAX RECAPS</b>	<b>FY2005</b>	<b>FY2006</b>	<b>FY2007</b>
	(1/1/2004	(1/1/2005	(1/1/2006
	Tax Date)	Tax Date)	Tax Date)

#### **TAXABLE VALUE BY CLASS**

Residential	\$2,125,960,870	\$2,154,446,820	\$2,387,533,453
Commercial	\$52,681,830	\$53,818,780	\$59,966,247
Industrial	\$3,259,300	\$3,446,700	\$4,295,800
Personal Property	<u>\$21,517,069</u>	<u>\$22,389,861</u>	<u>\$23,237,526</u>
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$2,203,419,069	\$2,234,102,161	\$2,475,033,026

#### **TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Appropriations	\$11,655,166.49	\$12,686,526.94	\$13,571,877.31
Other Local Expenditures	\$ 53,164.74	\$338,959.60	\$279,440.39
State & County Assessments	\$175,808.00	\$172,179.00	\$233,513.00
Overlay	<u>\$137,903.18</u>	<u>\$145,476.26</u>	<u>\$174,075.80</u>

#### **TOTAL AMOUNT**

TO BE RAISED	\$12,022,042.41	\$13,343,141.80	\$14,258,906.50
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Total Estimated Receipts &

Available Funds	<u>-\$2,062,588.22</u>	<u>-\$2,686,474.49</u>	<u>-\$3,418,261.86</u>
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#### **NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION**

<b>(TOTAL LEVY)</b>	\$9,959,454.19	\$10,656,667.31	\$10,840,644.64
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#### **TAX RATE ALL CLASSES**

(Net Amount to be Raised Divided by Total Taxable Value)

\$4.52	\$4.77	\$4.38
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In February our longtime member, Raymond Houle, resigned after serving the town well for over 25 years. Ray contributed a great deal to the department over the years, most importantly his wisdom and judgment. Former Treasurer/Selectman Cynthia Mitchell was appointed and subsequently elected to fill out Ray's term.

Please visit the office if you would like to know more about what we do; we will be happy to talk with you. A taxpayer access computer terminal, hard copies of property record cards, and various Taxpayer Information Booklets are available. Assessment information is also available on the internet at [HTTP://DATA.VISIONAPPRAISAL.COM/WESTTISBURYMA/](http://DATA.VISIONAPPRAISAL.COM/WESTTISBURYMA/). Please look for periodic press releases issued by the Island Assessors Association on items of interest to taxpayers.

As always, our goal is to serve the community to the best of our abilities and to fulfill our duties as required by law, keeping in mind at all times the assessors oath to truly and impartially, according to our best skill and judgment, neither overvalue nor undervalue any property subject to taxation.

Our staff members will continue to take advantage of available educational programs with the goal of improving knowledge and abilities, and will continue to use all the tools available to produce fair and equitable values for all. Our office is open daily to assist taxpayers and the general public in any way possible. We look forward to helping you.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL COLANERI, Chairman  
STANTON C. RICHARDS, Member  
CYNTHIA E. MITCHELL, Member  
JO-ANN RESENDES, Principal Assessor  
PAMELA K. THORS, Administrative Assistant  
TAMMIS SPRAGUE, Data Collector

# **REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

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To the Voters and Taxpayers:

	Collected
Fiscal 2007 Real Estate	5,220,048.10
Fiscal 2006 Real Estate	5,800,155.86
Fiscal 2006 Personal Property	100,230.91
Other Years Real Estate and Personal Property	150,432.65
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	388,684.04
2005 Motor Vehicle Excise	33,228.28
Other Years Excise	16,845.18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,709,625.02</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

**BRENT B. TAYLOR**  
Collector

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

**JUNE 30, 2006**

To the Selectmen and Citizens of West Tisbury:

This year completed the first full fiscal year in the new accounting software, which has been a great improvement both in ongoing processing of payroll, receipts and bank reconciliations, as well as improved reporting and lookup capabilities for my office.

The town began the fiscal year with \$6,202,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt; we retired \$777,000 in principal and issued \$255,000 in new debt for the Town Hall design phase, ending the year with \$5,680,000 outstanding. In addition, the town has shared responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the school and refuse districts. The year ended with no short-term debt outstanding.

At the close of the fiscal year, there were 31 parcels with tax liens. We continued to receive substantial progress payments on these parcels; two were paid off entirely. Six parcels were filed with the Land Court for foreclosure, and Town Meeting also gave approval to proceed with accepting six deeds in lieu of foreclosure, with the delinquent owners' consent.

My reports on Assets as well as Receipts and Expenditures follow.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE LOGUE  
Treasurer

## **BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT**

<b>ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2005:</b>	<b>\$4,340,018.45</b>
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## **RECEIPTS:**

Total Receipts	\$15,018,385.78
(including Taxes, Interest, Bond Proceeds, Cash on Hand, Departmental and Miscellaneous receipts)	

## **EXPENDITURES:**

Orders of Selectmen:	\$16,671,239.54	
Less Voided Checks:	(\$20,341.84)	
Net Expenditures		\$16,650,897.70

## **BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT**

<b>ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2006:</b>	<b>\$2,707,506.53</b>
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**REPORT OF ASSETS**

**JUNE 30, 2006**

**CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:** **\$8,727.32**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT:** **(\$7,109.17)**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:**

Escrow and Bid Deposits \$16.74

Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library) 255.99

**SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:** **\$272.73**

**MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:**

Affordable Housing Trust Fund \$100,927.88

Bond Proceeds 259,049.50

Community Preservation Fund 233,001.39

Conservation Fund 56,029.17

Everett Whiting Memorial Fund (Scholarship) 3,256.17

Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery) 1,422.99

Library Gift Fund 28,778.55

M. V. Regional Cultural Council 17,725.00

Perpetual Care (Cemetery) 48,896.70

Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library) 6,434.69

Project Review/53G Account 10.71

Stabilization Fund (Undesignated) 434,182.18

Sweep/Investment Money Market 1,510,963.24

Tax Revenue Lockbox 0.00

William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery) 4,937.48

**SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:** **\$2,705,615.65**

**TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:** **\$2,707,506.53**

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

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To the Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

This Annual Report consists of the following subsequent reports:

- 1) Revenue and Expenditures of the General Fund compared to budget
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds
- 3) Payments to Vendors and Employees in excess of \$3,000 during the fiscal year
- 4) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2006
- 5) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2006
- 6) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2006
- 7) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2006
- 8) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

All reports included are pending final audit.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE K. STONE  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**General Fund**  
**Revenue and Expenditures vs Budget**  
**July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Budget</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	10,265,116.90	10,404,391.41	139,274.51
Personal Property Tax	100,640.13	106,799.64	6,159.51
Tax Liens Redeemed	9,620.88	0.00	(9,620.88)
Vessel Excise	0.00	500.00	500.00
Penalties & Interest	76,950.07	70,000.00	(6,950.07)
Motor Vehicle Excise	438,908.99	400,000.00	(38,908.99)
In Lieu of Taxes	1,023.80	1,000.00	(23.80)
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	10,892,260.77	10,982,691.05	90,430.28
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	6,191.29	11,000.00	4,808.71
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	6,191.29	11,000.00	4,808.71
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	23,599.06	27,400.00	3,800.94
Park & Recreation	52,342.89	45,000.00	(7,342.89)
Inspections	34,680.00	45,000.00	10,320.00
Rentals	12,487.50	12,300.00	(187.50)
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	123,109.45	129,700.00	6,590.55
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	6,710.00	7,000.00	290.00
Permits	81,881.20	58,000.00	(23,881.20)
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	88,591.20	65,000.00	(23,591.20)
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	436,536.00	430,994.00	(5,542.00)
School Construction	281,549.00	281,549.00	0.00
CMVI	10,340.00	0.00	(10,340.00)
Veterans Benefits	115.00	0.00	(115.00)
Sub-total : State Revenue	728,540.00	712,543.00	(15,997.00)
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	153,936.10	113,630.95	(40,305.15)
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	153,936.10	113,630.95	(40,305.15)
Investment			
Investment	130,115.70	95,000.00	(35,115.70)
Sub-total : Investment	130,115.70	95,000.00	(35,115.70)
<b>Total : REVENUE</b>	<b>12,122,744.51</b>	<b>12,109,565.00</b>	<b>(13,179.51)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>FY 2006</b>			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	0.00	120.00	120.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	11,041.67	1,041.67

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Budget</b>
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	713.30	1,100.00	386.70
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	62,328.52	63,200.40	871.88
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,192.73	2,192.73	0.00
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	228.40	590.00	361.60
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	3,411.78	3,411.78
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	50,614.08	50,623.51	9.43
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,891.52	1,900.00	8.48
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	2,947.50	3,000.00	52.50
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	108,341.39	109,443.25	1,101.86
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	17,897.96	17,965.00	67.04
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	49,785.75	49,785.75	0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	2,958.23	3,230.00	271.77
146-5110 Collector Salaries	53,079.55	53,079.55	0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	15,160.14	19,250.00	4,089.86
151-5300 Legal	44,960.00	44,960.00	0.00
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	1,106.78	5,062.53	3,955.75
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	391.00	1,560.00	1,169.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	31,833.04	34,500.00	2,666.96
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	4,946.54	13,050.00	8,103.46
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	41,159.70	41,159.70	0.00
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	1,349.70	2,000.00	650.30
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	681.23	750.00	68.77
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,312.00	2,210.00	898.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	1,604.45	2,400.00	795.55
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	250.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	220.00	540.00	320.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	26,150.25	26,908.28	758.03
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	7,579.72	8,200.00	620.28
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	38,446.69	40,773.94	2,327.25
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,523.85	8,000.00	3,476.15
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	44,964.51	45,304.38	339.87
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	2,907.86	12,225.00	9,317.14
177-5600 MV Commission	111,086.00	111,086.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	3,086.06	4,000.00	913.94
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,472.80	1,500.00	27.20
192-5120 Town Hall Salaries	359.10	370.00	10.90
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	57,936.19	59,475.00	1,538.81
193-5700 Property Insurance	49,247.00	60,500.00	11,253.00
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
Sub-total : General Government	866,083.54	928,338.47	62,254.93
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	583,583.51	583,583.51	0.00
210-5700 Police Expenses	65,925.14	65,925.14	0.00
210-5800 Police Capital	2,175.00	2,500.00	325.00



	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Budget</b>
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	68,150.00	74,700.00	6,550.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	119,132.16	129,415.00	10,282.84
220-5800 Fire Capital	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	92,698.34	92,698.34	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Ser	76,750.23	95,554.30	18,804.07
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	5,272.63	5,650.00	377.37
291-5120 Emer Mgmnt Pers Serv	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	369.68	500.00	130.32
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	38,469.91	43,614.84	5,144.93
292-5700 ACO Expenses	6,523.76	7,350.00	826.24
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	307.50	307.50	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	512.00	512.00	0.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00	1,750.00	0.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	300.00	300.00	0.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	2,850.00	3,850.00	1,000.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	25,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,111,269.86	1,160,710.63	49,440.77
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	4,676,757.48	4,843,606.24	166,848.76
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,418,718.47	2,517,354.00	98,635.53
Sub-total : Education	7,095,475.95	7,360,960.24	265,484.29
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	5,125.00	5,125.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	30,705.60	30,705.60	0.00
422-5700 Highway Expenses	55,387.95	55,400.00	12.05
423-5700 Snow & Ice	26,604.87	26,604.87	0.00
424-5700 Street Lights	5,760.00	5,760.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Works	123,583.42	123,595.47	12.05
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	16,962.19	48,600.00	31,637.81
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	4,135.16	7,067.00	2,931.84
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	124,059.99	124,059.99	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	145,157.34	179,776.99	34,619.65
Health & Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,111.20	3,598.00	1,486.80
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	6,428.42	6,435.00	6.58
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	72,325.61	72,363.57	37.96
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,535.00	8,535.00	0.00
522-5700 Health Services	12,627.50	18,180.00	5,552.50
540-5700 Island COA	17,389.35	17,389.35	0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	148,843.64	151,130.32	2,286.68
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	10,220.24	10,500.00	279.76
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	3,836.50	3,836.50	0.00
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	285,317.46	294,967.74	9,650.28

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Under</b>
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	196,925.75	197,796.50	870.75
610-5700 Library Expenses	106,813.54	107,674.13	860.59
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	830.00	0.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	9,091.56	9,500.00	408.44
620-5120 P&R Expenses	643.29	1,350.00	706.61
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	2,878.93	4,207.20	1,328.27
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	116.40	200.00	83.60
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	47,750.10	56,844.00	9,093.90
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	7,149.90	7,500.00	350.10
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	1,029.60	3,082.00	2,052.40
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00	150.00	0.00
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	2,238.18	3,500.00	1,261.82
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	4,520.53	7,535.00	3,014.47
650-5700 Town Grounds	3,906.22	5,700.00	1,793.78
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	50.00	50.00
690-5700 Historic District	670.00	670.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	384,714.00	406,588.83	21,874.83
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	526,881.50	526,881.50	0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	248,966.25	248,966.25	0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	85,744.95	89,500.00	3,755.05
Sub-total : Debt Service	861,592.70	865,347.75	3,755.05
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	197,946.00	197,946.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	6,604.90	8,000.00	1,395.10
914-5170 Health Insurance	304,553.28	327,000.00	22,446.72
915-5170 Life Insurance	1,844.59	1,844.59	0.00
916-5170 Employers Medicare	22,007.38	22,500.00	492.62
945-5740 Public Official Liability	4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	541,256.15	565,590.59	24,334.44
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	2,423.00	2,423.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	64,020.00	64,021.00	1.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	260.00	220.00	(40.00)
830-5600 County Assessment	105,514.88	105,515.00	0.12
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	172,217.88	172,179.00	(38.88)
FY2006 Warrant Articles			
ATM 2005 DCRHA	22,721.00	22,721.00	0.00
ATM 2005 Brushbreaker Truck	90,267.95	130,000.00	39,732.05
ATM 2005 TriTown Amb Training	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
STM 11-05 PY Dutch Elm	1,834.50	1,834.50	0.00
STM 11-05 HH\Library Lot	3,750.10	3,800.00	49.90
STM 11-05 UIRSD Consultant (FinCom)	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
STM 11-05 EMS EMT Coverage	385.51	3,000.00	2,614.49

