

STANTON C. RICHARDS



Stan has served the Town of West Tisbury with distinction. He held many volunteer and elected positions during his tenure with the town from 1974 to 2007, including being a member of the Board of Assessors.

When Stan first came to West Tisbury in 1973 (his family was from Chilmark and he lived for many years in Tisbury) the value of the town was \$6,112,423 and the budget was \$552,071.01. When he retired on June 21, the value of the town had grown to \$2,871,391,100 and the budget was \$12,200,319.14. He served the town during the period of its greatest growth and change.

To know Stan is to know a special citizen, a special man. To describe Stan to someone who never met him, one would say: he is a gentle, educated, honest, straightforward family man of impeccable integrity and strength. With the wisdom of his years as a businessman and pilot, and with the support of his wife Nancy, he brought all of this and more to the Assessors' Department at the time of the towns' greatest need.

Stan, for the time you gave, and for giving "extra" when it was needed, you have set a goal for all public servants. In the words of Gen. George S. Patton, "If a man does his best, what else is there?" You have done your best and more for the Town of West Tisbury and the Town thanks for you for a job well done.

Written by Michael Colaneri – Chairman, Board of Assessors.

MY TOWN

I live in a town
Where the lawyers may frown
But the roosters are hard to befuddle,
And the thunderstorms fight
Over who gets the right
To become a West Tisbury puddle.

I live in a place
Where we try to embrace
Co-existing with Nature, in peace;
Where the swans in the pond
Share a neighborly bond
With West Tisbury's lucky police.

The West Tisbury news
Spreads by rumors and clues
And a Broadside that's ever-alert;
And the story you share
As you dine in your chair
Will be all over town by dessert.

Constellations that rise
In West Tisbury skies
Are far brighter than those in the city,
Though our sunsets just might
Become plain black-and-white,
Were it up to the Finance Committee.

Here we gather each spring
Like the peepers who sing
As the frost on the skunk-cabbage melts;
And we air our complaints
Till the Fat Lady faints,
But we'd never live anywhere else.

No, we'd cast all our votes
For the town with the goats
And the haystacks no barber could comb;
Where if roosters are loud,
It's because they're just proud
To consider West Tisbury home.

Daniel Waters
Town Poet Laureate

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**TOWN OFFICERS
2007
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

MODERATOR

F. Patrick Gregory	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Glenn R. Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Dianne E. Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

Erik Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
David Merry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Stanton Richards*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Michael Colaneri	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Cynthia Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Robert Mone	Term 1 Years, Expires 2008

TREASURER

Katherine Logue	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
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TAX COLLECTOR

Brent B. Taylor	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
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TOWN CLERK

Prudence M. Whiting	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
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TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
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CONSTABLES

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alexander R. DeVito	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Brian Athearn	Term 2 Years, Expires 2008
Richard Knabel	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Sharon Estrella	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Ann K. Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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
Virginia Jones	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Dan Waters	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

PLANNING BOARD

David O. Douglas	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
Susan Silva	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Mark Yale	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Leah Smith	Term 4 Years, Expires 2011
Virginia Jones	Term 2 Years, Expires 2009

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cheryl Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
D. Bruce Keep	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Richard S. Reinhardsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Doug Bardwell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Robert W. Holt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

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

TOWN OFFICERS
2007
(Appointed by Selectmen)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

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
Toni Cohen	Term 5 Years, Expires 2012

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

Glenn R. Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Dianne E. Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2007

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Judith Crawford	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Tara Whiting	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Dan Pace	Term 1 Years, Expires 2008
Prudence Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Hadden Blair (Associate)	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
Binnie Ravitz (Associate)	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008

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

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

DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

J. Skipper Manter	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

FENCE VIEWERS

James Powell Term 1 Year
Dan Prowten Term 1 Year
Joan Ames Term 1 Year

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN

Manual Estrella III Term 1 Year

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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
Anne Fischer Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Allan McDowell Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

INSECT CONTROL WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown Term 1 Year

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

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

PATHS BESIDE THE ROADS COMMITTEE

William Haynes	Ruth Kirchmeier
Hermine Hull	Diana Manter
Rez Williams	Richard T. Olsen

PERSONNEL BOARD

Norman Perry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Maeve Sheehan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Ernie Mendenhall (Employees Rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Nancy-Alyce Abbott	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
John Durfee	Term 1 Years, Expires 2010

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Leah Smith	Term 5 Years, Expires 2008
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POET LAUREATE

Dan Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2008
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

J. Skipper Manter, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Daniel Goldrup, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Matthew Mincone, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Daniel Rossi, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
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*
Beth Toomey, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Garrison Viera, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Brian Cioffi	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
Christopher Atchue	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

POLICE CHAPLAIN

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

John Alley

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Rufus Peebles	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Tom Osmer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
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DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Ray Gale	Term 3 Years, Expires 2008
Kenneth M. Jones	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kenneth Francis	John W. Mayhew*
Richard C. Karney	Peter Vann
Will Whiting	Jason Gale
John G. Early, Ex Oficio	

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Bruce Stone	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
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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	

*resigned

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the voters and taxpayers:

The Board of Selectmen welcomed Dianne Powers to the Board after John Early stepped down from 30 years serving as a Selectman. She had big shoes to fill and has done a wonderful job stepping up to the task.

The Board continued to work with the other Up-Island towns investigating the possibility of installing a Distributed Antenna System in town to provide great cell phone coverage.

After a vote at Town meeting the Board appointed a Town Hall Renovation Committee, whose charge is to work with an architect and develop plans for a renovation of Town Hall that can be put out to bid. The Board also voted to approve Designer Selection Criteria for the town to use when selecting designers for any project they undertake.

The school budget formula changes required a special town meeting to vote on the recertified budget. The Board met with the finance committee and the school committee to discuss budget strategies for the schools.

The Board authorized Counsel to defend the public's right to traverse Rogers Path. The case has not yet been decided.

The issue of weeds in the Mill Pond continues to be studied by the Board. A proposal to seek CPA funds at a Special Town Meeting was denied by the CPA Committee as they did not want to grant money out of the normal funding cycle. The Board submitted an application for permitting fees to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting.

As a separate project, Kent Healy inspected the Mill Pond dam and issued a report to the State as required by law. Kent has willingly and often offered his services to the town for a nominal fee and the Board would like to thank him for that.

Sightseeing busses on Music Street became an issue this year. The tour bus company changed their route, the number of busses on our small local street increased dramatically. The Board continues to try and come to an equitable solution.

At the Annual Town Meeting nine parcels were released to the Affordable Housing Committee to be considered for the development of affordable housing.

The Board, as in years past, thanks all the volunteers who serve on boards and committees as well as those who contribute their thoughts ideas and comments in the interest of making West Tisbury a great place to live.

Respectfully Submitted:

Glenn R. Hearn, Chair
J. Skipper Manter
Dianne E. Powers.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
January		
10	Hayden Emmett Higgins	Adrian Reybold Higgins Megan M. Higgins/Macdonald
17	Victoria Rodrigues DeSouza	Clayton Julio Desouza Eliana Souza/DeFreitas
February		
14	Stacey Celestrini	Luciano Celestrini Andressa Celestrini/Moura
22	Ellie Hope Pennington	Claude Mitchell Pennington III Holly M. Pennington/Mathias
March		
14	Broden Gray Vincent	Kenneth Laurence Vincent Cathleen P. Vincent/Jasper
April		
21	Lily Marion Haynes	Bruce Caldwell Haynes Jennifer Lyn Haynes/Burke
May		
5	Elizabeth Harper Hoff	John Francis Hoff Heather J. Hoff/Johnston
June		
24	Sol Thomas Donnelly	Brian Thomas Donnelly Beth M. MacDonald/MacDonald
26	Max Adrian Marcus	Michael Laurence Marcus Jennifer W. Marcus/Wallace
July		
8	Aizack Noronha DaSilva	Edson Nunes DaSilva Patricia N. DaSilva/Noronha

August

15 Tasman K. Look Strom Kristian Sexton Strom
Samantha M. Look/Look

23 Leigha D'Antonio Milo Anthony D'Antonio
Althea L. D'Antonio/Lowell

September

6 Finella Hackett Smilie David Anthony Smilie
Shelagh Smilie/Hackett

8 Nicola Josephine Capece Joseph Anthony Capece
Heather A. Capece/Robbins

27 Adam Joseph Mendez Jody Francis Mendez
Sarah Beth Rubick

November

10 Ethan Ryder DiBiaso Scott Adam DiBiaso
Lila J. DiBiaso/ Stine

15 Azor Forrest Hartenstine Russell V. Hartenstine
Jessica R. F. Hartenstine/Farkas

December

22 Eli Copper Bryant Justine Taylor Bryant
Emma J. Kiley/O'Connell-Kiley

23 Ethan Riley Hartmann Alan Hartmann
Barbara E. Hartmann/Hartmann

29 Boden Mahaffey Rouse Jackson M. Rouse
Jennifer F. Rouse/LeRoy

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname after Marriage</u>	<u>Residence</u>
January			
11	James Airasian Patricia C. McCarthy	Airasian McCarthy	West Tisbury West Tisbury
March			
10	David Alan Medeiros Tracy Anjanette Burton	Medeiros Medeiros	West Tisbury West Tisbury
May			
5	Brock Webster Callen Jr Sheyla Adair Jordan	Callen Callen	Chilmark Chilmark
11	Boaz Kirschenbaum Sakiko Isomichi	Kirschenbaum Isomichi	West Tisbury West Tisbury
June			
2	Franklin P. Flanders Caroline Read Locke	Flanders Flanders	West Tisbury West Tisbury
9	William C. Healy Julianna Donovan	Healy Healy	Chilmark Chilmark
23	Ryan Jeremy Wener Coleen K. Byrne	Wener Byrne	Venice, CA Venice, CA
23	Nicholas Stern Coslov Nicole Celeste Kelley	Coslov Coslov	New York, NY New York, NY
July			
21	Sigmund Van Raan Susan Dickler	Van Raan Dickler	West Tisbury Cambridge, MA
29	Todd Francis Powers Jennifer Raini Maxner	Powers Powers	West Tisbury West Tisbury
31	Robert Clifford Berkley Debra Lynn Phillips	Berkley Phillips	West Tisbury West Tisbury
August			
4	Noel Jonathan Saltzman Colleen E. Kavanagh	Saltzman Kavanagh	New York, NY New York, NY

25	Christen Bradley Cutler Susan Maureen Florczak	Florczak Cutler Forczak Cutler	West Tisbury West Tisbury
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September

2	Steven Lamont Pinckney Monique Gillespie Adams	Pinckney Pinckney	Salt Lake City, UT Salt Lake City, UT
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8	Aaron S. Cabral Jacobs Katharine Taylor Shreve	Jacobs Shreve	Washington, DC Washington, DC
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8	Todd Robert Gill Dana M. Hollinshead	Gill Hollinshead	Medford, MA Medford, MA
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22	Douglas Deming Brush Emily Fern Fischer	Brush Fischer	West Tisbury West Tisbury
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22	Michael Dennis Ross Kristen Anne Pelio	Ross Ross	Charlestown, MA Charlestown, MA
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27	Michael I DeLuca Regina Shifrin-Gross	DeLuca Shifrin-Gross	Lakefield, ONT Lakefield, ONT
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October

6	William Patrick Dyer Katherine R. Mitchell	Dyer Dyer	Washington, DC Washington, DC
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13	William Davis Solon Gina Leonardi	Solon Solon	West Tisbury West Tisbury
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November

11	Eric Joseph Spain Michelle Francis Gulino	Spain Spain	New York West Tisbury
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December

15	Mark Rand Weiner Michika Maekawa	Weiner Weiner	West Tisbury West Tisbury
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DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
January			
7	Milton Mazer	95	Cremated
February			
16	William Patrick Phear	66	Cremated
21	Robert W. Hanson	88	Riverhead, NY
25	Theodore Scott Stafford	22	West Tisbury
June			
2	Louise Athearn Kernick	86	West Tisbury
July			
14	Elizabeth F. Keniston	82	Lamberts Cove
August			
3	Carolyn Waring Verbeck	86	West Tisbury
17	Daniel Learned	75	West Tisbury
September			
2	Suzanne H. Holman	73	Cremated
8	Nina Schneider	94	Cremated
October			
12	Emily N. Maguson	90	West Tisbury
21	Catherine F. Mathieson	83	Cremated
November			
16	Nancy Wedcock Whiting	82	West Tisbury
December			
26	Gertrude H.C. Scott	79	Cremated

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

12 APRIL 2006 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Attended by 315 qualified voters.

Passed:

Article 1. To elect Officers on the Official Ballot.