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Budget</b>
STM 01-06 Legal Hutchinson	55,776.54	55,776.54	0.00
STM 01-06 Hutchinson Additional	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
STM 01-06 Vision Appraisal	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
STM 01-06 Coleman & Sons	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00
STM 01-06 Legal Additional	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
STM 04-06 ATB Legal	652.76	15,000.00	14,347.24
ATM 2006 Recertification FY2008	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM 2006 Estuary Study 2	0.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
ATM 2006 Howes House Trim	0.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
ATM 2006 Police Station Repair	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
ATM 2006 Police AWD Vehicle	886.53	32,000.00	31,113.47
ATM 2006 Police Computers	0.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
ATM 2006 MVDTF Match	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
ATM 2006 FY 2006 Audit	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
ATM 2006 Dropoff Improvements	2,159.54	50,000.00	47,840.46
ATM 2006 Hydraulic Extraction Tool	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
ATM 2006 to Stabilization Fund	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 MV Cultural Council	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 P&R Bldg Repair	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-total : FY2006 Warrant Articles	479,734.43	744,882.04	265,147.61
<b>Total : FY 2006</b>	12,066,402.73	12,802,937.75	736,535.02
<b>PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD</b>			
FY2005 Encumbrances/Reserved			
Fire Truck Repairs	16,318.57	16,318.57	0.00
Dutch Elm Disease	567.50	567.50	0.00
Debt Interest on Exlcuded Debt	5,750.00	5,750.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2005	22,636.07	22,636.07	0.00
Encumerances/Reserved			
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
FY2005 School District Consultant	3,335.00	3,835.00	500.00
FY2005 Recertification-FY2008	0.00	34,000.00	34,000.00
FY2005 DP Financial Software	5,286.99	14,690.20	9,403.21
FY2005 Fire Hydrant Maintenance	0.00	4,643.01	4,643.01
FY2005 State Road Paths	1,763.01	81,000.00	79,236.99
FY2005 Edgartown Road Path	1,390.50	5,000.00	3,609.50
FY2005 Tennis Courts	0.00	1,458.15	1,458.15
FY2005 Estuary Project	0.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
FY2005 Data Procesing Exp	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
FY2005 Phone System	4,172.75	4,172.75	0.00
FY2005 Highway Truck	40,847.00	40,847.00	0.00
FY2005 Police Renovation	6,416.14	10,000.00	3,583.86
FY2005 MV Cultural Council	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
FY2005 Cemetery Shed	1,264.87	1,436.50	171.63
FY2005 Brushbreaker Truck	139,250.00	139,250.00	0.00
FY2004 Audit	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
FY2004 Digitizing Maps	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
FY2004 Recertification-FY2005	0.00	2,570.00	2,570.00

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>	<b>Under (Over) Budget</b>
FY2004 Bond Issues Fees	3,242.50	20,413.56	17,171.06
FY2004 Permitting Software	3,374.48	12,000.00	8,625.52
FY2004 Stephens Cross Appraisal	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FY2004 Res Homesite (fr Trust)	16,816.40	30,547.55	13,731.15
FY2004 Land Acquisition Exp	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
FY2004 Town Hall Repair	0.00	74,547.14	74,547.14
FY2003 Paths	493.19	493.19	0.00
FY2004 Police DTF Match 2005	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
FY2004 Police Cruiser	0.00	0.80	0.80
FY2004 Howes House/Library Lot	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
FY2003 Greenlands Plaques	0.00	220.00	220.00
FY2003 Police DTF Match	732.61	1,399.55	666.94
FY2003 FD Truck Purchase	482.05	482.05	0.00
FY2002 Library Feasablity	0.00	897.55	897.55
Pre FY2000 Howes House Construction	0.00	227.53	227.53
Pre FY2000 School Construction	0.00	2,509.17	2,509.17
Pre FY2000 Library Construction	0.00	30.08	30.08
Pre FY1999 Library Dog Tax	0.00	14.61	14.61
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	233,817.49	552,885.39	319,067.90
<b>Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD</b>	256,453.56	575,521.46	319,067.90
<b>Total : EXPENDITURES</b>	12,322,856.29	13,378,459.21	1,055,602.92

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)**  
**July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006**

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**Drug Task Force Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	(1,398.66)
FY 2006 Receipts	8,956.53
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(7,557.87)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	0.00

**Domestic Violence Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Receipts	18,119.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(13,900.00)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	4,219.00

**Community Policing Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	23,550.66
FY 2006 Receipts	22,598.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(13,666.01)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	32,482.65

**Islandwide DTF (Forfeitures)**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	24,747.39
FY 2006 Receipts	13,416.83
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(20,553.20)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	17,611.02

**Homeland Security Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	(3,756.67)
FY 2006 Receipts	15,872.67
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(12,097.12)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	18.88

**Watch Your Car Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	675.00
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	675.00

**Fire Department Public Safety Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	15,000.00
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	(15,000.00)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	0.00

**State Aid to Libraries**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	16,854.25
FY 2006 Receipts	10,201.87
FY 2006 Expenditures	(2,679.11)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	24,377.01

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	12,487.18
FY 2006 Receipts	15,187.49
Transfers from General Fund	2,000.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	(12,739.67)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	16,935.00

**Fire Department Equipment Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	87.06
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	87.06

**State Aid to the Elderly**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Receipts	3,000.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	(3,000.00)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	0.00

**State Shellfish Grant**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	319.16
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	319.16

**Sale of Real Estate**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	2,600.00
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	2,600.00

**Sale of Cemetery Lots**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	33,050.00
FY 2006 Receipts	3,800.00
FY 2006 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>36,850.00</u>

**Fire Hydrant Fund**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	1,550.00
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Transfer to GF	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>1,550.00</u>

**Reserved for Appropriation: County Dog Funds**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Receipts	16,428.06
FY 2006 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>16,428.06</u>

**Wetlands Protection Fund**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	18,585.52
FY 2006 Receipts	1,130.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>19,715.52</u>

**Septic System Repair Fund**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	84,033.48
FY 2006 Receipts	5,845.47
FY 2006 Expenditures	(8,358.50)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>81,520.45</u>

**Insurance Proceeds less than \$20,000**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Receipts	4,993.71
FY 2006 Expenditures	(4,993.71)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>

**Gifts and Donations**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	26,133.65
FY 2006 Receipts	316.25
FY 2006 Expenditures	(18,138.00)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	<u>8,311.90</u>

**Community Preservation Fund**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Receipts/Surcharge	257,366.24
FY 2006 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	213.61
FY 2006 Receipts/Investment	819.42
FY 2006 Expenditures	(73.00)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	258,326.27

**CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS****Public Safety Building**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	5,925.69
FY 2006 Expenditures	(5,858.50)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	67.19

**Road Resurfacing Project**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	320,660.74
FY 2006 Expenditures	(320,660.74)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	0.00

**Town Hall Renovation**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	1,752,265.57
FY 2006 Other Financing Sources	255,000.00
FY 2006 Other Financing Uses	(1,850,000.00)
FY 2006 Expenditures	(154,914.08)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	2,351.49

**NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS****Perpetual Care Fund**

Non-Expendable

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	46,890.00
FY 2006 Receipts	1,400.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	48,290.00

**F.E. Mayhew Trust Fund**

Non-Expendable

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	1,000.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	1,000.00

**W.J. Rotch Trust Fund**

Non-Expendable

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	4,000.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	4,000.00



<b>J.C. Martin Trust Fund</b>	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		200.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		200.00
<b>P. Hancock Trust Fund</b>	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		5,343.45
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		5,343.45
<b>E. Whiting Trust Fund</b>	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		1,160.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		1,160.00

#### EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

<b>Perpetual Care Fund</b>	Cemetery	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		61.98
FY 2006 Interest Earned		2,003.91
FY 2006 Expenditures		(2,065.89)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		0.00
<b>F.E. Mayhew Trust Fund</b>	Cemetery	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		364.80
FY 2006 Interest Earned		58.19
FY 2006 Expenditures		(422.99)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		0.00
<b>W.J. Rotch Trust Fund</b>	Cemetery	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		1,440.61
FY 2006 Interest Earned		231.87
FY 2006 Expenditures		(1,672.48)
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		0.00
<b>J.C. Martin Trust Fund</b>	Library	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		52.80
FY 2006 Interest Earned		3.19
FY 2006 Expenditures		0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		55.99
<b>P. Hancock Trust Fund</b>	Library	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		811.09
FY 2006 Interest Earned		280.15
FY 2006 Expenditures		0.00
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		1,091.24

<b>Library Gift Fund</b>	Library	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		23,366.25
FY 2006 Additions		5,523.25
FY 2006 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		28,889.50
<b>E. Whiting Trust Fund</b>	Other	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		1,947.44
FY 2006 Interest Earned		<u>148.73</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		2,096.17
<b>Conservation Fund</b>	Conservation	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		53,469.72
FY 2006 Interest Earned		<u>2,559.45</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		56,029.17
<b>Affordable Housing Trust Fund</b>	Affordable Housing	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		0.00
FY 2006 Receipts		99,925.00
FY 2006 Interest Earned		<u>1,002.88</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		100,927.88
<b>Stabilization Fund</b>	Stabilization	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance		249,644.44
FY 2006 Interest Earned		9,537.74
FY 2006 Transfer from General Fund		<u>175,000.00</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance		434,182.18

#### AGENCY FUNDS

<b>Due to County Dog License Collections</b>	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance	(47.00)
FY 2006 Receipts	3,125.50
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(2,962.25)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	116.25
<b>Police Special Details</b>	
07/01/2005 Opening Balance	(256.00)
FY 2006 Receipts	30,818.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(30,434.00)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	128.00

**Due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
(Firearm Permits)**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Receipts	1,912.50
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(1,912.50)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	0.00

**Due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
(Fish & Wildlife)**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	11.25
FY 2006 Receipts	3,551.50
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(3,542.00)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	20.75

**Consultant Funds  
(MGL Chapter 44 Section 53G)**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	5,130.27
FY 2006 Interest	35.16
FY 2006 Receipts	0.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(5,158.71)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	6.72

**Miscellaneous Escrow**

07/01/2005 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2006 Interest	17.28
FY 2006 Additions	5,280.00
FY 2006 Expenditures	<u>(5,290.49)</u>
06/30/2006 Closing Balance	6.79

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**PAYMENTS TO VENDORS AND EMPLOYEES**  
**OVER \$3,000**  
**July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006**

Name	Amount
<b>VENDORS</b>	
Up-Island Regional School District	4,681,751.19
MV Regional High School District	2,418,718.47
Bank of New York	1,924,000.00
Unibank For Savings	1,515,242.46
US Bank	531,667.50
Wachovia Bank NA	494,298.78
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	407,560.00
Dukes County Contributory Retirement	340,017.53
Lawrence Lynch Corp	275,293.92
EFTPS (Federal Withholding)	236,325.30
E J Murphy Co	230,000.00
Durland Van Voorhis	152,839.08
MV RDRRD	141,635.83
MV Commission	111,086.00
Town of Chilmark / Tri-Town Ambulance	109,698.34
County of Dukes County	105,514.51
Ellen M Hutchinson, Law Office of	101,584.18
Island Insurance Agency Inc	94,674.00
Comm of Mass (Withholding)	87,833.52
Comm of Mass / ING	57,331.09
Coleman & Sons Appraisal Group	47,000.00
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	40,916.00
Richard T Olsen & Son Inc	36,912.60
Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan	28,784.17
NSTAR	27,758.35
Baker & Taylor Books	27,117.86
NES Traffic Safety LP	25,176.86
MV Shellfish Group	25,000.00
Comm of Mass (ATB)	23,377.08
Verizon (MA)	23,248.82
Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	22,721.00
Greenwood Emergency Vehicles	22,337.13
Educomp Inc	20,653.93
Herb Chambers	18,103.00
Island Councils On Aging Inc	17,389.35

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Michael Black D/B/A Painting Plus	16,929.58
Exxonmobil Fleet/GECC (PD)	16,424.76
Motorola	16,423.20
Fire Tech & Safety	15,712.53
Bardwell Electronics	15,047.00
W S Darley & Co	13,942.01
MV Community Services / WSS	13,900.00
RM Packer Co Inc	13,717.67
Vision Appraisal Technology Inc	13,200.00
MV Community Services / VNS	13,085.09
Kevin B Hatt	12,800.00
Ropes & Gray	12,500.00
Watercourse Construction Inc	11,880.00
Vineyard Scuba	11,142.00
Baker & Taylor Entertainment	10,555.45
Ingram Library Services	10,344.06
Brian W Holmes D/B/A Jones River Tractor	10,000.00
White - Lynch	9,983.01
Howard Wall	9,250.00
Ron Burson D/B/A RDA Softnet	9,030.00
Neptune Inc	8,713.60
Mid-Island Repair Inc	8,589.47
Maciel Land and Tree	8,344.50
Town of Tisbury / DPW	8,303.60
ASAP Software	8,259.89
R L Fullin & Daughters	8,255.50
Rebellos Island Hydroseed	7,330.00
Jo-Ann Resendes (Expenses)	7,248.78
daRosa Corporation	7,063.41
MV Times	6,831.59
Vineyard Gazette	6,675.35
Mark D Abrahams	6,668.00
MA Div of Unemployment Assistance	6,604.90
Des Lauriers Municipal Solutions Inc	6,488.29
Dennis Kaeka D/B/A Kaeka Landscaping	6,332.50
MV Preservation Trust Inc	6,128.72
Vista Systems Analysis	6,026.57
David A Merry & Sons	5,905.00
Town of Oak Bluffs / PD	5,901.58
Maciel & Sons Inc	5,900.00