Article 2. Reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. Vote to raise and appropriate sums of money to defray Town Charges and Expenses for FY08.

Article 4. Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$6,500.00 to spray town trees to protect against moth damage.

Article 5. Vote to Authorize the Treasurer and Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements FY08.

Article 6. Vote to Appropriate \$12,000 as the third and final payment of the Town's share of cost for Estuaries Project on Tisbury Great Pond.

Article 7. Vote to Appropriate \$24,000.00 to be used by the Board of Assessors for a valuation update of real and personal property for FY2011.

Article 8. To Appropriate \$1,626.67 for one-third share cost of a new copy machine for Tri-Town Ambulance.

Article 9. To authorize the Town Selectmen to appoint 3 reps. to an island-wide advisory group for an Island-wide Energy DCPC.

Article 10. Vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw Salary plan, to reflect a salary adjustment of 3.8%.

Article 11. Vote to Appropriate \$31,346.00 to fund the Town's share the administrative expenses of the DC Regional Housing Authority FY08 provided the other 5 towns on MV vote to appropriate their respective funds.

Article 12. Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to request the State of MA. , local control of herring runs in West Tisbury.

Article 13. Vote to amend Section IX in the Up-Island Regional School Agreement.

Article 14. Vote to petition the General Court to an ACT relative to group insurance for municipal employees in the Town of West Tisbury.

Article 15. Vote to rescind the Town Bylaw "Competitive Bidding". The bylaw was passed prior to the State enacting the Procurement Act, which regulates purchasing.

Article 16. Vote to rescind Town bylaw "Motor Vehicle". This bylaw requires all vehicles to travel to the right of all white lines painted on town roads.

Article 17. Vote to Appropriate \$7,440.00 to the Board of Assessors for a valuation update of business personal property accounts.

- Article 18.** Vote to amend Section 4.4-3B of the Zoning Bylaw: Multi-Family Housing by Special Permit.
- Article 19.** Vote to amend Section 14.2 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding the new definition “Art Gallery”.
- Article 20.** Vote to withdraw from the Up-Island Scholl District. **FAILED.**
- Article 21.** Vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee: a. Open Space b. Historical Resources c. Community Housing d. Administrative e. Undesignated.
- Article 22.** Vote to appropriate \$5,700.00 from the Community Preservation Administrative Resources to conduct a survey and planning of WT existing historic inventory.
- Article 23.** Vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve \$29,500.00 to fund costs for the addition of new units of affordable rental housing at the Sepiessa Point Apartments.
- Article 24.** Vote to appropriate from the CP Historical Resources reserve \$18,000.00 to rental subsidies for WT applicants on the DCRHA’s Rental Conversion Program waitlist.
- Article 25.** Vote to Appropriate from CPU \$80,000.00 towards future construction of a path along Old County Rd.
- Article 26.** Vote to expend \$18,875.17, surplus dog license fees for the support of the West Tisbury Library.
- Article 27.** Vote to transfer from Free Cash \$1,966.47 be expended by the W.T. Library.
- Article 28.** Vote to authorize a revolving fund, \$99,000.00, from the MVRD and RRD to pay expenses of the WT local drop-off.
- Article 29.** Vote to appropriate from free cash \$33,500.00 to purchase one new 4WD Police Cruiser,
- Article 30.** Vote to appropriate \$3,500.00 to enable the WTPD to participate in joint training with other police dept, and emergency responders from other communities.
- Article 31.** Vote to appropriate \$3,200.00 to replace the WTPD computer server.
- Article 32.** Vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 for our contribution of the MV Drug Task Force Program.
- Article 33.** Vote to transfer \$15,000.00 from WTFD personal Service and \$8,000.00 appropriated for the Jaws of Life for the purpose to paint two fire stations.
- Article 34.** Vote to establish the SCBA Air Pack Stabilization fund to provide future acquisition of SCBA Air Packs for the WTFD.
- Article 35.** Vote to appropriate \$50,000.00 to be added to the Air Pack stabilization fund.
- Article 36.** Vote to appropriate \$16,500.00 to be added to the Ambulance Replacement Fund.
- Article 37.** Vote to appropriate \$2,834.00 to fund the position of Highway Laborer.

- Article 38.** Vote to form a building committee, appointed by the BOS, and appropriate \$150,000.00 to develop plans for the Town Hall Building.
- Article 39.** Vote to redirect funds of \$5,125.52 for upgrading Town Hall Computers.
- Article 40.** Vote to appropriate from Free Cash \$10,000.00 to be added to the Reserve Fund.
- Article 41.** Vote to authorize the Highway Superintendent to apply for a Small Town Road Assistance Program grant, \$343,860.00 for the purpose of drainage and paving on North Rd.
- Article 42.** Vote to designate WT Assessors map 10, lots 92-94,104-106 and 236,238, and 240 as parcels available to the WT Affordable Housing Committee.
- Article 43.** Vote to appropriate \$200,000.00 to reduce the tax levy.
- Article 44.** Vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 for WT share for funding the MVCC's annual budget.
- Article 45.** Vote to adopt a By-Law: No person shall hold membership on municipal boards and committees at the same time. **Failed.**

5 JUNE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Attended by 104 qualified voters.

Passed:

- Article 1.** Vote to redirect funds from the Space Needs Committee, \$5,243.55 for use of the Town Hall Renovation Committee,
- Article 2.** Vote to amend the Capital Improvements Committee to provide the expansion by two members.
- Article 3.** Vote to appropriate \$2,500.00 for funding WT's share of costs for a request for Proposal for an Up-Island Antennae System (DAS).
- Article 4.** Vote pursuant to the MVRD and RRD Agreement borrowing a sum not to exceed \$1,529,000.00 for airing land for expansion of the District Facility.
- Article 5.** Vote to appropriate \$116,460.00 which will amend the MVRHS FY 08 assessment from \$2,205,459.00 to 2,321,919.00.
- Article 6.** Vote to appropriate \$116,460.00 to reduce the FY08 tax levy.

12 APRIL 2007 – Annual Town election

Registered voters 2062 (30.12%) Total Ballots Cast 621

MODERATOR

F. Patrick Gregory 527

SELECTMAN

Dianne Powers	415
Cynthia Riggs	193

BOARD OF HEALTH

David A. Merry C 535

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Cynthia E. Mitchell 364

Jonathan Revere 232

TREASURER

Katherine Logue 509

TAX COLLECTOR

Brent B. Taylor 504

TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah A. Brown 489

TOWN CLERK

Prudence M. Whiting 539

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sharon Ann Estrella 308 (Vote for Two)

Joan Ames 265

Ann K. Nelson 432

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Ernest P. Mendenhall 291 (Vote for Two)

Virginia C. Jones 331

Daniel Waters 428

PLANNING BOARD

Leah Smith 478 (4 Years)

PLANNING BOARD

Virginia Jones 462 (2 Years)

PARK AND REC

Robert Holt 499

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The number of registered voters in January 2007 was:

Democrat	766	in 1997:	474
Green Party USA	4		0
Green Rainbow	11		0
Libertarian	4		5
Rainbow Coalition	1		0
Republican	158		175
Unenrolled	1123		876
Total	2087		1531

The Street List of residents in January 2007 was:

Voting Adults	2116	in 1997:	1531
Non-Voter	638		730
Total	2754		2261

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE REZENDES, JR
RUFUS PEEBLES
BERNICE KIRBY

PRUDENCE WHITING
CLERK

REPORT OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

In 2007 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. At the present time in West Tisbury 24 home/home site lots have been created and 33 affordable accessory apartments are being rented. There are also two rental facilities developed by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA).

The AHC meets twice a month and is in the beginning stages of a three lot project. There are several other affordable housing groups working on projects in West Tisbury that the AHC will be involved with. Several individuals have approached the AHC wishing to address the need of affordable homes. These people are looking to use the multi-family bylaw that allows more density on a lot. The AHC continues to encourage homeowners with large lots to consider the home site lot creation bylaw to help create affordable housing.

DCRHA is moving forward in creating new rental units at the Sepiessa apartment facility. They have applied for funding, met with abutters and are working toward completion of this project. This will add three additional rental units to the West Tisbury affordable housing pool.

The AHC continues to update a comprehensive handbook that contains AHC guidelines to assist prospective homeowners and developers and anyone seeking information about the zoning issues and bylaws that affect affordable housing in West Tisbury. These handbooks are available in Town Hall.

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

Caroline Flanders is the AHC representative on the Community Preservation Committee. Ernie Mendenhall continues to be our representative to the DCRHA.

This year, the committee, with the assistance of the DCRHA and many other affordable housing advocates will continue to seek solutions to affordable housing needs in West Tisbury and the entire island. Many thanks go out to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed and continue to give their time and expertise helping the AHC in this commitment.

The committee would also like to extend a welcome to anyone with affordable housing ideas and willingness to work to help create affordable housing to join our committee. The AHC invites a volunteer to step forward and become a contributing member of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Colaneri, Chairperson
Catherine DeVito
Caroline Flanders
Glen Hearn

Ernie Mendenhall, Vice Chair
Vickie Thurber
Eric Whitman
Mark Yale

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

As I wind up my eighteenth year as your Animal Control Officer, I think of Gramma who said, “the older you get, the faster time goes” So true. Allen Healy, my assistant, and I have had a busy year with animals, not just dogs and cats. We have dealt with wandering livestock, injured animals, swans who think the airport runway is a pond, (which I think was because local ponds were frozen over), turtles trying to get to the other side, skunks who try to get the last lick out of a Yoplait yogurt container (please cut up those containers), dogs who would rather go to the beach than be left home alone, cats who don’t like leaving their home to move to a new one, so they split to try to get back to their old house, sometimes taking a few days and sometimes a few months), errant dogs who leave their masters job site, only to end up in the vicinity of livestock ☹, a chicken lost in a homeowners yard and after I took her door to door to find the owner to no avail, was taken in by a friend who had chickens and gave her TLC and when summer came, the chicken wandered to a rental next door and the renters fell in love with her and she now resides in Western Mass, and the poor old black lab that Allen picked up in terrible condition. We had him checked out by a veterinarian and I took him home and no one claimed him and he lived with us for several months until he died last week of old age. I could go on and on but you’ll have to wait until I pen my memoirs when I retire, which I hope will be a long time from now.

We had 520 dogs licensed in 2007. Of course there are more that did not get licensed, and hopefully, their owners will be in this month to license their dogs. Dog licenses are due in January of every year and there is still a leash law in this town!!!

Allen and I attended a two day seminar relating to all aspects of Animal Control in December.

I would like to thank the following for their help when needed:

All the Animal Control Officers on the island, Dr. Steve Atwood and Animal Health Care, Dr. Connie Breese of Sea Breese, Dr. Tuminaro of Caring for Animals, Dr. Michelle Jasny, Dr. Kirsten Sauter, Dr. Williams and Dr. Dunnigan and Dr. Buck of Vineyard Vet Clinic, PAWS and SPAY program, Second Chance Rescue, Lee Dubin and Cattrap and the MSPCA. Also, Cambell Douglas, Cronigs and the SBS for donations of pet food and the ladies at the Dump Boutique for donations of blankets and towels. Also, a big thank you to Jen Rand, the exec. sec. for the town of West Tisbury, for her guidance and Jesse Oliver and the West Tisbury Police Department for

assistance on calls if they think I may need help, to the Communications Center for their patience and directions and to my husband for his help and patience (when dinner is burned when I leave on a call and for me waking up the whole house when I have a late night call).

We have received the following calls, either through the Communications Center or at home:

1344 Dog calls (lost, missing, found)
158 Cat calls (lost, missing, found)
33 Loose livestock calls
29 Barking dog complaints
21 Quarantines (includes cat vs. man, dog vs. man, dog vs. dog, cat vs. cat and cat vs. wildlife)
18 Skunk and raccoon calls (somebody out there still has one of my traps they borrowed to get a raccoon)
9 Cats hit by cars
5 Dogs hit by cars
8 Domestic rabbit calls
7 Turkey calls
5 "How do I get rid of squirrels" calls
5 Deer calls
5 Snake calls
4 Swan calls
4 Bat calls
3 Loose cockatiel calls
2 Loon calls
2 Wild birds in homes calls
467 Miscellaneous calls



And to the selectmen, thank you for appointing me to such a great job that is never boring.

Sincerely,

Joan W. Jenkinson
West Tisbury Animal Control Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

This past year we successfully completed the FY2008 triennial revaluation of all properties in the town and received certification of those values from the Department of Revenue. These values have an effective date of 1/1/2007 and are based on sales that occurred in calendar year 2006. FY2008 property values are available in the Assessors office as well as online at <http://data.visionappraisal.com/westtisburyma/>

This coming year we will be continuing our cyclical re-inspection program. Conducting these inspections allows us to keep our records updated and accurate. Accurate records ensure that we meet the Department of Revenue standards for quality. This program has been very successful and we greatly appreciate the cooperation of the taxpayers during these inspections. Your cooperation enables us to maintain high quality data and allows the Town to save the expense of a full measure and list program.

This year was also marked by the loss of two longtime members of the Assessors department. In June member, Stanton Richards, resigned after serving the Town honorably since 1974. His wisdom will be missed. In July Principal Assessor, Jo-Anne Resendes resigned from the position that she had held respectably for 22 years.

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.

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 assessor's 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
Cynthia E. Mitchell, Member
Robert Mone, Member
Kristina West, Principal Assessor

Pamela K. Thors, Administrative Assistant
Tammis Sprague, Data Collector



TAX RECAPS	FY2007	FY2008
	(1/1/2006	(1/1/2007
	Tax Date)	Tax Date)

TAXABLE VALUE BY CLASS

Residential	\$2,387,533,453	\$2,622,810,068
Commercial	\$59,966,247	\$59,881,732
Industrial	\$4,295,800	\$4,334,100
Personal Property	\$23,237,526	\$27,116,004
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$2,475,033,026	\$2,714,141,904

ANNUAL TAX LEVY

Appropriations	\$13,571,877.31	\$14,005,524.40
Other Local Expenditures	\$279,440.39	\$607,637.48
State & County Assessments	\$233,513.00	\$217,866.00
Overlay	\$174,075.80	\$183,592.10
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$14,258,906.50	\$15,014,619.98

Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	\$3,418,261.86	\$3,886,638.17
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NET AMOUNT

TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

<u>(TOTAL LEVY)</u>	\$10,840,644.64	\$11,127,981.81
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TAX RATE ALL CLASSES

(Net Amount to be

Raised divided by Total Taxable Value)	\$4.38	\$4.10
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Board of Selectmen:

2007 was another busy year for the Board of Health (BOH). The office is located in the Annex behind Town Hall on Music St. The Mass Dept of Public Health (MDPH) continues to issue date certain emergency management “deliverables” or mandates the BOH continues to work to satisfy. The Board works with many different agencies locally such as the Hospital, MRC, VNA, MVCSVNS, Dukes County Emergency Management, and the other Towns’ BOHs. As part of the MDPH’s “Region 5B Coalition” (Cape & Islands) the BOH has made progress establishing a functioning “Medical Reserve Corp” (MRC) 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 (www.mvmedicalreservecorps.org), by e-mail at admin@medicalreservecorps.org, by phone at 508-696-3844, or by fax at 508-696-3841.

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 were no violations in 2007.

This year the flu clinic at the high school did over 1,400 vaccinations. This was the second year of conducting a large clinic that also serves as a test of the ability to do mass inoculations in case of emergency. It went extremely well with no wait times and many elderly were able to receive their shots curb-side in their cars. All vaccinations were given free of charge.

The Board would like to thank the more than 50 volunteers, as well as the VNA, VNS, Martha’s Vineyard Hospital, Oak Bluffs Ambulance, Rotary Club, and all who gave donations toward these clinics.

The Board would like to remind all residents that the Visiting Nurse Service (VNS) conducts clinics at the Howes House. There is a general clinic the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30. In addition, there is a blood pressure clinic the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:30 to 1:30.

Beach and Public Building water testing was regular and effective. There was one problem in August resulting in the closure of Seth’s Pond to swimming for a short time. Also, Ice House Pond was added to the list of sites tested regularly. The MDPH beach testing website is www.mass.gov/dph/topics/beaches.htm. Thanks to Joe Schroeder and his crew as well as the Wampanoag Testing Lab.

The Refuse District is working to acquire land adjacent to the Edgartown Transfer Station for future capacity and efficiency. This year we began paying the transportation costs of the recyclables collected at the WT LDO (dump). West Tisbury's recycling numbers continue to grow impressively. In 2007 we recycled 173 tons of cardboard (+105%), 100 tons of newspaper (+1.3%), 119 tons of co-mingleables (+22%), and 10 tons of metal (+82%). 2008 goals for the Refuse District include controlling costs, increasing bottom line revenue, providing better service by examining ideas such as modified hours of operation, allowing commercial access at all times, being open the day after a holiday, better managing staffing needs, providing better signage and traffic flow, and requiring/selling more permits. Thanks to our District representatives from our BOH, David Merry and Erik Lowe.

2008 Harmful Household Waste Collection Dates:

Saturdays, 5/17, 7/19, 9/20, 11/15 from 9AM to Noon at the MVRD (Edgartown Transfer Facility).

The Board issued the following licenses and permits in 2007.

Semi-public Swimming Pool	
Permits.....	3
Bed & Breakfast Permits...	5
Camp Permits.....	4
Food Establishment	
Permits.....	29*
Temporary Food Establishment	
Permits.....	48**
Motel Permit (Youth	
Hostel).....	1
Septic Hauler License.....	6
Septic Installer License....	25
Tobacco vendors License...	3
Plumbing Permits.....	53
Pool Permits.....	9

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

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

In conclusion, the Board would like to thank the following for the time and effort in fulfilling the various responsibilities of the positions they hold. Health Agent and animal inspector John Powers, assistant animal inspector Joan Jenkinson, plumbing inspectors William Haynes and Mike Ciancio, BOH representative to the Land Bank Advisory Board William Haynes, affordable housing representative Victoria Thurber, and BOH assistant Hadden Blair.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Merry, Chairman
Tim Barnett
Erik Lowe

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, ZONING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Building Department issued the following permits in 2007:

- 27 New Single Family Residences
- 40 Addition Permits
- 31 Alteration Permits
- 24 Sheds
- 11 Garages
- 4 Garages with Detached Bedrooms
- 9 Pool Permits
- 6 Demolition Permits
- 8 Pool House / Studio Permits
- 2 Barns
- 2 Wind Turbines
- 2 Woodstoves
- 1 Change of Use, Barn to Residence
- 1 Commercial Office and Racquet Ball Court
- 1 Chicken Coop
- 1 Tennis Court
- 1 Foundation
- 1 Chimney
- 1 Sign

Total Permits Issued

- 173 Building Permits
- 141 Electric Permits
- 138 Gas Permits

Total Building Department Fees Collected \$80,485.25

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest P. Mendenhall
Building & Zoning Inspector

REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT TOWN OF WEST TISBURY ACTIVITIES

West Tisbury Representative – Shelton Bank

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 2007, 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*. Currently, prices are approximately 14% to 15% lower than they were in the beginning of 2006. The Compact continues to work towards stable pricing for consumers in an environment of extreme price volatility.

As of December 2007, the Compact had 2,122 electric accounts in the Town of West Tisbury on its energy supply. Over \$13,000 in savings were achieved in 2007 for these accounts, when compared to the default service price offered by NSTAR.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

From January to October 2007, rebates and other efficiency incentive programs provided to the town by the Compact totaled approximately \$15,675 and brought savings to 96 participants of \$10,241 or about 51,207 kilowatt-hours of energy saved for 2007.

Funding for the energy efficiency programs¹ (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.

Other Cape Light Compact efforts include:

- The Cape Light Compact changed out lighting and provided consulting services to three Town of West Tisbury buildings.

- 1 Low-Income home was retrofitted to reduce energy usage and increase comfort.
- The Cape Light Compact brought energy education support to 200 students, parents, and teachers in 5 school programs.

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

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 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 following narrative and the chart at the end of this report for the FY2009 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY2013.

Policy

- The Town and the Board of Selectmen shall adhere to the Capital Improvement by-law, by ensuring that all capital spending requests are placed on a Town Meeting warrant only after they have been evaluated and prioritized by the Capital Improvement Committee.
- Town departments shall take responsibility for maintenance of the buildings and other physical assets under their control in their annual budgets, and shall consult with the Town Building Maintenance Committee before undertaking repairs.
- The Town’s capital improvement program shall provide for consistent debt service and capital spending that is as close to level as possible over time, so that taxes are impacted as little as possible.

Recommendations

- 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 island-wide or up-island Animal Pound, to report to the Town at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.
- That the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee to begin the feasibility and planning phase of constructing a new police station,

with a goal to make a progress report to the 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

- Emergency Management. There is a need for emergency management storage space, some of which should be climate-controlled. The committee recommends that the Selectmen explore an island-wide solution for this need.

Requested Capital Projects FY2009 – FY2013

Following is a chart with accompanying notes below for FY2009 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:

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

Fire Department. The hydrant fund formerly funded by subdivisions over a minimum size has been exhausted; an appropriation is required for proper maintenance of this equipment.

The department's current Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) 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 sufficient funding with a minimal tax impact is available before that date; use of accrued state funding and/or free cash would be acceptable.

The highway department plans to purchase a wood chipper to assist with prompt and complete road side clearing.

Library. The Library will submit a grant application to the state for funding when the next round of funding is available; no Town funds are required at this time. The total cost shown on the accompanying chart represents 50% of the estimated cost of renovation and expansion. The Town's capital program calls for preliminary planning work to begin on the expansion by FY2013, with a target for construction to begin by FY2015.

Mill Pond. The Selectmen have submitted an application to the Community Preservation Committee for \$50,000 for the design and permitting phase of a dredging project to benefit the Mill Pond. When the design is complete, the total cost and sources of funding will be determined.

Parks and Recreation. Beach sticker sales and tennis court monitoring will be consolidated in a new shed on the West Tisbury school property, retaining the old shed for equipment storage only.

Plans also include a new/replacement playground associated with the renovated Town Hall in historic West Tisbury Center.

Paths by the Roads. Community Preservation funds have been appropriated for the first half of a path along Old County Road from the existing bike path to State Road; the CPA committee has made a recommendation to approve the second half of this project in FY2009.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle each year.

The Town's capital program calls for preliminary planning work to begin on a new station in FY2009, with a target for construction to begin by FY2013.