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Fort Dearborn Life	5,858.07
Bartlett Tree Experts	5,825.00
Schofield Barbini & Hoehn Inc	5,175.00
MIIA Property & Casualty Group Inc	5,069.00
Paul Bettencourt Electric	5,024.00
Harkins Kelley And Associates	5,000.00
Beth Toomey (Expenses)	4,925.29
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co	4,690.68
Mcgregor & Associates PC	4,585.30
Up-Island Automotive	4,495.03
Vineyard Propane & Oil / D & R	3,851.75
Oakleaf Landscape Inc	3,847.80
Veterans Benefits (Name Withheld)	3,836.50
Bro-Dart Co	3,716.16
Nextel Communications (IL)	3,698.16
McCarron Murphy & Vukota LLP	3,545.50
Comm of Mass / Div F & W	3,542.00
Reserve Account (Postage)	3,500.00
Exxonmobil Fleet/GECC (HWY)	3,498.90
Island Water Source Inc	3,461.65
Decatur Electronics	3,385.00
Massachusetts Land Court	3,240.00
John Keene Excavation Inc	3,110.87
C & W Power Equipment	3,109.05
Commonwealth Printing Inc	3,000.00
<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	
Toomey, Beth A.	95,378.32
Mincone, Matthew L.	81,411.56
Rossi, Daniel R.	80,793.80
Gouldrup, Daniel S.	80,381.06
Manter, Jeffrey S.	77,447.27
Vieira, Garrison G.	66,872.23
Rand, Jennifer	65,970.18
Resendes, Jo-Ann	61,800.42
Bowker, Joyce A.	60,475.74
Powers, John J.	59,944.45
Taylor, Brent B.	54,114.55
Stone, Bruce K.	52,870.32
Logue, Katherine	52,042.11

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Slavin, Sean R.	50,763.84
Mendenhall, Ernest P.	50,224.88
Reynolds, Ellen S.	46,673.16
Keefe, Julie L.	45,738.43
Whiting, Prudence M.	42,326.10
DeSorcy, Simone A.	39,501.15
Decker, Cornelia H.	39,131.80
Oliver, Jesse J. IV	34,966.36
Kelley, Jennifer L.	33,461.01
De Oliveira, Leomar Jose	33,123.54
Curtis, Howard W.	32,651.10
Black, Paula	30,194.84
Jenkinson, Joan W.	29,876.08
Sibert, Judith H.	28,843.88
McFarland, Maria G.	28,231.41
Savage, David D	25,285.25
Brady, Kathleen D.	23,765.51
Thors, Pamela K.	23,645.24
Estrella, Manuel III	22,395.00
Fehl, Barbara J	19,006.36
Sprague, Tammis F.	16,409.65
Hierta, Ebba R.	16,357.48
Blair, Hadden S.	15,733.37
Kramer, Beth A.	15,376.98
Romano, Mike A.	12,401.77
Faucher, Justin S.	11,666.82
Healy, Allen K.	11,640.30
Stone, Margaret H.	10,782.32
Schroeder, Joseph C.	10,622.52
Russell, Danyon Guy	9,548.38
Stone, Barry	9,307.50
Brown, Helen L.	8,924.28
Cotnoir, Charles J.	8,889.66
Ciancio, Michael	8,292.50
McLeod, Keri B.	8,123.67
Ruddick, Brian P.	7,525.09
Early, John G.	7,500.00
Colligan, Thomas H.	7,415.00
DiCicco, Nicholas J.	7,316.73
Broscheit, Hans T.	7,117.03

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Monaco, Nicholas A.	6,637.72
Haynes, William C.	6,395.00
Maciel, Kaitlyn L.	6,065.10
Barnett, Colleen M.	5,964.78
Amabile, David D	5,939.73
Olsen, Richard T.	5,125.00
Hearn, Glenn R.	5,000.00
Perry, Nicole A.	4,536.70
Collins, Nicholas M	3,826.90
Smith, Emily J.	3,690.37
Stone, Brittany N.	3,276.00
James, Jemima H.	3,181.76



**APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2006**

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards		Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds		Expenditures/ Charges		Balance Carried		Balance Closed	
	as of 07/01/2005						Forward		To Surplus Revenue	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	06/30/2006	\$	06/30/2006	\$
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>										
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00				370.00				0.00	
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	120.00				0.00				120.00	
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	11,041.67				10,000.00				1,041.67	
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	1,100.00				713.30				386.70	
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	63,200.40				62,328.52				871.88	
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,500.00		692.73		2,192.73				0.00	
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	590.00				228.40				361.60	
132-5700 Reserve Fund	45,000.00		(41,588.22)		0.00				3,411.78	
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	50,623.51				50,614.08				9.43	
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,900.00				1,891.52				8.48	
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00				2,947.50				52.50	
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	109,443.25				108,341.39				1,101.86	
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	15,465.00		2,500.00		17,897.96				67.04	
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	49,785.75				49,785.75				0.00	
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,230.00				2,958.23				271.77	
146-5110 Collector Salaries	53,079.55				53,079.55				0.00	
146-5700 Collector Expenses	19,250.00				15,160.14				4,089.86	
151-5300 Legal	37,960.00		7,000.00		44,960.00				0.00	
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	5,062.53				1,106.78				3,955.75	
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	1,560.00				391.00				1,169.00	

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	34,500.00		31,833.04	1,591.35	1,075.61
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	13,050.00		4,946.54		8,103.46
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	41,159.70		41,159.70		0.00
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	2,000.00		1,349.70		650.30
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	750.00		681.23		68.77
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,210.00		1,312.00		898.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	2,400.00		1,604.45		795.55
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00		250.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	540.00		220.00		320.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	26,908.28		26,150.25		758.03
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	8,200.00		7,579.72		620.28
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	40,773.94		38,446.69		2,327.25
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	8,000.00		4,523.85		3,476.15
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	45,304.38		44,964.51		339.87
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	12,225.00		2,907.86		9,317.14
177-5600 MV Commission	111,086.00		111,086.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	4,000.00		3,086.06		913.94
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00		0.00
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,500.00		1,472.80		27.20
192-5120 Town Hall Salaries	50.00	320.00	359.10		10.90
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	52,475.00	7,000.00	57,936.19	700.00	838.81
193-5700 Property Insurance	60,500.00		49,247.00		11,253.00
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	9,000.00	(5,000.00)	3,000.00		1,000.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		0.00		250.00
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	577,689.14	5,894.37	583,583.51		0.00
210-5700 Police Expenses	65,925.14		65,925.14		0.00
210-5800 Police Capital	2,500.00		2,175.00		325.00
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	89,700.00	(15,000.00)	68,150.00		6,550.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	106,415.00	23,000.00	119,132.16	4,000.00	6,282.84
220-5800 Fire Capital	9,000.00		9,000.00		0.00
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	92,698.34		92,698.34		0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	98,054.30	(2,500.00)	76,750.23		18,804.07
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	3,150.00	2,500.00	5,272.63		377.37
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		0.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	500.00		369.68		130.32
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	43,614.84		38,469.91		5,144.93
292-5700 ACO Expenses	7,350.00		6,523.76		826.24
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	307.50		307.50		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	512.00		512.00		0.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	6,500.00		6,500.00		0.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00		1,750.00		0.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	300.00		300.00		0.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	3,850.00		2,850.00		1,000.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	1,000.00		0.00		1,000.00
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	30,000.00		25,000.00		5,000.00
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	4,843,606.24		4,676,757.48		166,848.76
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,517,354.00		2,418,718.47		98,635.53

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	5,125.00		5,125.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	30,547.44	158.16	30,705.60		0.00
422-5700 Highway Expenses	55,400.00		55,387.95		12.05
423-5700 Snow & Ice	25,000.00	1,604.87	26,604.87		0.00
424-5700 Street Lights	5,760.00		5,760.00		0.00
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00		0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	48,600.00		16,962.19		31,637.81
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	4,900.00	2,167.00	4,135.16		2,931.84
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	124,059.99		124,059.99		0.00
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,598.00		2,111.20		1,486.80
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	6,435.00		6,428.42		6.58
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	72,363.57		72,325.61		37.96
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,535.00		8,535.00		0.00
522-5700 Health Services	18,180.00		12,627.50		5,552.50
540-5700 Island COA	17,389.35		17,389.35		0.00
541-5120 Uplisland COA Per Serv	151,130.32		148,843.64		2,286.68
541-5700 Uplisland COA Expense	10,500.00		10,220.24		279.76
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	800.00	3,036.50	3,836.50		0.00
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	201,796.50	(4,000.00)	196,925.75		870.75
610-5700 Library Expenses	101,674.13	6,000.00	106,813.54		860.59
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00		0.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	9,500.00		9,091.56		408.44
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,350.00		643.29		706.71

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	4,207.20		2,878.93		1,328.27
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	200.00		116.40		83.60
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	56,844.00		47,750.10		9,093.90
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	7,500.00		7,149.90		350.10
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	3,082.00		1,029.60		2,052.40
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00		150.00		0.00
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,500.00		2,238.18		1,261.82
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	7,535.00		4,520.53		3,014.47
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,700.00		3,906.22		1,793.78
691-5700 Historical Commission	50.00		0.00		50.00
690-5700 Historic District	500.00	170.00	670.00		0.00
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	526,881.50		526,881.50		0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	248,966.25		248,966.25		0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	74,000.00	15,500.00	85,744.95		3,755.05
911-5170 County Retirement	197,946.00		197,946.00		0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	4,000.00		4,000.00		0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	8,000.00		6,604.90		1,395.10
914-5170 Health Insurance	327,000.00		304,553.28		22,446.72
915-5170 Life Insurance	1,800.00	44.59	1,844.59		0.00
916-5170 Employers Medicare	22,500.00		22,007.38		492.62
945-5740 Public Official Liability	4,300.00		4,300.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL FY 2006 BUDGET</b>	<b>11,870,376.71</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>	<b>11,414,450.42</b>	<b>6,291.35</b>	<b>465,134.94</b>

**WARRANT ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES**

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
ATM 2005 DCRHA	22,721.00		22,721.00		0.00
ATM 2005 Brushbreaker Truck	130,000.00		90,267.95	39,732.05	0.00
ATM 2005 TriTown Amb Training	17,000.00		17,000.00		0.00
ATM 2005 County Veterans Agent	5,663.00	(5,663.00)	0.00		0.00
STM 11-05 PY Dutch Elm		1,834.50	1,834.50		0.00
STM 11-05 HH/Library Lot		3,800.00	3,750.10	49.90	0.00
STM 11-05 UIRSD Cons (FinCom)		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
STM 11-05 EMS EMT Coverage		3,000.00	385.51	2,614.49	0.00
STM 01-06 Legal Hutchinson		55,776.54	55,776.54		0.00
STM 01-06 Hutchinson Additional		35,000.00	35,000.00		0.00
STM 01-06 Vision Appraisal		6,300.00	6,300.00		0.00
STM 01-06 Coleman & Sons		47,000.00	47,000.00		0.00
STM 01-06 Legal Additional		15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00
STM 04-06 ATB Legal		15,000.00	652.76	14,347.24	0.00
ATM 2006 Recertification FY2008		24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Estuary Study 2		13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Howes House Trim		18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Police Station Repair		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Police AWD Vehicle		32,000.00	886.53	31,113.47	0.00
ATM 2006 Police Computers		5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00
ATM 2006 MVDTF Match		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
ATM 2006 FY 2006 Audit		11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Dropoff Improvements		50,000.00	2,159.54	47,840.46	0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
ATM 2006 Hydraulic Extraction Tool		40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 to Stabilization Fund		175,000.00	175,000.00		0.00
ATM 2006 MVCC		1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00
ATM 04-06 P&R Bldg Repair		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
FY2005-Fire Truck Repairs	16,318.57		16,318.57		0.00
FY2005-Dutch Elm Disease	567.50		567.50		0.00
FY2005-Debt Interest on Excluded Debt	5,750.00		5,750.00		0.00
FY2005-School District Consultant	3,835.00		3,335.00	500.00	0.00
FY2005-Recertification-FY2008	34,000.00		0.00	34,000.00	0.00
FY2005-DP Financial Software	14,690.20		5,286.99	9,403.21	0.00
FY2005-Fire Hydrant Maintenance	4,643.01		0.00	4,643.01	0.00
FY2005-State Road Paths	75,000.00	6,000.00	1,763.01	79,236.99	0.00
FY2005-Edgartown Road Path	5,000.00		1,390.50	3,609.50	0.00
FY2005-Tennis Courts	6,458.15	(5,000.00)	0.00	1,458.15	0.00
FY2005-Estuary Project	13,750.00		0.00	13,750.00	0.00
FY2005-Data Processing Exp	5,000.00		0.00	5,000.00	0.00
FY2005-Phone System	4,172.75		4,172.75		0.00
FY2005-Police Cruiser	30.00	(30.00)	0.00		0.00
FY2005-Highway Truck	40,847.00		40,847.00		0.00
FY2005-Police Renovation	10,000.00		6,416.14	3,583.86	0.00
FY2005-MV Cultural Council	1,000.00		1,000.00		0.00
FY2005-Cemetery Shed	1,436.50		1,264.87	171.63	0.00
FY2005-Brushbreaker Truck	139,250.00		139,250.00		0.00
FY2004-Audit	2,750.00		2,750.00		0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards		Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds		Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward		Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue
	as of 07/01/2005					06/30/2006		
FY2004-Digitizing Maps	12,000.00				0.00	12,000.00		0.00
FY2004-Certification	2,570.00				0.00	2,570.00		0.00
FY2004-Bond Issues Fees	20,413.56				3,242.50	17,171.06		0.00
FY 2004-Personnel Consultant	1,750.00		(1,750.00)		0.00			0.00
FY2004-Permitting Software	12,000.00				3,374.48	8,625.52		0.00
FY2004-Stephens Cross Appraisal	2,000.00				0.00	2,000.00		0.00
FY2004-Res Homesite (fr Trust)	30,547.55				16,816.40	13,731.15		0.00
FY2004-Land Acquisition Exp	25,000.00				0.00	25,000.00		0.00
FY2004-Town Hall Repair	74,547.14				0.00	74,547.14		0.00
FY2003-Paths	493.19				493.19			0.00
FY2004-Police DTF Match 2005	3,500.00				0.00	3,500.00		0.00
FY2004-Police Air Quality Study	100.00		(100.00)		0.00			0.00
FY2004-Police Cruiser	378.92		(378.12)		0.00			0.80
FY2004-HH/Library Lot	1,200.00				1,200.00			0.00
FY2003-Greenlands Plaques	220.00				0.00	220.00		0.00
FY2003-Police DTF Match	1,399.55				732.61	666.94		0.00
FY2003-FD Truck Purchase	482.05				482.05			0.00
FY2002-Library Feasability	897.55				0.00	897.55		0.00
FY2001-Lambert's Cove Lot	54.00		(54.00)		0.00			0.00
FY2000-Howes House Construct	227.53				0.00	227.53		0.00
FY2000-School Construct	2,509.17				0.00	2,509.17		0.00
FY2000-Library Construct	30.08				0.00	30.08		0.00