Refuse District. The MVRRD is exploring the purchase of adjacent acreage to expand its buffer zone, which would allow for more on-site recycling, composting, etc. Although three of the four member towns voted affirmatively, a regional (six-town) consensus is considered to be necessary before this plan is likely to move forward.

Town Hall. This is the projected cost through completion of the renovation of the Town Hall project, as well as permanent debt to finance that work over 20 years.

Tri-Town 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 support this cost.

In summary, if all of the FY2009 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$1,564,954 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed school debt), broken down as follows:

- \$1,066,454 in debt payments
- \$130,000 in CPA funds on Town projects
- \$368,500 in free cash and/or raised taxes

The Committee thanks each Town department for its assistance and input.

Respectfully submitted,

Al DeVito (Finance Committee)
Sue Hruby (At-Large)
Kathy Logue (Town Treasurer)
Dick Mezger (At-Large)
Cynthia Mitchell (Assessors)
Dianne Powers (Selectmen)
Leah Smith (Planning Board)
Bruce Stone (Town Accountant), Ex-Officio

FY2009 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2010-2013

		Total		Funding	Voted	Projected Annual Capital Spending					
Department.	Capital Item	Amount	Priority	Method *	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	PAYOFF
Projected Capital Program:											
Fire	Hydrant Fund	20,000	1	Taxes		20,000					
Fire	SCBA Equipment	100,000	1	Taxes	50,000	60,000					
Highway	Road resurfacing	Ongoing	2	Taxes/St. Grant		200,000			200,000	200,000	
Highway	Chipper	15,000	2	Taxes		15,000					
Library **	Expand building	2,600,000	2-3	Bond						begin	2037
Mill Pond	Design and Permitting	50,000	3	CPA/Private		50,000					
Parks & Recreation	New shed for tennis/beach	15,000	2	Taxes		15,000					
Paths by the Roads	Old County Road	160,000	3	CPA	80,000	80,000					
Paths by the Roads	Future Paths	Ongoing	3	CPA/Taxes			80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	33,500	32,000	33,500	29,000	29,870	36,515	
Police **	New station	2,000,000	2	Bond		begin					2034
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,900,000	1	Bond	150,000	272,500	551,895	536,421	520,947	505,474	2028
TriTown Ambulance	Ambulance (WT 1/3 share)	46,500	1	Taxes	16,500	16,500					
Existing Projects:											
MVRHS ***	Constr./Expansion	3,797,000	1	Reg. Assess	114,802	101,756	88,504	75,099	59,573	26,944	2014
WT School ***	1995 Expansion	5,274,400	1	Reg. Assess	168,550	154,224	139,611	124,712	109,812	94,770	2014
Chilmark School ***	Construction	338,500	1	Reg. Assess	27,501	26,705	25,891	25,060	24,211	23,345	2019
Public Safety Bldg.	Construction	1,745,355	1	Bond	192,322	187,769	183,119	178,469	173,625	168,491	2015
Lambert's Cove	Land acquired	325,000	1	Bond	37,294	36,413	35,513	34,613	33,675	32,681	2015
Highway	Roads	1,090,000	1	Bond	236,063	224,675	218,225	0			2010
Town Hall	Design work to date	255,000	1	Bond	72,467	69,913	62,358	0			2010
Total					1,178,998	1,562,454	1,418,615	1,083,373	1,231,713	1,168,220	

* 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.

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

Inflation factor

3.00%

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

During 2007 we continued to make improvements to our three cemeteries, West Tisbury, Lambert's Cove and North Tisbury.

Last year the Selectmen authorized the purchase of cemetery record keeping software, which has been 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.

Since last summer, Kevin McFarland has volunteered considerable time working at the cemetery gathering interment data. At the present time we have about 200 records entered into the database. We would be glad to train anyone who would volunteer to input data. Any questions or information regarding the cemetery records can be directed to Glenn or Linda Hearn.

The town sold three cemetery lots in 2007.

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, Kevin McFarland, John Hoft of Oak Leaf Landscaping, Vincent Maciel of Maciel Land and Tree and Brian Athearn, the Veteran's Graves Officer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Glenn R. Hearn, Chair
J. Skipper Manter
Dianne E. Powers

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

We are a nine-member committee consisting of representatives from housing (Caroline Flanders, Affordable Housing Committee, and Dale Julier, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority), historic preservation (Sean Conley, Historic District Committee), conservation and recreation groups (Peter Rodegast, Conservation Committee and Bruce Keep, Parks and Recreation Committee), the Finance Committee (Al DeVito), the Planning Board (Virginia Jones) and the community “at large” (Lesley Eaton and Susan Phelps, appointed by the Selectmen). Information about the town’s Community Preservation Committee is available on the Town website, <http://www.town.west-tisbury.ma.us/cpc>. The Community Preservation Plan, Application for Eligibility, and Application for Funding are accessible from the website.

In January 2007, the CPC voted to recommend four applications for funding:

- updating the Town’s historic resources inventory, \$5700.
- constructing a new path beside Old County Road, \$80,000.
- predevelopment costs for the expansion of the Sepiessa Point affordable apartments, \$29,500.
- support for the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority’s Rental Conversion Program, \$18,000.

It was gratifying to have these proposals supported by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2007. Since then, initial work on the historic inventory update has been performed, rental conversion funds have supported three affordable rentals in West Tisbury, and work is in progress on the paths and Sepiessa projects.

Our work for FY 2008 began in the summer of 2007. We solicited applications for eligibility and received 12 in all – a substantial increase from FY 2007. We reviewed those applications during October and found that all but one were eligible for CPA funding. We encouraged individuals and groups that had submitted eligible proposals to prepare applications for funding that would address various questions that arose during the review process, and received 10 completed applications:

- Town Hall renovation, support for bond issue, \$100,000 per year for five years.
- Affordable housing project at Bailey Park, \$76,500.
- Roadside paths, continuation of Old County Road path project, \$80,000.

- Affordable housing project at 200 State Road, \$400,000.
- Home loan fund to provide soft second mortgages for affordable housing, \$50,000.
- Construction of new Sepiessa affordable apartments, continuation of FY07 Sepiessa project, \$250,000.
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Rental assistance program, \$30,000.
- Mill Pond dredging, analyses and permits, \$50,000.
- Mill Pond dredging operations, \$125,000.
- Historic resources inventory, completion of inventory project and development of electronic database, \$26,000.

In January 2008, we will welcome public input on these proposals before arriving at our recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting in April 2008.

As our name implies, the Community Preservation Committee is committed to preserving our community and in 2008 we will continue to strive to do so in a thoughtful and responsible manner. We welcome comments and suggestions from all residents of West Tisbury.

Respectfully submitted,
 Caroline Flanders, Co-Chair
 Bruce Keep, Co-Chair
 Sean Conley
 Al DeVito
 Lesley Eaton

Virginia Jones
 Dale Julier
 Susan Phelps
 Peter Rodegast

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2007 started on a sad note for the Commission. Patrick Phear, a member of the Commission for six years, died on February 16, 2007. It was with great regret and sadness that his fellow Commission members and the Board of Selectmen accepted his letter of resignation in December of 2006.

While Patrick's time on the board was relatively short, his impact was tremendous. He was a key member of the subcommittee that drafted our local wetland protection bylaw, approved at Town Meeting in 2004, and without a doubt was responsible for the drafting of the bylaw regulations which followed.

More than all of this though, was the tenor that Patrick brought to the Commission. As we came to learn, Patrick had founded the first civil court mediation program in Massachusetts. His skills at conflict resolution, negotiation, and a keen ability to listen were an invaluable lesson to us all.

The picture at the end of our report was chosen not so much to show Patrick (although he is in it), as to show something he did. Relatively fresh out of university in South Africa, he was working on a job where he was surveying a new road. He had been instructed to go straight through anything in the proposed layout, when he came upon this huge baobab tree. Through some manner of persuasion, he managed to convince the powers that be that this tree must be allowed to stay, and to this day, the two lanes of the road split and go around the tree. This photo of Patrick and his tree was taken roughly 35 years after the road was built. Patrick brought this same determination and mindfulness to everything he did in life, and we will miss him.

In other personnel changes to the Commission, we added one full member and 2 associates. Welcome to Dan Pace, Binnie Ravitch and Hadden Blair. Pat Durfee who began as an Associate member in 2004 and moved to a full member in 2006 resigned in 2007. While her tenure was short, we would like to thank Pat for her service to the town.

In 2007 water quality sampling in the Tisbury Great Pond was completed and the town signed a contract with UMASS Dartmouth 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. A detailed nitrogen loading computer model will be produced using the comprehensive water quality data gathered

over the past three years. The 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.

Water quality data collection in James Pond conducted by the MVC continued in 2007 with ongoing funding from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the MEP. This work is the prerequisite for being enrolled in the MEP.

In 2007 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 1 Lot 50 SE 79-270 (Sundin/Pending)
Map 6 Lot 2 SE 79- 273 (White/Withdrawn)
Map 7 Lot 59.1 SE 79-274 (French)
Map 7 Lot 60, 61 and Map 11 Lot 40 SE 79-272 (Land Bank)
Map 7 Lot 170 SE 79- 268 (Smith)
Map 8 Lot 39 SE 79-266 (Ahimsa Land Company LLC)
Map 15 Lot 2.4 SE 79-275 (Rogers/Withdrawn)
Map 32 Lots 105, 105.1, 122 & 133 SE 79-269 (Whiting)
Map 36 Lot 28 & Map 42 Lot 1 SE 79-267 (TTOR)
Map 39 Lot 7 SE 79-271 (Pease)

Certificates of Compliance

Map 7 Lot 45 SE 79-249 (Chudnow)
Map 32 Lots 1205, 105.1, 122 & 133 SE 79-226 (Whiting)
Map 34 Lot 10 SE 79-265 (Thomas)

Determinations of Applicability

Map 3 Lot 67 (Sweet)
Map 4 Lot 1 and Map 7 Lots 1&2 (Peltz)
Map 5 Lot 1 (Sheriff's Meadow Foundation)
Map 6 Lot 7.2 & 8 (Harrowby/Withdrawn)
Map 7 Lot 19 (Herr)
Map 12 Lot 72 (Phear)
Map 13 Lot 1 (Marcus)
Map 22 Lot 4.2 (Szakacs)
Map 32 Lot 34 (Bird/Ausubel)
Map 32 Lot 95,100,102,115 & 116 (Town and Garden Club)
Map 36 Lot 1 (Land Bank)
Map 40 Lot 1.2 (Flexner)

Conservation Restrictions

Map 3 Lot 1 (Goethals/ Sheriff's Meadow Foundation)
Map 15 Lot 2.1 (Rogers/ Vineyard Open Land Foundation)
Map 26 Lot 1(Hickie/Land Bank)
Map 39 Lot 2 (Moore/ Trustees of Reservations)
Map 40 Lot 1.1 (Bayer/Land Bank)

The Commission office also fielded numerous calls concerning jurisdiction over a variety of minor projects in the Buffer Zone.

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
Dan Pace
Peter Rodegast
Tara Whiting
Hadden Blair, Associate Member
Binnie Ravitch, Associate Member
Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

In the fall of 2006, we added a new server specifically for our financial and tax billing software to improve the speed and performance of these SQL databases, as well as that of the functions remaining on the main server. The April 2007 Annual Town Meeting appropriated funds which allowed us to migrate all town hall workstations to the current MS Office version, all at once. The new digitized GIS maps were installed and now work in concert with the appraisal software. We plan to integrate them with the permitting software in the year ahead.

We continue to implement a sustainable long-range maintenance and upgrade plan, funded by our annual budget. We are not requesting any warrant article funding outside our budget at the April 2008 Town Meeting. Having updated the servers and critical software in the last two years, our focus will now return to upgrading individual workstations and printers.