FY1999-Library Dog Tax TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2005	Appropriations/ Transfers/ Refunds	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2006	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2006
	14.61		0.00	14.61	0.00
	752,217.58	568,185.92	736,187.99	584,214.71	0.80
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	12,447,210.29	14,187.88	11,670,903.98	325,358.45	465,135.74
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>					
Public Safety Building	5,925.69		5,858.50	67.19	0.00
Road Construction	320,660.74		320,660.74		0.00
Town Hall Renovations	3,607,265.57	(3,450,000.00)	154,914.08	2,351.49	0.00

**Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**as of 30 June 2006**

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long-term Obligations	
<u>Assets &amp; Other Debits</u>						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,496,282	522,934	2,419	685,873		2,707,507
Property Tax Receivable:						
Current Year	486,774					486,774
Prior Year	245,243					245,243
Allowance for A/E	(287,645)					(287,645)
Other Receivables						
Motor Vehicle Excise	311,294					311,294
Boat Excise	3,903					3,903
Tax Liens	151,432					151,432
Other Assets (Foreclosures)	13,226					13,226
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long term obligations					5,863,300	5,863,300
Total Assets & Other Debits	2,420,509	522,934	2,419	685,873	5,863,300	9,495,034

<u>Liabilities &amp; Fund Equity</u>					
Warrants Payable	109,956	907		2,329	113,191
Other Liabilities	34,190				34,190
Deferred Revenue					
Property Tax	444,373				444,373
Motor Vehicle Excise	311,294				311,294
Boat Excise	3,903				3,903
Tax Liens	151,432				151,432
Foreclosures	13,226				13,226
Notes Payable					0
Landfill Closure & post closure cost				183,300	183,300
Bonds Payable				5,680,000	5,680,000
Total Liabilities	1,068,374	907	0	2,329	6,934,909
Fund Balances					
Reserved					
Encumbrances & Continuing Articles	590,506				590,506
2.622.062Endowments				59,993	59,993
Unreserved					
Designated	0	522,027	2,419	623,551	1,147,996
Undesignated	761,630				761,630
Total Fund Equity	1,352,136	522,027	2,419	683,544	2,560,125
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,420,509	522,934	2,419	685,873	9,495,034



**BALANCE SHEET  
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY  
June 30, 2006**

**GENERAL FUND**

		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
001.000.1010	Cash on Hand	6,795.77	
001.000.1040	Cash on Deposit--General Fund	1,489,485.74	
001.000.1210.2006	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'06	10,976.70	
001.000.1210.2005	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'05	4,404.41	
001.000.1210.2004	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'04	5,939.01	
001.000.1210.2003	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'03	3,612.86	
001.000.1210.2002	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'02	3,509.45	
001.000.1210.2001	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'01	3,099.97	
001.000.1210.2000	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'00	2,995.06	
001.000.1210.1999	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'99	1,715.38	
001.000.1210.1998	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'98	1,932.35	
001.000.1210.1997	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'97	911.48	
001.000.1210.1996	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'96	96.46	
001.000.1210.1995	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'95	49.04	
001.000.1220.2006	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'06	475,797.51	
001.000.1220.2005	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'05	85,536.49	
001.000.1220.2004	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'04	39,553.33	
001.000.1220.2003	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'03	3,602.14	
001.000.1220.2002	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'02	5,900.34	
001.000.1220.2001	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'01	2,940.48	
001.000.1220.2000	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'00	3,074.32	
001.000.1220.1999	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'99	4,368.10	
001.000.1220.1998	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'98	8,777.69	
001.000.1220.1997	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'97	8,844.27	
001.000.1220.1996	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'96	8,015.13	
001.000.1220.1995	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'95	6,229.05	
001.000.1220.1994	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'94	5,741.92	
001.000.1220.1993	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'93	5,427.68	
001.000.1220.1992	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'92	6,568.82	
001.000.1220.1991	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'91	10,711.38	
001.000.1220.1990	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'90	3,720.33	
001.000.1220.1989	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'89	1,934.27	
001.000.1220.1988	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'88	3,204.07	
001.000.1220.1987	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'87	2,183.08	
001.000.1220.1983'	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'83	326.41	
001.000.1220.1982	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'82	318.60	
001.000.1230.2005	Allowance for A/E FY'06		140,059.82
001.000.1230.2005	Allowance for A/E FY'05		992.67
001.000.1230.2004	Allowance for A/E FY'04		49,219.61
001.000.1230.2003	Allowance for A/E FY'03		19,241.13
001.000.1230.2001	Allowance for A/E FY'01		3,469.72
001.000.1230.2000	Allowance for A/E FY'00		4,993.52
001.000.1230.1999	Allowance for A/E FY'99		1,815.67
001.000.1230.1998	Allowance for A/E FY'98		10,886.02
001.000.1230.1997	Allowance for A/E FY'97		8,275.45
001.000.1230.1996	Allowance for A/E FY'96		7,475.41
001.000.1230.1995	Allowance for A/E FY'95		5,994.31

001.000.1230.1994	Allowance for A/E FY'94		3,009.48
001.000.1230.1993	Allowance for A/E FY'93		5,427.68
001.000.1230.1992	Allowance for A/E FY'92		6,714.29
001.000.1230.1991	Allowance for A/E FY'91		10,711.38
001.000.1230.1990	Allowance for A/E FY'90		3,720.33
001.000.1230.1989	Allowance for A/E FY'89		251.30
001.000.1230.1988	Allowance for A/E FY'88		3,204.07
001.000.1230.1987	Allowance for A/E FY'87		2,183.08
001.000.1240	Tax Liens	151,432.46	
001.000.1260.2006	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'06	45,707.30	
001.000.1260.2005	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'05	51,878.88	
001.000.1260.2004	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'04	66,671.58	
001.000.1260.2003	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'03	38,741.05	
001.000.1260.2002	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'02	27,614.47	
001.000.1260.2001	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'01	21,203.56	
001.000.1260.2000	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'00	18,796.46	
001.000.1260.1999	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'99	15,783.03	
001.000.1260.1998	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'98	8,419.26	
001.000.1260.1997	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'97	11,466.97	
001.000.1260.1996	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'96	2,806.32	
001.000.1260.1995	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'95	1,249.74	
001.000.1260.1994	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'94	955.30	
001.000.1270.2004	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'04	711.00	
001.000.1270.2003	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'03	695.00	
001.000.1270.2002	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'02	974.00	
001.000.1270.2001	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'01	954.00	
001.000.1270.2000	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'00	569.00	
001.000.1880	Tax Foreclosures	13,225.86	
001.000.2010	Warrants Payable		102,897.97
001.000.2015	Payroll Warrant Payable		7,057.53
001.000.2520	Unclaimed Checks		34,190.27
001.000.2610	Deferred Revenue Property Taxes		444,372.64
001.000.2622	Deferred Revenue Tax Liens		151,432.46
001.000.2623	Deferred Revenue Tax Foreclosures		13,225.86
001.000.2630	Deferred Revenue MV Excise		311,293.92
001.000.2641	Deferred Revenue Vessel Excise		3,903.00
001.000.3212	Fund Balance Reserved for Prior Year Encumbrances		590,506.06
001.000.3590	Undesignated Fund Balance		770,556.80
001.000.3594	Unreserved Fund Balance Unprovided A/E	8,927.12	
<b>Totals</b>		2,717,081.45	2,717,081.45

#### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

		<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
200.000.1040	Cash-Special Revenue	522,933.61	
	Community Preservation Surcharge		
246.000.1250.2006	Receivable FY'06	25,120.49	
200.000.2010	Warrants Payable		906.63
	Deferred Revenue Community Preservation		
246.000.2625	Surcharge		25,120.49
210.211.3580	Fund Balance/Domestic Violence Grant		4,219.00
212.210.3580	" " /Community Policing		32,482.65
214.210.3580	" " /Island DTF (Forfeitures)		17,611.02
215.210.3580	" " /Homeland Security		18.88
216.210.3580	" " /Watch Your Car		675.00

230.000.3580	"	"	/Arts Council	16,935.00
231.220.3580	"	"	/Fire Department - Equipment	87.06
232.220.3580	"	"	/Fire Hydrant Fund	1,550.00
246.000.3580	"	"	/Community Preservation Fund	258,326.27
251.000.3580	"	"	/Sale of Real Estate	2,600.00
260.610.3580	"	"	/State Aid to Libraries	24,377.01
	"	"	/County Dog Funds	16,428.06
270.491.3580	"	"	/Sale of Cemetery Lots	36,850.00
275.510.3580	"	"	/Septic System Repairs	81,520.45
280.171.3580	"	"	/Wetlands Protection	19,715.52
285.298.3580	"	"	/Shellfish Grant	319.16
290.000.3580	"	"	/Gifts	8,311.90
<b>Totals</b>				<u>548,054.10</u> 548,054.10

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

			<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
300.000.1040	Cash Checking		2,418.68	
310.000.3590	Fund Balance/Public Safety Building			67.19
310.000.3730	"	"		2,351.49
<b>Totals</b>			<u>2,418.68</u>	<u>2,418.68</u>

#### NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

			<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
820.000.1050	Cash - Non-expendable Trusts		59,993.45	
821.491.3010	Fund Balance/Perpetual Care			48,290.00
822.491.3010	"	"		1,000.00
823.491.3010	"	"		4,000.00
824.610.3010	"	"		200.00
825.610.3010	"	"		5,343.45
826.000.3010	"	"		1,160.00
<b>Totals</b>			<u>59,993.45</u>	<u>59,993.45</u>

#### EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

			<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
840.000.1040	Cash - Expendable Trusts		191,418.59	
840.000.2020	Warrants Payable			2,328.64
841.491.3280	Fund Balance/Perpetual Care			0.00
842.491.3280	"	"		0.00
843.491.3280	"	"		0.00
844.610.3280	"	"		55.99
845.610.3280	"	"		1,091.24
846.000.3280	"	"		2,096.17
847.610.3280	"	"		28,889.50
848.171.3280	"	"		56,029.17
849.000.3280	"	"		100,927.88
<b>Totals</b>			<u>191,418.59</u>	<u>191,418.59</u>

#### STABILIZATION FUNDS

			<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
850.000.1050	Cash Savings		434,182.18	
850.000.3590	Undesignated Fund Balance			434,182.18

**AGENCY FUNDS**

		<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
900.000.1040	Cash	278.51	
910.000.2580	Fund Balance Special Details		128.00
920.000.2580	Fund Balance Dog Tax		116.25
	Fund Balance Due to Commonwealth –		
925.000.2580	Licenses		20.75
929.000.2580	Fund Balance Misc Escrows		6.79
930.000.2580	Fund Balance Consultants Ch44-53G		6.72
<b>Totals</b>		278.51	278.51

**LONG TERM DEBT**

		<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
	Amounts to be provided for		
050.000.1996	payment of bonds	5,680,000.00	
	Amounts to be provided for		
050.000.1997	retirement of long term obligations	183,300.00	
050.000.2900	Bonds payable - Inside Debt Limit		5,680,000.00
050.000.2901	Landfill closure & post closure care costs		183,300.00



**SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED**  
**July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006**

	<b>Balance 07/01/2005</b>	<b>Issued FY 2006</b>	<b>Retired FY 2006</b>	<b>Balance 06/30/2006</b>	<b>Interest Paid FY 2006</b>
<b><u>Long Term Debt</u></b>					
Public Safety Building	1,541,000.00	0.00	156,000.00	1,385,000.00	45,571.25
Land Purchase (H.Goethals)	306,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	270,000.00	8,977.50
Road Resurfacing	1,090,000.00	0.00	220,000.00	870,000.00	27,750.00
Town Hal Renovation	0.00	255,000.00	0.00	255,000.00	0.00
School Addition	3,265,000.00	0.00	365,000.00 *	2,900,000.00	166,667.50 *
<b>TOTALS - LONG TERM DEBT</b>	<b>6,202,000.00</b>	<b>255,000.00</b>	<b>777,000.00</b>	<b>5,680,000.00</b>	<b>248,966.25</b>

\*West Tisbury paid a total of \$281549.00 (the amount of the State Reimbursement) towards principal and interest; balance reimbursed by the Up-Island Regional School District.

**Short Term Debt**

Revenue Anticipation Note	0.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	0.00	15,242.46
Town Hall Renovation	1,850,000.00	0.00	1,850,000.00	0.00	74,000.00
<b>TOTALS - SHORT TERM DEBT</b>	<b>1,850,000.00</b>	<b>1,500,000.00</b>	<b>3,350,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>89,242.46</b>

**Bonds Authorized & Unissued**

<b>Landfill Closure &amp; Post Closure Obligations</b>				0.00	
				183,300.00	

# SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

July 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
<b>FY 2007 BUDGET</b>			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	185.00	185.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	120.00	0.00	120.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	6,100.00	658.00	5,442.00
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	68,952.24	33,815.16	35,137.08
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,400.00	288.42	2,111.58
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,090.00	622.30	467.70
132-5700 Reserve Fund	26,652.00	0.00	26,652.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	55,216.28	27,147.48	28,068.80
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,840.00	318.90	1,521.10
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	114,955.90	50,846.57	64,109.33
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	15,465.00	11,785.28	3,679.72
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	54,298.44	27,149.28	27,149.16
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,940.00	1,898.12	2,041.88
146-5110 Collector Salaries	55,149.55	27,574.80	27,574.75
146-5700 Collector Expenses	18,560.00	3,450.59	15,109.41
151-5300 Legal	45,000.00	12,712.02	32,287.98
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	5,529.72	389.50	5,140.22
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	1,235.00	513.58	721.42
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	40,100.00	9,835.32	30,264.68
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	12,950.00	871.00	12,079.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	43,192.50	21,596.28	21,596.22
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	900.00	173.67	726.33
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,300.00	1,289.25	1,010.75
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	50.00	200.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,350.00	1,290.39	3,059.61
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	650.00	0.00	650.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	29,369.73	14,088.74	15,280.99
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,385.00	527.96	2,857.04
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	43,036.56	20,320.56	22,716.00
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,830.00	511.62	4,318.38
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	47,073.96	23,281.48	23,792.48
176-5305 ZBA Legal	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	4,325.00	718.95	3,606.05
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
177-5600 MV Commission	105,812.00	52,906.00	52,906.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	3,000.00	538.13	2,461.87

	Appropriation/		Appropriation
	Balance Forward	Year To Date	Balance
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,500.00	20.00	1,480.00
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,500.00	1,328.72	171.28
192-5120 Town Hall Salaries	50.00	0.00	50.00
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	52,480.00	35,650.10	16,829.90
193-5700 Property Insurance	60,500.00	45,989.00	14,511.00
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,003,828.88	439,342.17	564,486.71
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	729,838.88	346,402.83	383,436.05
210-5700 Police Expenses	91,750.00	62,906.86	28,843.14
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	92,200.00	31,985.00	60,215.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	127,915.00	50,830.03	77,084.97
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	109,343.54	109,343.54	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	86,826.46	44,242.67	42,583.79
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	4,000.00	779.34	3,220.66
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	6,000.00	2,310.75	3,689.25
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	665.00	0.00	665.00
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	45,687.50	21,768.18	23,919.32
292-5700 ACO Expenses	7,350.00	2,601.97	4,748.03
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	307.50	153.75	153.75
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	592.00	0.00	592.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	6,500.00	650.00	5,850.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	3,850.00	1,900.00	1,950.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,342,875.88	702,874.92	640,000.96
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	5,094,645.61	3,820,984.21	1,273,661.40
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,257,844.00	1,693,383.00	564,461.00
Sub-total : Education	7,352,489.61	5,514,367.21	1,838,122.40
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	5,125.00	2,562.50	2,562.50
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	36,345.12	18,109.96	18,235.16
422-5700 Highway Expenses	55,400.00	17,126.23	38,273.77
423-5700 Snow & Ice	30,000.00	429.72	29,570.28
424-5700 Street Lights	8,372.00	2,619.59	5,752.41
Sub-total : Public Works	135,242.12	40,848.00	94,394.12
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	54,634.00	10,008.22	44,625.78
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	119,380.16	59,680.08	59,700.08
Sub-total : Sanitation	177,264.16	69,688.30	107,575.86
Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,600.00	90.48	3,509.52

	Appropriation/		Appropriation
	Balance Forward	Year To Date	Balance
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	6,850.00	3,543.17	3,306.83
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	77,101.85	38,790.81	38,311.04
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,625.00	1,801.40	6,823.60
522-5700 Health Services	18,180.00	5,206.25	12,973.75
540-5700 Island COA	18,683.76	9,341.94	9,341.82
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	157,745.76	77,744.44	80,001.32
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	11,320.00	4,618.10	6,701.90
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	6,342.00	3,751.85	2,590.15
Sub-total : Human Services	311,448.37	146,388.44	165,059.93
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	186,635.05	88,781.59	97,853.46
610-5700 Library Expenses	104,633.76	57,097.54	47,536.22
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	415.00	415.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	10,416.53	5,873.37	4,543.16
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,250.00	366.25	883.75
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	3,856.32	2,796.45	1,059.87
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	54,600.06	44,331.65	10,268.41
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	8,000.00	4,001.82	3,998.18
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	2,700.00	1,605.78	1,094.22
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00	64.75	85.25
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,105.90	395.76	2,710.14
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	7,000.00	1,928.94	5,071.06
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,700.00	1,242.17	4,457.83
690-5700 Historic District	500.00	32.48	467.52
691-5700 Historical Commission	50.00	0.00	50.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	389,627.62	208,933.55	180,694.07
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	606,401.50	537,401.50	69,000.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	233,795.00	192,217.64	41,577.36
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	2,500.00	124.65	2,375.35
Sub-total : Debt Service	842,696.50	729,743.79	112,952.71
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	219,311.00	219,311.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	6,500.00	3,861.00	2,639.00
913-5170 Unemployment	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	371,000.00	160,790.04	210,209.96
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,035.00	983.55	1,051.45
916-5170 Employers Medicare	24,000.00	11,867.73	12,132.27
945-5740 Public Official Liability	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	633,846.00	402,313.32	231,532.68
<b>TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>12,189,319.14</b>	<b>8,254,499.70</b>	<b>3,934,819.44</b>

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
<b>FY 2007 WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			
ATM 2006 DCRHA	30,377.00	30,377.00	0.00
ATM 2006/STM 11-06			
Space Needs Committee	25,000.00	5,230.82	19,769.18
ATM 2006 Ambulance			
Stabilization Fund	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Paths by the Road	190,000.00	0.00	190,000.00
STM 11-28-06 TriTown	3,979.68	0.00	3,979.68
Amb Sal Adj			
STM 11-28-06 Digitizing Maps	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
STM 11-28-06 Setback	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Thermostats			
STM 11-28-06 PY Vineyard			
Land Surveying	4,860.00	4,860.00	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Cemetery	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Mainenance			
STM 11-28-06 Library/HH Lot	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
STM 11-28-06 TH Prof	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Development			
<b>TOTAL FY 2007</b>	<b>315,216.68</b>	<b>56,967.82</b>	<b>258,248.86</b>
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>			

**PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS**

FY 2006 Encumbrances			
Music St Relocation-Trench	700.00	700.00	0.00
Music St Relocation-Wiring	1,591.35	1,253.10	338.25
Fire Dept Edg Rd Painting	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY 2006 Encumbrances	6,291.35	5,953.10	338.25
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
FY2006-Brushbreaker Truck	39,732.05	39,732.05	0.00
STM 11-05 HH\Library Lot	49.90	0.00	49.90
STM 11-05 EMS EMT Coverage	2,614.49	0.00	2,614.49
ATM 2006 FY 2006 Audit	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
STM 04-06 ATB Legal	14,347.24	2,471.00	11,876.24
STM 04-06 Paths By the Road	20,000.00	11,329.42	8,670.58
ATM 2006 Recertification	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
FY2006			
ATM 2006 Estuary Study 2	13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00
ATM 2006 Howes House Trim	18,000.00	9,482.00	8,518.00
ATM 2006 Police Station Repair	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
ATM 2006 Police AWD Vehicle	31,113.47	30,652.18	461.29
ATM 2006 MVDTF Match	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
ATM 2006 Dropoff Improvements	47,840.46	0.00	47,840.46
ATM 2006 Police Computers	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00
ATM 2006 Hydraulic Extraction	40,000.00	31,200.00	8,800.00
Tool			
ATM 2006 P&R Bldg Repair	5,000.00	1,745.90	3,254.10
FY2005 State Road Paths	79,236.99	79,236.99	0.00
FY2005 UIRSD Consultant	500.00	0.00	500.00

			Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY2005	Recertification	FY2008	34,000.00	2,000.00	32,000.00
FY2005	Edgartown Road Path		3,609.50	1,519.25	2,090.25
FY2005	DP Financial Software		9,403.21	0.00	9,403.21
FY2005	Fire Hydrant Maintenance		4,643.01	0.00	4,643.01
FY2005	Tennis Courts		1,458.15	0.00	1,458.15
FY2004	Stephens Cross Appraise		2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
FY2005	Estuary Project		13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00
FY2005	Cemetery Shed		171.63	0.00	171.63
FY2005	Data Proc Upgrades		5,000.00	2,530.53	2,469.47
FY2005	Police Renovation		3,583.86	647.00	2,936.86
FY2004	Digitizing Maps		12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
FY2004	Certification		2,570.00	0.00	2,570.00
FY2004	Bond Issues Fees		17,171.06	300.00	16,871.06
FY2004	Permitting Software		8,625.52	3,500.00	5,125.52
FY2004	Res Homesite (fr Trust)		13,731.15	5,343.10	8,388.05
FY2004	Land Acquisition Exp		25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
FY2004	Town Hall Repair		74,547.14	41,409.50	33,137.64
FY2004	Police DTF Match 2005		3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
FY2003	Greenlands Plaques		220.00	0.00	220.00
FY2003	Police DTF Match		666.94	0.00	666.94
FY2002	Library Feasablity		897.55	0.00	897.55
Pre FY2000	Howes House		227.53	0.00	227.53
	Construct				
Pre FY2000	School Construct		2,509.17	0.00	2,509.17
Pre FY2000	Library Construct		30.08	0.00	30.08
FY1999	Library Dog Tax		14.61	0.00	14.61
Sub-total: Prior Year Warrant Articles			604,214.71	263,098.92	341,115.79
<b>TOTAL PRIOR YEAR</b>					
<b>BALANCE FORWARDS</b>			<b>610,506.06</b>	<b>269,052.02</b>	<b>341,454.04</b>

# **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **Annual Report for 2006**

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This year saw a 'changing of the guard' in that Jim Powell and Peter Costas chose not to run for another term on the committee. In their places the voters elected Brian Athearn and Richard Knabel. There was considerable interest as there were five candidates for the two seats. We thank Peter and Jim for their years of service and wish them well in their endeavors.

We had a busy Spring in which two reports were published relative to the costs of the Up-Island Regional School District (UIRSD). The Abrahams Report, requested by the three towns that comprise the District, focused on the fairness of the allocation of costs of the District to the three Towns, Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury. The Harkins, Kelley Report, requested by the West Tisbury Finance Committee and authorized by Town Meeting, focused on the extra costs imposed by operating two school sites within the District.

The Abrahams Report concluded that inequities exist in the current Regional Agreement. It suggested ways of correcting some of these inequities as well as the adoption of a different method of allocating costs. The Harkins, Kelley Report concluded that the operation of two sites within the District results in as much as \$921,993 in extra costs per year to the three District towns.

### **The Abrahams Report**

We believe that the Abrahams Report is flawed in several areas. For one, it uses faulty logic to derive site-based costs, which are the starting point for its calculations. It assumes that all costs are fixed. In reality, the largest portion of the site costs, personnel, is variable.

In analyzing the numbers in the report, it is important to note that the Finance Committee has questioned not only the fairness of allocating costs but also the high costs of the District, which has the highest per-pupil cost on Martha's Vineyard and is among the ten highest in the Commonwealth.

### **The Harkins, Kelly Report**

While the School Administration disagreed with the amount of the savings this report said that operating one site would bring, it acknowledged that the savings would still be quite significant. We wish to stress once again that we are not proposing that the Chilmark School be closed. We are saying that the cost allocation formula should reflect the increased costs to West Tisbury – and all three district towns – by operating two sites when the decreasing

student population can easily be accommodated at one site, the West Tisbury School.