For the moment, the data processing department provides in-house labor services to the Town Hall at no additional cost to the Town or remuneration to them. As the technological needs of the town continue to grow and become more complicated, there may soon come a time when additional remuneration or the addition of a part-time position will be required.

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. That website can now be found at www.westtisbury-ma.gov. Assessors' information on each parcel of land is also available at <http://data.visionappraisal.com/WestTisburyMA/>.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE LOGUE & BRUCE STONE
Data Processing Department

REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority provides year-round rentals and rental assistance, homebuyer training and lottery support, waitlist management, monitoring services and 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 continued its management of the Town's **Accessory Apartment program**, now numbering 32 special permits; continued the development of **3 new rental units** of family housing at Sepiessa Point with CPA funding support; offered a **Homebuyer Education** training at the Town's Public Safety Building; and administered **10 Rental Assistance** subsidies in Town including 3 through Community Preservation Act funding.

On July 1st 2007, West Tisbury joined the other Island towns in utilizing Community Preservation Act funding to add town based rental subsidies to those provided through the Island Affordable Housing Fund. The Housing Authority now facilitates **68 Rental Assistance subsidies** across the Island. The Housing Authority also offered **57 units of rental housing** on nine properties in 4 towns; began significant **renovations** to the apartments and grounds of four of those properties; assisted with the rent-up of Edgartown's **Morgan Woods Apartments**; assisted Housing Committees in Aquinnah, Oak Bluffs and Chilmark in their development of rental opportunities; maintained a **Rental Housing Waitlist** numbering 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 homeownership opportunities this past year included lottery participant certification, lottery preparation and **Homebuyer Education** for the **lotteries** of the 4 Trust homes in Tisbury and a homesite offered by the Town of Aquinnah; preparation for the lottery of 9 homebuyer opportunities at **Jenney Way** in Edgartown; assistance with homebuyer opportunities planned by Affordable Housing Committees in Tisbury, Chilmark, and Oak Bluffs; agreement to provide **lottery and monitoring** assistance on 33 upcoming homebuyer opportunities being developed by Bridge Housing and the Town of Tisbury; and processing of 21 referrals under Edgartown's **Demolition Delay** By-law. We also 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 Aquinnah tax assessors in their **assessments** of affordable properties in their towns.

The Housing Authority 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 is home to the Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust, the Island Affordable Housing Fund, and Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard and offers a website, **www.vineyardhousing.org**, as a comprehensive resource for community housing on Martha's Vineyard.

The DCRHA Board of Directors:

ERNIE MENDENHALL, Chair, *West Tisbury*
HARVEY BETH, Vice Chair, *Oak Bluffs*
LAURA BARBERA, Treasurer, *Tisbury*
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ZELDA GAMSON, *Chilmark*
RICHARD SKIDMORE, *Aquinnah*
LEO FRAME, *Representative at Large*

DAVID VIGNEAULT, Executive Director
TERRI KEECH, Administrator
LINDA JOHNSON, Administrative Coordinator
JAMES O'BRIEN, Property Manager

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE

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 Cape Light Compact and Rise Engineering performed retro work on the Town Hall, the Library, The Public Safety Building, the Fire Station, and the School at the end of December of 2006. The changes paid in full by the Cape Light Compact included lighting, motion detectors, and controls.

We now have enough time accumulated to gain some information about the impacts. For many years we have been tabulating the electrical energy use for each town building. Using a spreadsheet we compared the use in the current time period with that of the previous comparable time period to gain insight into the impact of these alterations. This year substantial decreases were obtained in four buildings. These are Town Hall (15%), Library (3%) Police (4%), Fire Station (6%) and the Public Safety Building (8%). In all some \$ 1440 was saved this year and we expect the savings will continue.

Following the unanimously passed warrant article for the installation of Setback/Programmable Thermostats installation was completed in early 2007. Together with Bruce Stone, town accountant, we have been monitoring fuel use in these buildings and in the near future we will be able to assess and report the effect of this innovation.

In the exploration of alternate energy sources the School and more recently the Library have installed solar panels (without town cost) to augment the energy supply. For the Library the panels have been in operation for one year and the results are quite favorable. During the year the solar panels produced 2634 KWh which amounts to 10% of the annual overall electrical use and a savings of \$474. The schools solar panels have produced 11,842 KWh and a savings of \$2132 since installation in October of 2003.

A key objective of the committee is the development of a major municipal project with an emphasis on an alternate renewable energy source. We have been pursuing the feasibility of the use of a wind turbine to supply a

substantial portion of the electricity to the West Tisbury School (annual electricity bill is around \$70,000).

Initially, the committee requested a Wind Site Survey from the Massachusetts Technological collaborative (MTC). They responded by sending scientists from the University of Massachusetts Renewable Energy Research Laboratory (RERL) to survey the school site in January of 2007. Such a study is a preliminary step to identifying those municipal sites that may be given further consideration in the granting process. The survey report was informative, supportive and failed to identify any fatal problems in our project. The next step was to seek FAA approval for the turbine tower placement because of the sites proximity to the MV airport. In the spring they issued a ruling approving a maximum tower height of 201 ft. at the school plus full approval for a temporary meteorological wind data collection tower in nearby Sheriffs Meadow.

With this information in hand we initiated a program to explore potential funding from the MTC in their Large Onsite Renewable Initiative (LORI). The first step in this program is a detailed feasibility study to adequately address core issues including potential impacts and economic feasibility. Such a study is conducted by wind consultants chosen after an appropriate RFP process. We then learned that the grant process requires inclusion of the Up Island Regional School District as a co-applicant since they are the end users of the electricity. We have been meeting with School Board and progress is continuing. We are planning to submit a non-binding warrant at the annual Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelton Bank
Warren Hollinshead
Richard Knabel
Phil Larsen
Art Nelson
Sandy Shapiro

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

After many years as a member and as Chairman, Jeffrey “Skipper” Manter did not seek re-election to the committee in April. Skipper has served and continues to serve the Town well in a number of capacities. We will miss his experience, intelligence and forthrightness on this committee.

In April you elected Ann Nelson as our newest member and re-elected Sharon Estrella.

Budgets Continue to Grow Rapidly

We remain very concerned with the growth in the Town budget. Since 2003 the budget has grown 42%, much higher than the rate of inflation. If we continue this rate of growth, in five years the budget will be around \$18,000,000, or \$7,200 per man, woman and child in Town. Our concerns at Town Meeting have been validated. Any request for increased spending is approved. Yet, when we meet taxpayers at the Post Office or the store, they complain about high taxes. Clearly, there is a disconnect here.

In September we met with the Selectmen to express our concerns and to seek their help in determining just where the taxpayers want to take the Town in the future. Do they wish to continue the current budget growth of 7 – 8% a year? Or, do they wish to exercise greater fiscal control?

School Costs Rise While Student Population Decreases

The school budgets are essentially out of our control, especially now that only 2/3 of the towns need approve them. Also the Town Meeting has shown no inclination to question or disapprove school budgets. It is highly unlikely that we will see any moderation in our largest budget item.

Town Has Less Financial Flexibility

If we continue on the same path as we have gone down these past few years, we will continue to spend 60% of our budget on educating our young people, 20% on paying Town employees and 6% servicing our debt. Thus, 86% of the budget is largely prescribed for us. We really have only 14% of the total budget available for controlling expenditures, and that is not enough. We also know that, unless the recommendations of the Space Needs Committee are followed, debt service will likely increase with the renovations to Town Hall, a new police station, a library addition and other capital projects waiting in the wings for approval in the coming years. So, it is very likely – should we continue to increase our spending at our current rate – that there will be even less flexibility in future years, and as a consequence very little the Finance Committee can do to control spending.

Will We Make the Hard Choices?

As a town we do have choices. We can accept that the budget juggernaut is out of our control, and let it continue to grow as it has and increase our tax burden. Or, we can begin to explore other ways of delivering town services so as to realize cost efficiencies.

A Step in the Right Direction

We have long felt that on certain controversial issues some voters are reluctant to vote their true feelings. Therefore, we applaud the Selectmen's submission of a warrant article at the April 2008 Town Meeting which will give all voters the opportunity to register their opinion in complete confidence; this article proposes a bylaw which enables a written ballot to be used for a particular Town Meeting article should twenty or more voters request it.

All of these issues will be debated and voted on Town Meeting floor. **Your** input is needed both at Town Meeting and throughout the year. 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.

It has been a busy year. We would not have accomplished much without the help, advice and professionalism of Bruce Stone, Town Accountant, and Nancy Rogers, our Administrative Assistant.

Finally, we ask the taxpayers of West Tisbury to let us know whether they wish to continue the budget growth of recent years. Our regular meetings are on the second Tuesday at 4:30 in the Public Safety Building. During budget season we meet far more often. Check the town website. We welcome your participation, and we urge you to come to Town meeting and make your voice heard.

Respectfully submitted.

Al DeVito, Chair
Richard Knabel, Vice Chair
Brian Athearn
Sharon Estrella
Ann Nelson

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

It's seems like every year I have an article or two for town meeting and this year is no different. One article is for \$60.000 thousand to be added to the \$50.000 thousand already appropriated for SCBA air pack self breathing equipment. This equipment is necessary for all fire related situations. The next is \$20.000 to put in the hydrant account for the upkeep of the hydrants in town. This fund was created by developers in town over the past 30 years and now is out of money. The third article is to transfer money from one line to other for the maintenance and grounds of the Fire Stations.

I would most of all like to thank the men and women in the Department for all their support and help over the years. They spend a lot of time training with very little pay or thanks. So when you see a West Tisbury Fire Plate on a vehicle, wave and say THANKS, it does make all the difference.

Fire Alarms-----	90	Gas Alarms-----	3
Illegal Burns-----	4	Car Accidents-----	19
Brush Fires-----	3	Miscellaneous-----	15
House Fires-----	3	Restaurant Fire-----	1
Stand By at Station----	2	Chimney Fires-----	4
Ice Rescue-----	1	Carbon Monoxides-----	6
Car Fires-----	1	Oil Spills-----	2
Alert 3s-----	1	Wires Down-----	4
Smoke in Building-----	1	Mutual Aid-----	3
Electrical Fires-----	2	L.P. Gas Leak-----	1
Smoke Investigations -----	9		
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Inspections -----	89		
L.P. Tank Inspections -----	100		
Oil Burner Inspections -----	12		
Oil Tank Removals -----	1		
Burning Permits -----	121		

Respectfully Submitted.

Manuel Estrella III
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

“Strong libraries are essential to education and lifelong learning, to economic development, to strong communities and a strong democracy.”

As I was getting ready to begin writing our library’s annual report, the 2007 Annual Report of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners arrived in my mailbox. This quote was on its cover. I hope they won’t mind my appropriating their statement, but it certainly conveys the importance of libraries and some of the ways they serve their communities.

2007 has been an exciting year for our library, one of growth and energy. Following the resignation of our former director, the Board of Trustees appointed Assistant Librarians Beth Kramer and Nelia Decker to serve as interim co-directors. A Search Committee was formed to design a protocol, screen and interview prospective candidates, and make their recommendation to the full board. We have a new director in place; Beth Kramer was the unanimous choice of both the Search Committee and the Trustees. She also had overwhelming community support. Because our population was under ten thousand, we were able to change our job description for director to make a Masters of Library Science degree “preferred” rather than “required” and still maintain our certification with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Beth has already begun taking courses on the regional level and will soon begin her MLS coursework online.

In the months since Beth’s promotion, she has worked with Linda Hughes, a patron and professional space planner, to make the library function more efficiently. Taking down the partitions behind the circulation desk opened up the staff’s workspace, making it more accessible and functional. Desks and tables were also rearranged and shelving layouts reconfigured. We are making better use of the space we have.