If the budget proposed by the UIRSD for FY2008 is approved by the voters, the Town's share of the budget will have increased by nearly \$1,000,000 dollars over the past two years while the student population has continued to decrease each year. The Finance Committee feels that a situation in which costs are increasing sharply while the number of students served by the UIRSD declines is a major factor in questioning the benefits of continued participation in a regional school district.

#### 'Graham' Case

The Spring also saw the issuance of a decision by the Appellate Tax Board in the 'Graham' case. Mr. Graham has not yet appealed the decision since the Appellate Tax Board has not issued its findings of fact. He has, however, filed his intention to appeal.

#### Goals

The Committee has set the following goals for FY2007, which began July 1, 2006:

1. Ensure that the taxpayers receive value for tax dollars spent while minimizing the growth in expenditures.
2. More communication with the public
3. More communication with the schools

We recognize that we cannot attain our first goal without your support. School costs, which are the largest portion of the budget, continue to rise despite an ongoing decline in enrollment. Personnel must receive a fair wage, although these increases have exceeded the rate of inflation. Health care costs continue to escalate steeply, and there are significant capital expenditures ahead. An unknown factor affecting future costs will be the final form of a new cost allocation formula for regional school districts not yet promulgated by the Department of Education. In its preliminary form the "Aggregate Wealth Formula" indicated our Town's share would increase.

All of these issues will be debated and voted on Town Meeting floor, and will, unless controlled, dramatically increase the taxpayer's burden. The Committee urges our Town leaders and citizens to initiate a coherent policy of setting goals for our Town's future, prioritizing them, developing a strategy and process for achieving the goals and a mechanism for measuring success.

We are more optimistic of attaining the other goals. There is now a portion of the Town's web site that contains information about our work. In November we held the first meeting specifically to review our



recommendations for the public relative to the warrant articles brought before the Special Town Meeting. The meeting was televised over MVTv, and it is our intention to continue having such meetings, as well as the use of MVTv.

It has been a busy year. We would not have accomplished much without the help, advice and professionalism of Bruce Stone, Town Accountant. We also appreciate the fact-based professionalism Dr. James Weiss, our school superintendent, has brought to school matters, an area of deep interest for us because of the large proportion of our budget spent on educating our children.

Finally, thanks to the taxpayers of West Tisbury for their support of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

AL DEVITO, Chair  
JEFFREY MANter, Vice Chair  
BRIAN ATHEARN  
SHARON ESTRELLA  
RICHARD KNABEL

# **REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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## **Introduction**

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee is charged with studying “proposed capital outlays, projects and improvements involving major tangible assets and projects” with a view to recommending those capital improvement projects which should be undertaken over the next five years. Major non-recurring tangible assets and projects are defined as those costing over \$10,000 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. Accordingly, please see the narrative and chart at the end of this report for the FY 2008 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY 2012.

## **Recommendations**

- That the Town and the Board of Selectmen adhere to the Capital Improvement by-law, by ensuring that all capital spending requests are placed on a Town Meeting warrant only after they have been evaluated and prioritized by the Capital Improvement Committee.
- Amend the Capital Improvement by-law regarding membership, to expand the committee membership to include two at-large members.
- That all town departments take responsibility for maintenance of the buildings and other physical assets under their control in their annual budgets, and that they consult with the Town Building Maintenance Committee before undertaking repairs.
- That the Town and the Finance Committee support the need for maintenance budget lines adequate to maintain the value and condition of the town’s buildings and equipment.
- That the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee to explore the options for locating, funding, and constructing an Animal Pound, to report to the town no later than the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.
- That the town’s capital improvement program provide for consistent debt service that is as close to level as possible over time.

This committee would like to acknowledge and commend the work of the Space Needs Committee, which has undertaken a comprehensive and more long-range examination of the town’s future space needs. Please refer to their section in this Town Report for further information.

### **Requested Capital Projects FY2008 – FY2012**

Following is a chart with accompanying notes below for FY2008 items. Note that this report does not include any new capital expenditures by the Up-Island and MV Regional High School Districts, because they fund their capital expenditures through their annual budgets and assessments. The Committee has prioritized the capital requests using the following coding scheme:

<u>Priority Code</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1	This project <b>must</b> 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 <b>should</b> be completed to maintain or expand our existing assets.
3	This project is useful but not essential at this time.

Fire Department SCBA. The department's current Self Contained Breathing Apparatus are 20 years old and outdated. New equipment would be up to date with all necessary safety devices.

Highways. One-half of the town roads were resurfaced using a \$1.09 million bond issued in 2004. The committee recommends that no further highway work be undertaken until that five-year bond is paid off in 2010, unless alternate funding with a minimal tax impact is secured before that date.

Library. The Library will be submitting a grant application to the state for funding to conduct a Construction Grant Planning Process, when the next round of funding is available; no town funds are required at this time. The amount shown in the chart assumes a minimum of 50% funding from a state grant and/or private fundraising.

Paths by the Roads. Funds have been appropriated for a path on the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road from the police station to the end of the bicycle path near the Youth Hostel. An application for Community Preservation funds for a path along Old County Road from the existing bike path to Great Plains Road has been made; the CPA committee has made a preliminary recommendation to approve this spending at a consistent rate of \$80,000/year.

Police Cruiser. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle each year; purchase of an SUV is planned for FY08.

Town Hall. This is the projected cost of design fees through bid documents for whatever town hall option is chosen at the 2007 annual town meeting.

Ambulance. There are three tri-town ambulances, one stationed in each town. This is the amount to be set aside annually toward our one-third share of the next ambulance purchase, until such time as there are sufficient receipts to sustain this cost.

Water Quality. Third and final year of an in-depth study of the Tisbury Great Pond; costs of this study are being funded by the state, Chilmark and West Tisbury, and the riparian pond owners.

Mill Pond. The Selectmen and Conservation Commission are exploring the need to dredge the Mill Pond. Initial feasibility and permitting costs are relatively modest, but the estimates for the actual dredging range from \$400,000 to \$625,000. This committee recommends that this project needs further exploration in regard to funding sources, need, and planning for impact on taxes before it is brought to the voters for approval.

The Committee thanks each Town department for its assistance and input.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN HEARN (Selectmen)  
MICHAEL COLANERI (Assessors)  
AL DEVITO (Finance Committee)  
KATHY LOGUE (Town Treasurer)  
LEAH SMITH (Planning Board)  
BRUCE STONE (Town Accountant), Ex-Officio

**FY 2008 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2008-2012**

Department.	Capital Item	Total Amount	Priority	Funding Method *	Voted FY2007	Projected Annual Capital Spending FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	PAYOFF
<b>Projected Capital Program:</b>											
Animal Control	Truck	18,138			18,138						
Fire	Jaws of Life	40,000	1	Taxes	40,000						
Fire	SCBA Equipment	90,000	1	Taxes		50,000	40,000				
Highway	Road resurfacing	1,650,000	2	Taxes/St. Grant				100,000	100,000	150,000	
Library **	Expand building	2,600,000	2-3	Bond							2037
Local Transfer Station	Improvements	50,000		Taxes	50,000						
Paths by the Roads	Edgartown Road	190,000	3	Taxes	190,000						
Paths by the Roads	Old County Road	160,000	3	CPA		80,000	80,000				
Paths by the Roads	Future Paths	Ongoing	3	Taxes				80,000	80,000		
Police	Repair Mill Pond Bldg.	10,000	1	Taxes	10,000						
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	32,000	33,500	34,338	29,000	29,725	36,913	
Police **	New station	2,000,000	2	Bond							2034
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,500,000	1	Bond		150,000		112,500	506,842	492,632	2029
Tri/Town Ambulance	Ambulance( WT 1/3 share)	56,000	1	Taxes	16,500	16,500	16,500				
Water Quality Study	With Chilmark (WT share)	40,000	1	Taxes	13,750	12,000					
<b>Existing Projects:</b>											
MVRHS ***	Constr./Expansion	3,797,000	1	Reg. Assess	127,643	114,802	101,756	88,504	75,099	59,573	2015
WT School ***	1995 Expansion	5,274,400	1	Reg. Assess	182,590	168,550	154,224	139,611	124,712	109,812	2014
Chilmark School ***	Construction	338,500	1	Reg. Assess	28,280	27,501	26,705	25,891	25,060	24,211	2019
Public Safety Bldg.	Construction	1,745,355	1	Bond	196,391	192,322	187,769	183,119	178,469	173,625	2014
Lambert's Cove	Land acquired	325,000	1	Bond	39,600	38,400	37,200	36,000	34,613	33,675	2014
Highway	Roads	1,090,000	1	Bond	241,838	236,063	224,675	218,225	0	0	2010
Town Hall	Design work to date	255,000	1	Bond	75,022	72,467	69,913	62,358	0	0	2026
<b>Total</b>					1,261,751	1,192,104	973,079	1,075,208	1,154,519	1,160,441	

\* For projects that are funded by a bond issue, note that the cost/fiscal year includes interest as well as principal on the debt service payments. The actual cost of issuing the bond is NOT included.

\*\* Long-term planning currently provides for Police Station bonding to begin in FY2014 and Library addition to begin in 2016. See also the report from the Space Needs Committee.

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

Inflation factor 2.50%

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECIMEN BALLOT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEST TISBURY ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2007    NOON-8:00 P.M.</b></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS</b></p> <p>A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s), like this </p> <p>B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.</p> <p>C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.</p>		
<p><b>MODERATOR</b></p> <p>One Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>F. PATRICK GREGORY</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>6 Bea Lane    Candidate Re-Election</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SELECTMEN</b></p> <p>Three Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>DIANNE E. POWERS</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>91 Music Street</p> <p><b>CYNTHIA RIGGS</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>620 Edgartown Road</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b></p> <p>Three Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>DAVID A. MERRY</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>518 Lamberts Cove Road    Candidate Re-election</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>ASSESSOR</b></p> <p>Three Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>CYNTHIA E. MITCHELL</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>62 Panhandle Road    Candidate for Re-election</p> <p><b>JONATHAN REVERE</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>48 Forest Road</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>TREASURER</b></p> <p>One Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>KATHERINE LOGUE</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>232 Oak Lane    Candidate Re-election</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>TAX COLLECTOR</b></p> <p>One Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>BRENT B. TAYLOR</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>63 Willow Tree Hollow    Candidate Re-election</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>TOWN CLERK</b></p> <p>One Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>PRUDENCE M. WHITING</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>979 State Road    Candidate Re-election</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>TREE WARDEN</b></p> <p>One Year Term    Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>JEREMIAH ARMSTRONG BROWN</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>2 Holly Lane    Candidate Re-election</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Three Year Term    Vote for TWO</p> <p><b>SHARON ANN ESTRELLA</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>62 Indian Hill Road    Candidate for Re-election</p> <p><b>JOAN AMES</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>28 Forest Road</p> <p><b>ANN K. NELSON</b>    <input type="radio"/></p> <p>20 Edson Forrest Road</p> <p>Write-in    <input type="radio"/></p>

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Year Term

Vote for TWO

ERNEST P. MENDENHALL

232 Oak Lane

Candidate for Re-election

VIRGINIA C. JONES

39 New Lane

DANIEL WATERS

18 Christiantown Road

Write-in

PLANNING BOARD

Four Year Term

Vote for ONE

LEAH SMITH

45 Smith Lane

Write-in

PLANNING BOARD

Two Year Term

Vote for ONE

VIRGINIA C. JONES

39 New Lane

Write-in

PARK AND RECREATION

Three Year Term

Vote for ONE

ROBERT W. HOLT

542 State Road

Candidate Re-election

Write-in

# **TOWN OF WEST TISBURY TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES**

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The Moderator regulates the conduct of the Town Meetings, decides all questions of order, and declares the result of all votes. No one may address the meeting without recognition by the Moderator and all statements are to be addressed to the Moderator; the purpose of this is to eliminate personal debate across the arena of the meeting.

The Moderator may alter the order in which articles are brought to the floor, may reword an article for purposes of clarity, and has the duty of maintaining order by any or all of the means provided by the statutes. It is the duty of the Moderator to assist any citizen of the Town before or during the meeting as to procedure, the writing of articles to be submitted by petition, the writing of amendments to articles in the warrant, or on any other matter pertaining to the meeting.

## **Motions**

An article is brought to the floor by a motion and a second. The motion is best made for the passage of the article since negative motions often lead to great misunderstanding during the voting process. If a negative motion is made which is likely to lead to such misunderstanding, the Moderator may decline to accept it.

## **Amendments to Motions**

Any voter may offer an amendment to the motion under discussion provided the amendment does not enlarge or significantly alter the scope of the original motion. In articles carrying an appropriation, this leeway is 20 to 25 percent in either direction. This also holds for line items in the budget article. The amendments are required to be seconded and require a majority to be carried. Only one amendment will be considered at a time, and in the interest of clarity, voters are encouraged to submit amendments in writing. Assistance in framing amendments may be secured before the meeting from the Moderator or the Selectmen; if the issue is of importance, the meeting may be recessed briefly for this purpose.

## **Postponement**

There are various means of interrupting or deferring consideration of an article. Motions "to table" or to "limit debate" require a two-thirds plurality. A motion "to postpone indefinitely" requires a majority and is best used not as a means of keeping the meeting from voting on an article but where it is evident that the article has not addressed itself to the complexities of the issue and should be rewritten for presentation at another town meeting.



### **Points of Order**

If a voter wishes to question the legality or propriety of the proceedings, he may rise, interrupt the speaker and declare that he is rising to a point of order. He must then declare what his point is. If a voter questions the declaration of the Moderator's ruling on a vote taken, he may rise and so state and if six additional citizens also rise, the vote will be repeated.

### **Process of Voting**

The process of voting, whether by voice, by raised hand, by rising, or by written ballot, is determined by the Moderator. But if a fair number of citizens indicate a desire for a written ballot, there is little doubt that the Moderator will so rule even though they are fewer than a majority.

### **Reconsideration**

An article once voted upon does not become the final decision of the meeting until the meeting is dissolved. This means that there may be a motion to reconsider the article at a later period in the meeting, and such reconsideration requires a majority vote. A move to reconsider may not be made simply to have another chance at winning one's point, and therefore can only be made by one who has voted on the winning side of a motion but who later as a result of additional information or further consideration believes that the meeting may change its decision. In meetings which take more than one meeting, an announcement must be made before the meeting is adjourned to another night that a motion to reconsider one or another article will be made. In unusual circumstances when new and substantive information is brought to the attention of the Moderator between meetings, he may make an exception to this rule.

# EXPENDITURES - FY 2006; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2007; BUDGET PROPOSALS - FY 2008

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
		\$	\$	\$	\$
	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
	<b>MODERATOR</b>				
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00
114-5700	Expenses	0.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
	Total Moderator	370.00	490.00	490.00	490.00
	<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>				
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 2 @ \$5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
122-5700	Expenses	713.30	1,100.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	10,713.30	16,100.00	12,200.00	12,200.00
	<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY</b>				
123-5120	Personal Services	62,328.52	68,952.24	75,059.04	75,059.04
	Total Executive Secretary	62,328.52	68,952.24	75,059.04	75,059.04

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 2006</b>	<b>Appropriations FY 2007</b>	<b>Requested Appropriations FY 2008</b>	<b>Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008</b>
	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>				
131-5120	Personal Services	2,192.73	2,400.00	2,141.52	2,141.52
131-5700	Expenses	228.40	590.00	1,590.00	1,590.00
	Total Finance Committee	2,421.13	2,990.00	3,731.52	3,731.52
	<b>RESERVE FUND</b>				
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)		46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund		46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00
	<b>ANNUAL AUDIT (Separate Article in FY2007)</b>				
132-5700	Expenses		11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	Total Annual Audit		46,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>				
135-5120	Personal Services	50,614.08	55,216.28	60,096.96	60,096.96
135-5700	Expenses	1,891.52	1,840.00	1,845.00	1,845.00
	Total Town Accountant	52,505.60	57,056.28	61,941.96	61,941.96
	<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>				
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000.00	2,947.50	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	108,341.39	114,955.90	124,060.58	124,060.58

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 2006</b>	<b>Appropriations FY 2007</b>	<b>Requested Appropriations FY 2008</b>	<b>Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008</b>
141-5305	Legal Services		30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	17,897.96	15,465.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
	Total Board of Assessors	129,186.85	163,420.90	174,060.58	174,060.58
	<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>				
145-5110	Elected Official, Salary	49,785.75	54,298.44	59,121.72	59,121.72
145-5700	Expenses	2,958.23	3,440.00	3,090.00	3,090.00
	Total Town Treasurer	52,743.98	57,738.44	62,211.72	62,211.72
	<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
146-5110	Elected Official, Salary	53,079.55	55,149.55	58,108.25	58,108.25
146-5700	Expenses	15,160.14	18,560.00	16,385.00	16,385.00
	Total Tax Collector	68,239.69	73,709.55	74,493.25	74,493.25
	<b>LEGAL SERVICES</b>				
151-5305	Expenses	44,960.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
	Total Legal Services	44,960.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
	<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>				
152-5120	Personal Services	1,106.78	5,529.72	6,016.67	6,016.67
152-5700	Expenses	391.00	1,235.00	1,325.00	1,325.00
	Total Personnel Board	1,497.78	6,764.72	7,341.67	7,341.67

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
	<b>DATA PROCESSING</b>				
155-5700	Expenses	31,833.04	40,100.00	46,340.00	46,340.00
155-5800	Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Data Processing	31,833.04	40,100.00	46,340.00	46,340.00
	<b>TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE</b>				
158-5305	Legal Services		12,950.00	12,950.00	12,950.00
158-5700	Expenses	4,946.54	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	4,946.54	13,100.00	13,100.00	13,100.00
	<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	41,159.70	43,192.50	44,787.34	44,787.34
161-5120	Personal Services	1,349.70	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
161-5700	Expenses	681.23	900.00	1,025.00	1,025.00
	Total Town Clerk	43,190.63	46,092.50	48,312.34	48,312.34
	<b>ELECTIONS</b>				
162-5120	Personal Services	1,312.00	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
162-5700	Expenses	1,604.45	4,350.00	4,550.00	4,550.00
	Total Elections	2,916.45	6,650.00	6,850.00	6,850.00

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 2006</b>	<b>Appropriations FY 2007</b>	<b>Requested Appropriations FY 2008</b>	<b>Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008</b>
	<b>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</b>				
163-5120	Personal Services	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
163-5700	Expenses	220.00	650.00	600.00	600.00
	Total Board of Registrars	470.00	900.00	850.00	850.00
	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>				
171-5120	Personal Services	26,150.25	29,369.73	31,988.13	31,988.13
171-5700	Expenses	7,579.72	3,385.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
	Total Conservation Commission	33,729.97	32,754.73	35,388.13	35,388.13
	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	38,446.69	43,036.56	44,586.90	44,586.90
175-5700	Expenses	4,523.85	4,830.00	4,830.00	4,830.00
	Total Planning Board	47,970.54	52,866.56	54,416.90	54,416.90
	<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>				
176-5120	Personal Services	44,964.51	47,073.96	48,796.56	48,796.56
176-5305	Legal Services		8,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	2,907.86	4,325.00	3,915.00	3,915.00
	Total Board of Appeals	47,872.37	59,398.96	56,711.56	56,711.56

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 2006</b>	<b>Appropriations FY 2007</b>	<b>Requested Appropriations FY 2008</b>	<b>Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008</b>
	<b>THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION</b>				
177-5600	Intergovernmental	111,086.00	105,812.00	108,389.00	108,389.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	111,086.00	105,812.00	108,389.00	108,389.00
	<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE</b>				
180-5120	Personal Services	3,086.06	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
180-5305	Legal Services			1,000.00	1,000.00
180-5700	Expenses	2,000.00	1,500.00	200.00	200.00
	Total Affordable Housing Comm.	5,086.06	4,500.00	4,700.00	4,700.00
	<b>PUBLIC RESTROOMS</b>				
185-5700	Expenses	1,472.80	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Total Public Restrooms	1,472.80	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	<b>TOWN HALL</b>				
192-5120	Personal Services	359.10	50.00	0.00	0.00
192-5700	Expenses	57,936.19	52,480.00	117,600.00	117,600.00
	Total Town Hall	58,295.29	52,530.00	117,600.00	117,600.00
	<b>TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE</b>				
193-5700	Expenses	49,247.00	60,500.00	52,000.00	52,000.00
	Total Property Insurance	49,247.00	60,500.00	52,000.00	52,000.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
<b>TOWN REPORTS</b>					
195-5700	Expenses	3,000.00	7,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
	Total Town Reports	3,000.00	7,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>					
196-5120	Personal Services	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
		<b>866,083.54</b>	<b>1,022,176.88</b>	<b>1,124,537.67</b>	<b>1,124,537.67</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
210-5120	Personal Services	583,583.51	729,838.88	743,455.07	743,455.07
210-5700	Expenses	65,925.14	91,750.00	105,500.00	105,500.00
210-5800	Capital Outlay	2,175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Police Department	651,683.65	821,588.88	848,955.07	848,955.07
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
220-5120	Personal Services	68,150.00	92,200.00	95,200.00	95,200.00
220-5700	Expenses	119,132.16	127,915.00	131,500.00	131,500.00
220-5800	Capital Outlay	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Fire Department	196,282.16	220,115.00	226,700.00	226,700.00



<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Expenditures FY 2006</b>	<b>Appropriations FY 2007</b>	<b>Requested Appropriations FY 2008</b>	<b>Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008</b>
	<b>TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE</b>				
231-5600	Intergovernmental	92,698.34	109,343.54	124,861.99	124,861.99
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	92,698.34	109,343.54	124,861.99	124,861.99
	<b>INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS</b>				
241-5120	Personal Services	76,750.23	86,826.46	90,866.24	90,866.24
241-5700	Expenses	5,272.63	4,000.00	3,950.00	3,950.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	82,022.86	90,826.46	94,816.24	94,816.24
	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>				
291-5120	Personal Services	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
291-5700	Expenses	369.68	665.00	915.00	915.00
	Total Emergency Management	6,369.68	6,665.00	6,915.00	6,915.00
	<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>				
292-5120	Personal Services	38,469.91	45,687.50	47,411.59	47,411.59
292-5700	Expenses	6,523.76	7,350.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	44,993.67	53,037.50	54,611.59	54,611.59

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
	<b>TREE WARDEN</b>				
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	307.50	307.50	1,250.00	1,250.00
294-5120	Personal Services	512.00	592.00	640.00	640.00
294-5700	Expenses	6,500.00	6,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Tree Warden	7,319.50	7,399.50	6,890.00	6,890.00
	<b>DUTCH ELM DISEASE</b>				
296-5700	Expenses	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Total Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
	<b>INSECT PEST CONTROL</b>				
297-5700	Expenses	300.00	300.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Total Insect Pest Control	300.00	300.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
	<b>SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT</b>				
298-5120	Personal Services	2,850.00	3,850.00	3,850.00	3,850.00
298-5700	Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	925.00	925.00
	Total Shellfish Department	2,850.00	4,850.00	4,775.00	4,775.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP</b>					
299-5700	Expenses	25,000.00	27,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	25,000.00	27,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		<b>1,111,269.86</b>	<b>1,342,875.88</b>	<b>1,406,774.89</b>	<b>1,406,774.89</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<b>UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	4,676,757.48	5,094,645.61	5,513,822.68	5,249,280.43
	Total Up-Island Reg. School Dist.	4,676,757.48	5,094,645.61	5,513,822.68	5,249,280.43
<b>MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL</b>					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	2,418,718.47	2,257,844.00	2,205,459.00	2,205,459.00
	Total M.V. Regional High School	2,418,718.47	2,257,844.00	2,205,459.00	2,205,459.00
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>7,095,475.95</b>	<b>7,352,489.61</b>	<b>7,719,281.68</b>	<b>7,454,739.43</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>					
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS</b>					
421-5120	Personal Services	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00	5,125.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
	<b>GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND</b>				
422-5120	Personal Services	30,705.60	36,345.12	48,470.58	48,470.58
422-5700	Expenses	55,387.95	55,400.00	56,400.00	56,400.00
	Total General Highway Fund	86,093.55	91,745.12	104,870.58	104,870.58
	<b>SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL</b>				
423-5700	Expenses	26,604.87	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	26,604.87	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<b>STREET LIGHTS</b>				
424-5700	Expenses	5,760.00	8,372.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Total Street Lights	5,760.00	8,372.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	123,583.42	135,242.12	146,995.58	146,995.58
	<b>SANITATION</b>				
	<b>TOWN LANDFILL</b>				
433-5120	Personal Services	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	16,962.19	54,634.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
433-5700	Expenses	4,135.16	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
	Total Town Landfill	21,097.35	57,884.00	48,250.00	48,250.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
	<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)</b>				
439-5600	Intergovernmental	124,059.99	119,380.16	113,947.25	113,947.25
	Total MVRDRRD	124,059.99	119,380.16	113,947.25	113,947.25
<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>		<b>145,157.34</b>	<b>177,264.16</b>	<b>162,197.25</b>	<b>162,197.25</b>
	<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
	<b>CEMETERIES</b>				
491-5120	Personal Services	2,111.20	3,600.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
491-5700	Expenses	6,428.42	6,850.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
	Total Cemeteries	8,539.62	10,450.00	11,600.00	11,600.00
	<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	72,325.61	77,101.85	81,272.46	81,272.46
510-5700	Expenses	8,535.00	8,625.00	8,690.00	8,690.00
	Total Board of Health	83,860.61	88,726.85	92,962.46	92,962.46

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
	<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
522-5700	Expenses	12,627.50	18,180.00	20,780.00	20,780.00
	Total Health Services	12,627.50	18,180.00	20,780.00	20,780.00
	<b>ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING, INC.</b>				
540-5700	Expenses	17,389.35	18,683.76	21,824.94	21,490.06
	Total ICOA, Inc.	17,389.35	18,683.76	21,824.94	21,490.06
	<b>UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING</b>				
542-5120	Personal Services	148,843.64	157,745.76	164,628.13	164,628.13
542-5700	Expenses	10,220.24	11,320.00	11,715.00	11,715.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	159,063.88	169,065.76	176,343.13	176,343.13
	<b>VETERANS' BENEFITS</b>				
543-5700	Expenses	3,836.50	6,342.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	3,836.50	6,342.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	<b>TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES</b>	285,317.46	311,448.37	334,510.53	334,175.65

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>					
610-5120	Personal Services	196,925.75	186,635.05	193,503.34	193,503.34
610-5700	Expenses	106,813.54	104,633.76	125,375.84	125,375.84
	Total Public Library	303,739.29	291,268.81	318,879.18	318,879.18
<b>PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$166.00	830.00	830.00	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	9,091.56	10,416.53	11,338.99	11,338.99
620-5700	Expenses	643.29	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	10,564.85	12,496.53	13,418.99	13,418.99
<b>TENNIS COURTS</b>					
630-5120	Personal Services	2,878.93	3,856.32	4,199.04	4,199.04
630-5700	Expenses	116.40	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Total Tennis Courts	2,995.33	4,056.32	4,399.04	4,399.04