An under-used section of wall above low shelving in the Young Adult area has become our new “Art Wall,” a space for monthly exhibits of artwork and historical and literary materials. Al Hurwitz, Claire Chalfoun, Valerie Sonnenthal, Lyla Griswold, and Chantale Legare have been our first artists to exhibit, their work ranging from monotype and painting to photography. In September, when the old library building on Music Street was the site of a dedication ceremony for the African American Heritage Trail, Elaine Weintraub mounted a complementary exhibition of photographs at the library. The Heritage Trail honorees were five West Tisbury women who traveled to North Carolina in 1963 to help register voters. They were: Virginia Mazer, Nancy Whiting, Peg Lilienthal, Nancy Smith, and Polly Murphy. Patrons have been excited by the changing art shows.

We have also added music to our programming. Following the enthusiasm of all who attended for the Dunkl brothers playing at our Holiday party in 2006, we began a series of musical programs with a performance by Ray Kellman's Baroque Quartet in February. In June, the JC Jazz Trio played the first of what have become monthly concerts, 4 pm on the third Friday of the month.

Monday Night Movies have been joined by the Monday Night "In Stitches" group. Craft programs for children and adults, lots of book discussions and poetry readings, lectures ranging in subjects from skunks and local flora to world travels and current events have made the library a stimulating place to be. Marsha Winsryg and her daughter, Nora Karasik, showed their documentary film, "Waging Peace in Zambia," part of their continuing African Artists' Community Development Project. The Annual Library Sleepover during April vacation attracted 15 kids, who watched movies, read, ate pizza, and had a great time. Nelia Decker and Beth Kramer designed a QUEST program for home-schoolers that was built into the Island Quest Project.

In April, voters elected two new trustees; Ginny Jones and Dan Waters joined the Board for their first meeting on April 20.

New staff members this year are Steve Klebs and Martha Flanders, both Circulation Assistants.

Staff members and trustees have attended several workshops and classes over the past year. Beth completed her training as a passport agent in March. This has provided a valuable and well-used service to the town. Income from passports was over \$5000.00 in 2007. The West Tisbury Library was represented at the Cape Cod Interlibrary Conference, American Library Conference, New England Library Association Conference, Public Library Association, and meetings of The Martha's Vineyard Library Association. Staff members attended a Public Service workshop, a series of technology workshops sponsored by SEMLS (South East Massachusetts Library System,) an ARIS statistics workshop and one on year-end reporting of municipal appropriations. In response to patron requests, Beth and the directors from Chilmark and Aquinnah have been meeting with CLAMS, SAILS, and OCLN, exploring the possibility of our joining a regional automated network rather than remaining on a stand-alone system. Trustees Linda Hearn and Hermine Hull, with Director Beth Kramer, attended a tour of small library buildings and renovations/additions led by Anne Larsen of the MBLC. The three of us, with fellow trustees Leslie Baker and Dan Waters, also attended a meeting of the MBLC held on the island at the Oak Bluffs Library. All of the trustees attended a workshop sponsored by the town that reviewed the Open Meeting Law and Public Ethics/Conflict of Interest legalities.

Anne Larsen visited our library in October and had several suggestions for how we could more safely and efficiently reconfigure our space. We have also added power strips and Wi-Fi access in the former Reading Room and a new printer for the public's use.

A Board sub-committee, Elaine Pace and Dan Waters, has been working with Beth and Nelia to review and revise library policies and the Board's by-laws. We have devoted a portion of our monthly Board meetings to this project. All of the library's job descriptions have also been rewritten and submitted to the Personnel Board.

The Friends of the Library's Annual Book Sale, started fifty years ago by Jane Newhall, was the largest and best ever. Sales tallied over \$17,000.00. Miss Newhall, at age 93, attended as she always does. The Friends continue to support the library with funding for our Summer Reading Program and its tee shirts, bags, and its kick-off event in July, (this year Roger Tincknell performed at the Ag Hall to a standing room only audience,) the hayride at our Halloween party, the maintenance of beautiful gardens around the library, the library's copier, and the water cooler. The logo design for this year's tee shirts and bags was done by Lyla Griswold. In November, Trustees and Friends began a series of joint monthly meetings, 7 pm the third Thursday of the month that have been filmed for and shown on MVTv. They are all open to the public.

The town voted to upgrade our parking lot with pervious paving around the curve in front of the library and a more regular maintenance schedule for the lot overall. This has been a great boon in keeping up with the potholes that have plagued patrons and staff alike. Our maintenance budget covered the painting of the north side of our building, a new heating system downstairs, large worktables and new storage in the staff area, a lowering of the center of the circulation desk, and pumping out the septic system.

The library has continued to be busier in every aspect of service. New patrons registered increased by 27%. Total circulation, computer use, and patron activity overall were up by over 25% in each category. Inter-library loans have increased by almost 70%. Our circulation is second only to Vineyard Haven, still with the smallest staff of any of the island's libraries. We have the highest circulation to staff ratio for a library our size in the state of Massachusetts.

We are very grateful for all the volunteer support we are so lucky to have. Over the past year volunteers have helped with everything from getting the mail to making educational displays in the library, glorious bouquets of flowers for the circ desk and bringing generous platters of refreshments to library events. They help with projects, execute special programs and events, and give their time and enthusiasm. Thank you all.

Thanks, also, to Marilyn Hollinshead and Ernie Mendenhall, who ably served two terms each as library trustees.

The library community was deeply saddened by the death of Nancy Whiting in November. Many remember her years as librarian in the old library on Music Street. Many of her friends, family, and colleagues made generous donations to the library in her memory, a fitting tribute. Thank you, not only for the donations, but also for the wonderful stories that are part of our history.

We were astounded when Susan Wasserman, President of our Friends, told us at our holiday party in December about a most generous gift from Betty and Ralph Franklin. Betty donated \$50,000.00 to the Friends in honor of her friends, the group of extraordinary volunteers who make magic out of chaos organizing and running the Friends' Annual Book Sale. Betty has served as head of that effort for many years and has made it look easy. She has forgotten more than many of us will ever know. The volunteers who work on the sale are indeed an amazing group; everyone has his or her area of expertise and way of accomplishing it. It all comes together like clockwork. Thank you, Betty, for your good humor along the way and for your regard for the town and our library.

Please note that we have changed the time of our scheduled trustees meetings to 7 pm. They still are the second Thursday of every month at the library. You are all welcome to attend, and we hope you will.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Baker
Linda Hearn, Secretary
Hermine Hull, Chairman
Virginia Jones
Elaine Pace, Vice-chairman
Dan Waters



*Nancy Whiting (provided by
Tom Hodgson)*

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission has reviewed several applications this year and approved most of them.

We try to work with homeowners to achieve a design that fits in with the neighborhood.

We have been working with the Town Hall Renovation Committee to create an appropriate plan for the town hall.

We hope that the citizens of West Tisbury will be proud of their new town hall and that it will be the island landmark that it should be.

I would like to thank the members of the WTHDC for all their time and effort.

Thank you,
Sean Conley, Chair.

Members
Nancy Dole
Annie Fisher
Lanny McDowell
Mark Mazer
Ben Moore

ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT

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 the Up-Island Council on Aging combining the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury), and at-large members from the community. The ICOA Board and staff work with the Directors and Boards of each of the Town Councils on Aging, 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. Island Councils on Aging's mission is to promote the "aging in place concept" with 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 FY07, in addition to local municipal support, ICOA received \$20,828 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.

Island Councils on Aging is responsible for the following programs:

Information and referral: The 55PLUS Times supplemental section is 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 a single resource with comprehensive information pertaining to programs and services available to Island seniors and their families.

Taxi Service to off-Island medical appointments: With an \$8000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands and donations from participants and local charitable organizations, 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. Every month this service provides transportation to an average of between twenty and thirty elders and disabled clients to their off-island medical appointments. In FY2007 these clients donated over \$4800 back to the program. In addition, a \$3000 grant was received from The Executive Office of Elder Affairs and a \$1000 donation from the Martha's Vineyard Rotary Club. These funds go to direct support for the continuance of the taxi program.

Supportive Day Program: In July 2007, 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. FY2007 saw huge growth and many positive changes in the Supportive Day Program. Unfortunately this growth also meant that the spaces available at the Anchors Senior Center and Tisbury Senior Center are no longer adequate to provide the quality service for which this program has become known. For the first time we had to institute a waiting list for new clients wishing to attend the program. Looking ahead, and considering projected future growth and needs of the Supportive Day Program, Island Councils on Aging will 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 five days per week, 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 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 Americans 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 FY2007, 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 three 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 delicious meal prepared and served by the Culinary Arts students. Proceeds from these events go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals: Island Councils on Aging coordinates the holiday home delivered meal program providing 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.

Emergency Food Pantry Program: Martha's Vineyard has five designated emergency food pantries; four Senior Centers and the Island Food Pantry (located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). The Emergency Food Pantry Program strives to provide a variety of free nutritious foods to needy Islanders of all ages. Island Councils on Aging is responsible for coordinating the ordering, pick up and delivery of monthly shipments of surplus food from the Greater Boston Food Bank to these pantries. 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 the truck and personnel each month. Recent years have seen a growing number of struggling families seeking the food provided through this program. In FY2007, approximately 4,000 pounds of food (canned goods, fresh and frozen) were brought to the Island and distributed every month through the emergency food pantries. Much of this food is free; however, some is purchased at reduced cost. In FY07 approximately \$2300 was spent on the purchase of food. ICOA received a \$2000 grant from Project Bread through the Walk for Hunger and a \$1500 donation from the Vineyard Committee on Hunger to offset the cost of food and to help cover the costs of the home delivered holiday meal program. The surplus food program serves an average of 300-350 individual islanders, including children and elders per month through the emergency food pantries.

FEMA: Island Councils on Aging is designated to receive and allocate Federal Emergency Management Administration funds that are earmarked to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when other resources have been exhausted. In FY207, \$1500 was allocated to the Island Councils on Aging for this program. These funds were used to pay overdue utility bills for 9 elders.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Clapp, Director
Island Councils on Aging

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

In 2007, 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 Martha's Vineyard Commission is the Island's Regional Planning Agency, with a mandate both to help plan the Island's future and to regulate certain developments of Island-wide impact. The year 2007 saw important progress in the preparation of the long-range plan for the Vineyard's future, improvements to the MVC's review of DRIs, and a broad range of other planning efforts.

The Island Plan: Directed by a group of citizens and supported by MVC planners, The Island Plan's mission is "to chart – in simple but compelling ways – a course to the kind of future that the Vineyard community wants and to 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.

- **Steering Committee:** The Committee oversees both the content and the process of the plan. Last year, it started working on a critical component of the plan, namely outlining options for better managing development and growth on the Island. This was the topic of a large public forum last summer, and will be a focus for public discussions in the summer of 2008.
- **Work Groups:** Five Work Groups with between 60 and 170 members outlined draft objectives and strategies in the specific topic areas of Energy/Waste, Housing, Livelihood/Commerce, Natural Environment, and Water Resources. Community feedback was solicited through discussion papers, a survey, and a series of well-attended public forums. At year's end, three new Work Groups were set up to focus on Built Environment, Social Environment, and Transportation.
- **Network of Planning Advisors:** By the end of 2007, over five hundred Vineyarders had joined the Network to closely follow the planning process and to give their input at key times through surveys, forums, work groups, and other planning activities.
- **Outreach:** A broad public awareness campaign about the Island Plan included information flyers distributed to all Vineyard homes, exhibits around the Island (Tisbury Street Fair, Ag Fair, grocery stores, etc.), regular newspaper articles and television coverage, and outreach to various organizations and individuals. People responded to several

surveys, either on-line or at town libraries. Many Island Plan activities are broadcast on MVTV. Meeting minutes and reports are available on the plan's website – www.islandplan.org - where people can also exchange ideas through on-line forums.