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
	<b>LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND</b>				
634-5120	Personal Services	47,750.10	54,600.06	57,982.45	57,982.45
634-5700	Expenses	7,149.90	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	54,900.00	62,600.06	65,982.45	65,982.45
	<b>SWIMMING INSTRUCTION</b>				
635-5120	Personal Services	1,029.60	2,700.00	2,910.33	2,910.33
635-5700	Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Total Swimming Instruction	1,179.60	2,850.00	3,060.33	3,060.33
	<b>WINTER RECREATION</b>				
640-5120	Personal Services	2,238.18	3,105.90	3,355.30	3,355.30
640-5700	Expenses	4,520.53	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Total Winter Recreation	6,758.71	10,105.90	10,355.30	10,355.30
	<b>TOWN GROUNDS</b>				
650-5700	Expenses	3,906.22	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
	Total Town Grounds	3,906.22	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
	<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>				
690-5700	Expenses	670.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	670.00	500.00	500.00	500.00



Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2006	Appropriations FY 2007	Requested Appropriations FY 2008	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2008
<b>LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>					
691-5700	Expenses	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
		384,714.00	389,627.62	422,345.29	422,345.29
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt			620,286.50	620,286.50
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	526,881.50	606,401.50		
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	248,966.25	233,795.00	199,407.63	199,407.63
		85,744.95	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>					
		861,592.70	842,696.50	824,694.13	824,694.13
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
911-5170	County Retirement	197,946.00	200,963.00	219,370.00	219,370.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	4,000.00	6,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
913-5170	Massachusetts Unemployment	6,604.90	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	304,553.28	371,000.00	371,000.00	371,000.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	1,844.59	2,035.00	2,350.00	2,350.00
916-5170	Medicare	22,007.38	24,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	4,300.00	5,500.00	6,050.00	6,050.00
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
		541,256.15	615,498.00	636,770.00	636,770.00
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>					
		11,414,450.42	12,200,319.14	12,778,107.02	12,513,229.89

**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 Elementary School**, Old County Road, in said Town on **Tuesday the Tenth day of April, two thousand and seven**, at **seven o'clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

And to meet again in the West Tisbury Public Safety Building (North Tisbury Fire Station) in said West Tisbury on **Thursday, the Twelfth Day of April, at Twelve O'Clock Noon** 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 Twelve O'Clock Noon** and shall be closed **at Eight O'Clock in the Evening**.

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

- One Moderator for One Year
- One Member of the Board of Selectmen for Three Years
- One Member of the Board of Health for Three Years
- One Member of the Board of Assessors for Three Years
- One Treasurer for One Year
- One Tax Collector for One Year
- One Town Clerk for One Year
- One Tree Warden for One Year
- Two Members of the Finance Committee for Three Years
- Two Library Trustees for Three Years
- One Member of the Planning Board for Four Years
- One Member of the Planning Board for Two Years
- One Member of Parks and Recreation for Three Years

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

**(NO ACTION)**

**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 2008.

**(RECOMMENDED WITH EXCEPTIONS)**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) for the purpose of spraying town trees to protect against moth damage.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to Authorize the Treasurer and or Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements during Fiscal Year 2008 as permitted by General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) as the third and final payment of the Town's share of the cost for the Massachusetts Estuaries Project in the Tisbury Great Pond.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 7:** 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 a valuation update of real and personal property to meet triennial certification of values as required by Massachusetts State Law for Fiscal Year 2011.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Seven cents (\$1,626.67) for the purpose of funding its one-third share of the cost of a new copy machine for the Tri-Town Ambulance.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will authorize the Town Selectmen to appoint three (3) representatives to an island-wide advisory group, with representation from Town Boards, to draft a nomination with proposed guidelines and regulations for an Island-wide Energy DCPC.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw (Section 26-3 & 26-4) Salary plan, to reflect a salary adjustment of 3.8% effective July 1, 2007

**(NOT RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$31,346) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the administrative expenses of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority in Fiscal Year 2008, provided however, that the other five towns on Martha's Vineyard vote in the affirmative to raise and appropriate their respective sums.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request, from the State of Massachusetts, local control of the herring runs in the Town of West Tisbury. (MGL Ch. 130, §94)

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IX in the *Up-Island Regional School Agreement* by:

*Deleting the second paragraph of sub-section A. in its entirety and replacing it with the words:*

“The town that owns the facility in question shall pay a total of 80% of the capital costs regardless of its enrollment in that facility. The remaining 20% of the capital costs shall be paid by the two other towns in the regional district, by dividing the balance of 20% between them, based upon each of the other two towns' share of their combined enrollment. The school census of October 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the assessment is being determined shall be used to ascertain percentages. In any case, the total contribution of all members combined shall equal 100% of the capital costs.”

*Capital costs shall be apportioned to each member based upon the percentage of it student population in the school facility for which the assessment is being determined. The school census as of October 1st of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the assessment is being determined will be used to ascertain percentages. The minimum contribution from any member toward any years' capital costs shall be 10%. The total contribution of all members combined shall not exceed 100%. In the event there is no enrollment in a school facility on such a preceding October 1st but enrollment is anticipated, capital costs for that member town shall be apportioned based on projected enrollment as determined by the Up-Island Regional School Committee (original paragraph).*

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court to enact the following:

An ACT relative to group insurance for municipal employees in the Town of West Tisbury

Section One. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of West Tisbury is deemed to have accepted the provisions of G. L. c. 32B, § 10, authorizing the Town to provide a plan of group health and other insurance to persons in service of the Town as of May 21, 1974, the date it first appropriated funds to provide § 32B benefits to said persons.

Section Two. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Town Bylaw “Competitive Bidding” voted at the Annual Town Meeting May 16, 1978, amended ATM May 19, 1981, further amended ATM May 15, 1990. This bylaw was passed prior to the State enacting the Procurement Act, which regulates purchasing.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Town Bylaw “Motor Vehicle” voted at the Annual Town Meeting February 11, 1924. This bylaw requires all vehicles to travel to the right of all white lines painted on the town roads.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$7,440) to be used by the Board of Assessors for a valuation update of business personal property accounts to meet triennial certification of values as required by Massachusetts State Law for Fiscal Year 2008

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.4-3B of the Zoning Bylaw as follows (new language in **bold** print):

**4.4-3B. Multi-Family Housing by Special Permit**

At the sole discretion of the Planning Board as Special Permit granting authority, upon a finding that the proposed dwelling units are consistent with the Town of West Tisbury Master Plan and provide needed housing for Town residents, a Special Permit may be granted allowing any combination of residences or apartments where the density exceeds the standards in Subsection 4.4-1(A), provided that **the following criteria are met: if two dwelling units are proposed, both shall be restricted as affordable housing as defined in this bylaw; if three dwelling units are proposed, at least two shall be restricted as affordable housing; if four or more dwelling units are proposed, then at least 75% of the units shall be restricted as affordable housing;** and that the total number of dwelling units in any single building may not exceed four.

**(NO ACTION)**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 14.2 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the following new definition:

“Art Gallery: Art gallery shall mean premises for the preparation, sale, display or barter of paintings, sculpture, glass, pottery, ceramics, jewelry, fibers arts; or original or limited edition graphic arts and photographs created by individual artists on a single piece basis. Art reproductions, books, and other related goods may also be sold.”

**(NO ACTION)**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Up-Island Regional School District.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 21:** 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, FY2008 revenues, in the following amounts to the following reserves:

- a. Open Space reserve \$57,000 (10% of FY2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$57,000 (10% of FY2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$57,000 (10% of FY2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Administrative reserve \$28,500 (5% of FY2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- e. Undesignated reserve \$370,500 (65% of FY2008 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve the sum of \$5,700.00 to conduct a survey and planning assessment of West Tisbury’s existing historic inventory.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$29,500.00 to fund predevelopment costs associated with the addition of new units of affordable rental housing at the Sepiessa Point Apartments.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$18,000.00 to provide rental subsidies for West Tisbury applicants currently on the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Conversion Program waitlist.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$80,000.00 towards future construction of a path along Old County Road starting at the northern bike path entrance (Hopps Farm Road) and continuing along the East side of Old County Road to the intersection of Old County Road and State Road.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$18,875.17), surplus dog license fees, received from the county per M.G.L. Chapter 140 Section 172, for the support of the West Tisbury Public Library under the direction of the Library Trustees.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,966.47 to Expenses (line 610-5700) be expended by the West Tisbury Free Public Library under the direction of the Library Trustees.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 to authorize a revolving fund for purposes of receiving from the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District the fees collected at the West Tisbury local drop-off site and to pay the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the expenses related to the operation of the West Tisbury local drop-off, without further appropriation, said funds to be expended in an amount not to exceed Ninety Nine Thousand Dollars (\$99,000) during the fiscal year, as approved by the West Tisbury Board of Health.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$33,500) for the purchase of one (1) new 4WD Police Cruiser.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to enable the police department to participate in joint training with police departments and other emergency responders from other communities and the State Police on the Island and to provide related emergency response equipment, aimed at

improving our ability to respond in case of emergencies to situations exceeding the capabilities of a single municipality.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200) to replace the West Tisbury Police Department's (6 year old computer) server.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for our town's contribution to the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force program for the purposes of training, education and surveillance. This amount is our share of a matching funds program.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Fire Department's Personal Service (Line 220-5120) and Eight Thousand Eight Hundred (\$8,800) from the money appropriated for the Jaws of Life (Article 25, ATM 4/11/06) to Expenses (line 220-5700) for the purpose of painting two fire stations.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to establish under Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, a new Stabilization Fund, the SCAB Air Pack Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of providing for the future acquisition of a SCAB Air Packs for West Tisbury Fire Department.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 35:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the SCAB Air Pack Stabilization Fund.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) to be added to the Ambulance Replacement Stabilization Fund.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$2,834) to fund the position of Highway Laborer for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2007.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the Town will vote to form a Building Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and to Raise and Appropriate the sum



of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for architectural, engineering and other planning related fees in order to develop plans for a Town Hall Building to the level of construction drawings and bid documents.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 39:** To see if the Town will vote to redirect the unspent funds appropriated for the purpose of upgrading the permitting software on April 13, 2004 Article 12 the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$5,125.52) for upgrading the Microsoft Office related licensing on the Town Hall computers.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 40:** To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Reserve Fund (Line 132-5700).

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 41:** To see if the Town will authorize the Highway Superintendent, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for a Small Town Road Assistance Program grant, in the amount of \$343,860.00, for the purpose of drainage and paving work on North Road.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to designate West Tisbury Assessor's map 10, lots 92, 93, 94, 104, 105, 106, 236, 238, 240 as parcels available to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee to be considered for the development of affordable housing.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 43:** To see if the Town will Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to reduce the tax levy.

**(RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purposes of funding West Tisbury's share of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council's annual budget.

**(BY PETITION, RECOMMENDED)**

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law:

No person shall, after April 11, 2007, hold membership on more than one of the following municipal boards and committees at the same time: Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Finance Committee and Up-Island Regional School District Committee. If, after November 2, 2010 a person holding membership on one

of the aforementioned boards or committees, is appointed and sworn into office, or elected and sworn into office, to a town board or committee listed above, all other offices set forth above to which such person was formally appointed or elected shall thereupon become vacant and a qualified person shall be appointed or elected in the manner prescribed for the filling of vacancies on said committee or board. Nothing in this bylaw shall prohibit a person from becoming a candidate for election, or an applicant for appointment, or participating in town meeting.

This bylaw shall become effective upon approval by the Attorney General.  
**(BY PETITION, NO ACTION)**

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen days at least before the holding of such meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 14TH Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Seven.

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John G. Early, Chairman

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Glenn Hearn

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Jeffrey S. Manter

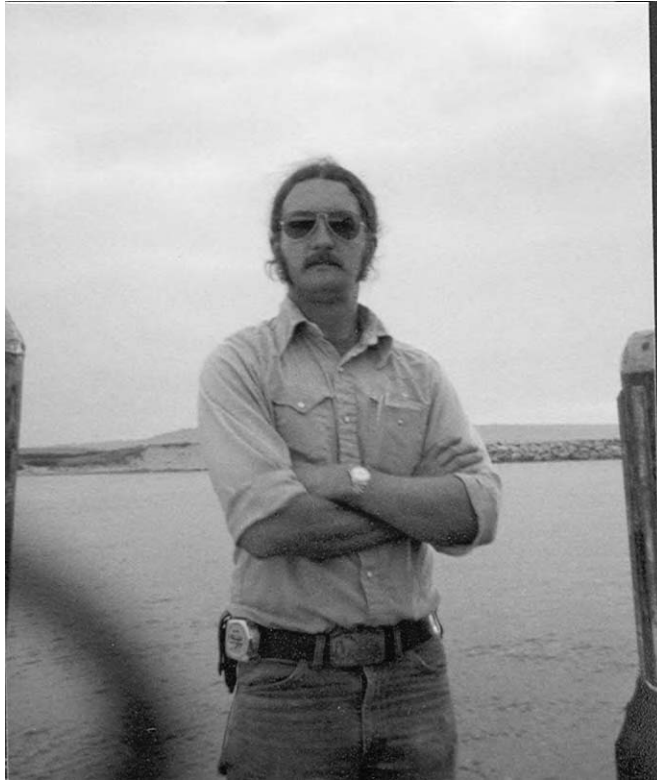
WEST TISBURY SELECTMEN

DATE:

I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen (14) days before such meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy A. Barnett  
Constable

A true copy, attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prudence M. Whiting  
Town Clerk



John Early 30 years ago.