All Vineyarders are invited to get involved by signing up on the website or calling the MVC.

Transportation: As the Island's Regional Planning Agency, the MVC is responsible for the overall transportation planning of the Island, in association with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority, MassHighway, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates the JTC, made up of appointees from each of the towns and the county commission, as well as interested individuals. The JTC meets monthly to coordinate transportation efforts on the Island and to schedule Transportation Improvement Projects funded by MassHighway. West Tisbury's representative on the Committee is Deb Cini. In 2007, the JTC approved a four-year project plan featuring pedestrian safety improvements in downtown Oak Bluffs, and a roundabout at the "blinker" intersection. The JTC also amended its by-laws and its Public Participation Program in 2007.
- **Regional Transportation Plan:** In 2007, MVC staff, working with the JTC, completed an extensive revision to the Island's RTP, a document updated every four years, to guide transportation activities on the Island. The most significant change in this update is the increased emphasis on improving the bicycling and walking environment as alternatives to increased motor vehicle use.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** This subcommittee of the JTC proposed a list of short-term actions to down-Island towns to raise awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety issues, prompted the erection of navigational maps at mid-Island intersections of multiuse paths (MUP, the new term for bicycle paths) and produced a map and flyer for local businesses to give to cyclists to highlight safe riding. The committee also met with the town police chiefs regarding legal issues concerning the intersections of MUP with roads and driveways, and focused attention – in conjunction with Oak Bluffs' examination of improving cyclist and pedestrian movement along Sea View Avenue as part of a broader examination by the Oak Bluffs Beach to Boardwalk Task Force.
- **Data Collection:** The MVC annually records traffic counts at 46 locations. In 2007 the entire historical traffic count database became available on the MVC website. This data is used by many groups and individuals for defining needs, measuring trends, reviewing development of regional impact proposals and funding improvement projects.
- **Town Support:** MVC staff participated in meetings with the Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Traffic and Parking Committees. For example MVC staff

expertise was used in Oak Bluffs for the Harbor and North Bluff projects, the Beach to Boardwalk revitalization effort, redesigning Lake Avenue along the Harbor, and surveying road segments to evaluate potential new multi-use paths.

- **Drawbridge:** The MVC provides support to the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee, which in 2007 provided input into MassHighway design for the temporary drawbridge, to allow construction to begin by year's end. The committee continues to make sure the Island plays an important role in the design process for the permanent drawbridge, which also got underway last year.

Emergency Planning: The MVC completed preparation of a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the Island, in coordination with the towns, which identifies strategies to reduce losses of life and property in the event of a natural disaster such as hurricanes, coastal storms, drought, wildfire or dam failure. Those strategies are now included in the plan as projects which are eligible for 75% federal funding that would otherwise not be available to the towns. Approval of the plan by FEMA is expected in early 2008, in time for the next round of grant opportunities.

Economic Development: The Commission's mandate includes promoting a sound local economy.

- **Studies:** In 2007, the MVC undertook the following studies.
 - *Cost of Living Index for Martha's Vineyard 2006*, published in April, measures relative differences among urban areas in the cost of consumer goods and services for a segment of the population. It showed that the Vineyard's index, measured in the summer of 2006, was 57% higher than the national averages of prices for consumer goods and services from all participating urban areas in a particular quarter (12% higher than Boston).
 - *Leakage Analysis of the Martha's Vineyard Economy: Increasing Prosperity through Greater Self-Reliance*, published in August, looks at how much spending in various categories took place on the Vineyard, and outlines possible strategies for supporting local business and employment by increasing local spending.
 - The MVC commissioned preparation of a *Martha's Vineyard Economic Profile*, which outlines the Island's current situation, emerging trends, and main challenges for the future. A draft version is being reviewed by the Island Plan Livelihood and Commerce Work Group and will be published early in 2008.
- **Farming and Fishing:** The Commission continues to help support efforts to promote locally grown agricultural and aqua-cultural products. The MVC, in coordination with the Dukes County Commission, MV Agricultural Society, Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources and

the USDA Pilgrim RC&D, sponsored an Agricultural Commission Workshop in November 2007.

- **Workshops:** The MVC continues to work with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED) in addition to the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE), and local banks in sponsoring free Entrepreneurial Workshops in April 2007.
- **Census:** MVC staff provided Island towns an outline of options to participate in the 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Program, the first set of preparations to ensure that the Island population is properly counted in the upcoming Census, so towns are eligible for our fair share of future grants.
- **Information:** The MVC annually responds to more than 400 requests for economic and demographic information pertaining to the Island.

Water Quality: The Commission continues its scientific and community work related to protecting water quality on the Vineyard.

- **Water Testing:** The Commission continued to carry out extensive water testing of Island coastal ponds to qualify them for inclusion in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project with the most complete water quality dataset possible, allowing them to carry out detailed modeling of these ponds to indicate how extensive the water quality problems are, and how effective various possible improvement measures would be. The Commission is the primary source for land use data for the Estuaries Project to produce nitrogen loading computer models.
- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The Commission is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance and all pond advisory or support groups 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.

Coastal Management and Harbor Planning: MVC staff participated in the Barrier Beach Task Force, particularly in discussions of development of a long range beach management plan for Sylvia State Beach, as well as in discussions of routine management issues.

Affordable Housing: The Commission continues to assist the towns in providing updates about recent legislation, state funding and other grant opportunities, state programs, and workshops. The MVC coordinated Island participation in the Cape Light Compact and Massachusetts Technology Collaborative's Workshop on Green Affordable Homes Program; four community housing projects applied for grant funding.

Streamlined Permitting: The Commission undertook a comprehensive analysis of development permitting processes on the Island. It collaborated with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies on a guide to best permitting practices in the Commonwealth. Staff met with town regulatory boards and staff, property owners and developers, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders to identify possible process enhancements within towns and at the MVC. The report of this work will be completed in January 2008.

Island-Wide Cooperation: The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

- **All-Island Board Meetings:** The MVC 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.
- **Education and Training:** The Commission 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: *Monster Homes and Tear Downs*, *Planned Production Affordable Housing Plans*, *Vested Rights and Nonconforming Uses and Structures*, *Roles and Responsibilities of Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals*, and *Pocket Neighborhoods*.

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

- **Projects Reviewed:** In 2007 the Commission reviewed 27 projects across the Island, of which 16 were approved with conditions, none were denied, 6 were remanded back to their town without DRI review, 1 was withdrawn, 2 were granted extensions, and 2 are on hold. Five more are in progress.
- **DRI Policies:** The MVC is preparing policies, intended to clarify and simplify the DRI process for applicants and the public. In 2007, the Commission adopted an interim Water Quality Policy, and prepared a draft Energy Policy outlining basic principles for energy efficiency. Staff began work on a Transportation Policy.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern: The Commission designated one new DCPC and enlarged the limits of another one.

- **Aquinnah Energy District:** The Aquinnah Board of Selectmen nominated the entire town as an Energy District and the Commission made the designation. The MVC is assisting the Town's investigation of energy options and development of appropriate regulations to achieve goals of efficiency and to promote renewable energy while protecting the unique rural character and scenic values, which are so important in Aquinnah.
- **Island Road District – Special Ways:** The Edgartown Planning Board nominated several new Special Ways to be included in the Island Road District. The Commission voted the designation as presented, affording DCPC protection to Pennywise Path, Ben Tom's Road, Middle Line Path, Tar Kiln Path and Watcha Path.

Specific Activities for West Tisbury

WATER RESOURCES

- MVC staff conducted water quality sampling in Tisbury Great Pond and James Pond funded by a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act. A total of 50 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.
- Staff assisted personnel from the Massachusetts Estuaries Project in setting and retrieving a remote sensing meter to record dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity and chlorophyll content of the bottom water over a 30-day period.
- With funding from the West Tisbury Conservation commission, staff sampled Mill Brook at 5 stations on three dates to assess the quality of the stream during dry weather and immediately following heavy rain.
- To provide information to the Riparian Owners, MVC staff is evaluating the Tisbury Great Pond sampling data from previous years to summarize the water quality data and evaluate factors that may play a role in water quality.
- Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from two wells in Town.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- MVC staff prepared wind turbine siting maps for West Tisbury.
- Staff prepared various pond area maps in response to a request from the selectmen.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

- The MVC reviewed four Developments of Regional Impact in West Tisbury in 2007. They were the new Hart Plumbing building on Indian Hill Road, Fischer family farm subdivision of a parcel; Ferry Tennis on Amos Lane, and the Rutkiewicz subdivision. All were approved with conditions.

More detail about these activities as well as the ongoing work of the MVC is available on the Commission's website: 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 CULTURAL COUNCIL

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 more than 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 4, 2007 was the MVCC's fifth. With a grant application postmark deadline of October 15; an 18-member deliberative body meeting for five hours little more than two weeks later; disapproval letters sent seven days after that; and approval packages mailed by mid-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, 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.

In 2007 the Council received \$24,000 from the Commonwealth for local re-granting. In addition, the Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury donated \$1,000, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$500, \$1,000, and \$1,000, respectively. Together with unclaimed grant funds from the 2006 cycle, the total awarded was \$35,197.

The MVCC received 40 applications in 2007 and rejected nine of them outright due to lack of proper forms, failures to meet the submission deadline or off-Islanders' having no local sponsors. Of the 31 applications considered at the grant award meeting, all were at least partially funded, with three

funded for the entire amount requested. The amount of the award depended on how well, in the minds of the members, the applicant met the Massachusetts Cultural Council and MVCC criteria.

The projects approved and funded by the MVCC in 2007 were as follows:

History/Natural History

Mass Audubon, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, <i>Osprey Festival</i>	\$ 700
Marine & Paleobiological Institute, Inc, <i>2008 Lecture</i>	\$ 486
Martha Flanders, Humanitarian Research Project, <i>Storm Years on Everest</i>	\$ 868
Terry Bastian, <i>The Blue Wave Project</i>	\$ 373

Art

Julia Mitchell, <i>Artists' Processes</i>	\$ 2,506
Martha's Vineyard Art Association, <i>Permanent Collection Exhibition/Restoration</i>	\$ 699

Theater/Puppetry

Vineyard Playhouse, <i>4th Grade Theatre Project</i>	\$ 2,189
April Thanhauser, <i>Second Puppetry Festival</i>	\$ 981

Dance

Abby Bender, <i>Built on Stilts</i>	\$ 2,385
The Yard, <i>Bridging Difference Thru the Arts</i>	\$ 2,775

Music

KCT Concerts, <i>Traditional Music Concert Series</i>	\$ 2,341
The Performer's Workshop, <i>Performance Workshop</i>	\$ 629
Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society, <i>Off-season Concerts</i>	\$ 1,586
Aquinnah Public Library, <i>Aquinnah Summer Celebration</i>	\$ 905
Boenel Productions, <i>Built on Stilts Original Music</i>	\$ 477

Film Screen/Video Production

Silver Screen Film Society, <i>3rd Annl MV Internatl Film Festival</i>	\$ 1,888
Silver Screen Film Society, <i>Film and Event Programming</i>	\$ 1,128
EMVY Media, <i>Children of the Light</i>	\$ 1,015

Poetry/Literature

Cynthia Riggs, <i>Martha's Vineyard Writing</i>	\$ 500
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Language/Life Stories

Lynn Ditchfield, <i>Nightmares & Dreams: Immigrant Voices</i>	\$ 1,174
Susan Klein, <i>Spice of Life: Memoir Organization & Writing</i>	\$ 1,487

Cultural Festivals

Polly Hill Arboretum, <i>Summer Solstice Celebration 2008</i>	\$ 638
Aquinnah Cultural Center, <i>Native Americans Artisans Festival</i>	\$ 1,415
Island Waldorf Community, <i>Family, Festivals & Fun</i>	\$ 631
Martha's Vineyard Museum <i>et alia</i> , <i>Cultural Variety Adventure</i>	\$ 2,000

PASS Grants

Chilmark Pub Library for the Chilmark School, <i>Fabulists at The Vineyard Playhouse</i>	\$ 300
The Tisbury School, <i>Boston Symphony Orchestra</i>	\$ 570
The Tisbury School, <i>New Bedford Whaling Museum</i>	\$ 555
The Edgartown School, <i>Plimoth Plantation</i>	\$ 377
The Edgartown School, <i>Nutcracker Gala</i>	\$ 875
MV Public Charter School, <i>Museum of Fine Arts, Boston</i>	\$ 744

In mid-June the MV Cultural Council held its first community input meeting. With an overarching goal of enhancing the cultural life of the Island for its residents, the Council explored ways to make its program better known to the public, including outreach on MVTv and setting up a Website. At the same time the public told members what they needed and wanted from the Council.

In September the MVCC hosted a well-attended grant workshop, whose fruits became apparent the following month when the 2007 applications arrived. Among them were a number of first-time applicants. Also of note was the Cultural Variety Vacation Adventure proposal, which had its origins at the workshop itself and eventually involved six Island institutions. Another grant workshop is planned for September 2008.

Lastly, the members of the MV Cultural Council wish to acknowledge the special contributions from the Town of West Tisbury. Town Treasurer Katherine Logue and Town Accountant Bruce Stone have graciously processed the financial transactions of the Council since its regionalization in 2003. In addition, the Up-Island Council on Aging has dependably provided the Howes House as a handicapped-accessible, centrally located, and very welcoming meeting place. For these gifts we are indeed grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

DAWN GREELEY, Chair

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council
2007 Membership**

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
Joan Le Lacheur	Sandra Grymes
Molly Purves	Francine Kelly
Penny Weinstein	Holly Nadler
Chilmark	Tisbury
Chris Dreyer, Co-Chair	Wiet Bacheller, Treas.
Bonnie George	Jean Hay
Dawn Greeley, Chair	Joanne Horgan
Edgartown	West Tisbury
Nis Kildegaard	Leslie Baker
John Walter	Shelton Bank
Pia Webster, Secretary	Ann Miller Maley
Ex-Officio	
Cathy Lewis	
Dan Waters (Emeritus)	

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

2856 acres, representing 4.7% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the land bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries.

Acquisitions

Eight preserves and reservations were created or expanded in 2007:

- (1.) The stretch of the State Road in West Tisbury near its intersection with the Old County Road is renowned for its length of unbroken woodland; the northern side of the road was conserved in 2003 as the **John Presbury Norton Farm** and in 2007 the land bank added 2000 feet on the south side of the road.
- (2.) Heathland on the Aquinnah side of the Menemsha Creek was conserved; owing to its isolated location, the **Menemsha Neck Preserve** is accessible via foot or boat.
- (3.) **Moshup Beach** now contains 2042' of ocean beach, as result of land assembly since 1988; in 2007, two separate transactions secured approximately 25% of this total.
- (4.) Keeping the edges of farmfields undeveloped is a long-held land bank goal; the purchase of 5 acres abutting the **Norton Fields Preserve** will spare these fields from more windows, lights, cars, pets ...
- (5.) Part of an old woodlot — comprising 9.2 acres of rolling oakland — was added to the **Ripley's Field Preserve**. This was part of a cooperative acquisition involving the Bridge Housing Corporation, which plans to construct affordable housing on a portion of the balance of the lot.
- (6.) No longer utterly remote, but nevertheless still quiet and lonely, the **Sailors' Burying Ground** is the resting place for dozens of far-flung mariners who happened to die on Martha's Vineyard more than 100 years ago. Its owner, the Boston Seaman's Friend Society, was looking for successors who would maintain the cemetery properly; it found them in the land bank and the Martha's Vineyard Historical Society, to which it donated the property.
- (7.) 43.6 acres in the heart of the Mill Brook valley were protected via

the purchase of a conservation restriction; they will be combined with an abutting 37.6 acres at the *Square Field* which had been conserved by the town, commonwealth and land bank in 1989. Additional acreage is contracted to be conserved here in 2008.

- (8.) Public ownership along the *Tisbury Great Pond Beach* doubled; 400 feet of Atlantic surf-line are now owned by the land bank, accessible by boat from the Sepiessa Point Reservation.

Additional details about the above acquisitions follow:

property	seller	town	acres	price
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John Presbury Norton Farm	Molly Belle Bennett	West Tisbury	14.5	\$1,862,153
Menemsha Neck Preserve	Lynn Murphy	Aquinnah	2.8	\$ 38,000
Moshup Beach	Sandra Hillman	Aquinnah	4.1	\$ 400,000
	Forrest Vanderhoop			\$ 20,000
Norton Fields Preserve	Phyllis Bartol et al.	Edgartown	5.0	\$ 2,750,000
Ripley's Field Preserve	Sarah Norton et al.	Tisbury	9.2	\$ 636,364
Sailors' Burying Ground	Boston Seamen's Friend Society	Tisbury	1.0	\$ 0
Square Field	Harriet Hickie et al.	West Tisbury	43.6	\$ 2,050,000

Tisbury	Lydia	West	1.5	\$	360,000
Great	Katzenbach	Tisbury			
Pond					
Beach	Diana		0.5	\$	120,000
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			82.2	\$	8,236,517

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: Blue Barque Preserve, Moshup Beach and Moshup Beach Overlook (expansion), Norton Fields Preserve (expansion), Ocean View Farm Preserve, Sailors' Burying Ground, Three Ponds Reservation (expansion), Toad Rock Preserve (expansion) and Wapatequa Woods Reservation (expansion).

A revised management plan for the Manaquayak Preserve was completed and approved by the commonwealth, without conditions. This enabled the land bank to seek and obtain all of the other necessary permits to allow public access to the pond here. This property will be opened in the spring of 2008.

Management plans for the John Presbury Norton Farm, Little Duarte's Pond Preserve and the Tisbury Great Pond Beach were also finalized. Pending before the commonwealth for final approval are plans for the Tiasquam Valley Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

Two new beaches were opened for public use — Tisbury Great Pond Beach and a new stretch of Moshup Beach. In addition, the Weahtaqua Springs Preserve was also opened. A long-sought trail easement, connecting the North Road and Holman Path, was purchased; as a result, a continuous trail now links the Middle Road (at Tea Lane Farm) and the Vineyard Sound (at the Great Rock Bight Beach). An old barn at the Southern Woodlands Reservation was renovated to serve as the staff workshop; nearby derelict buildings, left behind by previous owners, were removed. The existing workshop at the Blackwater Pond Reservation will be discontinued.

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

Cross-island hike

The land bank's fifteenth 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 Jetty Beach on East Chop in Oak Bluffs and finished in the late

afternoon at the Blackwater Pond Reservation in West Tisbury, a distance of 17.6 miles.

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 2007 budgeted -----	fiscal year 2007 actual -----	fiscal year 2008 budgeted -----
	cash amount and % of total -----	cash amount and % of total -----	cash amount and % of total -----
administrative expenses	\$ 428,619 4.5%	\$ 397,832 3.3%	\$ 428,246 4.5%
land management expenses	\$ 640,474 6.7%	\$ 627,762 5.2%	\$ 694,302 7.2%
debt service expenses	\$4,454,347 46.9%	\$5,146,760 42.3%	\$5,698,581 59.4%
reserve expenses	\$ 30,000 0.3%		\$30,000 0.3%
surplus revenues	\$3,946,560 41.5%	\$5,982,074 49.2%	\$2,741,370 28.6%
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	\$9,500,000 100.0%	\$12,154,428 100.0%	\$9,592,500* 100.0%

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, 2007 the land bank treasury contained some \$19,300,000 for these purposes; the land bank is currently in active negotiations to purchase various properties whose aggregate value exceeds \$50,000,000.

The asterisk (*) indicates the land bank's projection for revenues between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

Gifts

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

Transfer fee revenues

2007 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received 01-01-07 through 12-31-07	% of total
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Aquinnah Fund	\$ 209,985.50	1.9 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 1,020,817.22	9.4 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 2,356,146.35	21.6 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 597,016.39	5.5 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 810,075.78	7.4 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 463,017.25	4.2 %
<i>central fund</i>	<i>\$ 5,457,058.49</i>	<i>50.0 %</i>
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	\$ 10,914,116.98	100.0 %

This represented a 6.6% 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; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; and Julie Schaeffer, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lengyel
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

A recent federal report states that over 70% of the seafood consumed in the US is imported. How very lucky we are on Martha's Vineyard to still have substantial beds of clean, safe and healthful shellfish! Our world-class quality shellfish are truly a blessing. We need to be aware of that fact and not take this unique natural resource for granted. Our shellfish can remain a prized sustainable resource for years to come, but only if we want them to be.

With funding from the six Island towns, private donations, and grant moneys from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, NOAA Sea Grant, the Martha's Vineyard Permanent Endowment Fund, the Philip Evans Scholarship Foundation and the Menemsha Fisheries Development Fund, 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 2007 program follow:

Solar Shellfish Hatchery - In the 2007 culture season, we produced and distributed to the towns 5 million seed quahogs and over 13.5 million seed scallops. The oyster population in Tisbury Great Pond was enhanced through the seeding of 250,000 seed oysters, and nearly 3 million remote-set eyed oyster larvae. Edgartown Great Pond was seeded with 250,000 seed oysters.

Support of Island Oyster Farmers – We continue to encourage, support and promote shellfish aquaculture as an ideal “green” industry for Martha's Vineyard. “Island Cultured Oysters” are a continuing success story. Demand for these quality, locally-raised oysters remains high. More Island fishers are giving oyster farming a try. Our investigations with triploid bay scallops and offshore mussel culture may soon provide additional shellfish “crops” for Vineyard shellfish growers and more local seafood for Vineyard consumers.

Triploid Shellfish – With funding from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, we continued our cutting edge research with sterile triploid scallops. Triploidy, a technology widely used in the production of seedless fruits and vegetables, imparts sterility and faster growth that promises to make possible the farm production of market-size bay scallops in one year. We have just received word that we will be awarded a multiple year grant from the US Department of Agriculture to continue the work.

Offshore Mussel Culture Initiative – With funding from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, the MV Permanent Endowment Fund

and the Menemsha Fisheries Development Fund, we are spearheading a project to determine the potential for farm raised Martha's Vineyard mussels. Working with Island fishers, we are conducting experiments to see if a successful submerged long-line methodology developed at the University of New Hampshire can be used to grow mussels in the offshore waters of the Vineyard. Initial results are very promising. We are beginning the lease process that hopefully will provide employment opportunities for Vineyard fishers producing Martha's Vineyard Cultured Mussels!

Oyster Disease Investigations – Several oyster diseases continue to deplete both wild and cultured shellfish. This year in a cooperative effort with the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory and Rutgers University, we completed two investigations of disease resistant oyster strains in Katama Bay and Edgartown Great Pond. One investigation has proved the disease resistance of a strain of Edgartown Great Pond oysters. These resistant oysters are being used as broodstock in our hatchery to produce seed for stocking in Island great ponds

Invasive Sea Squirt Investigations - Imported exotic pest organisms are an increasing threat to our shellfish and their habitats. With funding from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, we assisted Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution scientists with an experiment to determine the impacts of a new invasive sea squirt species on the settlement of bay scallop larvae

Outreach - In an effort to better educate the community about our program and recommendations for protecting our shellfish resources, we commissioned the production of a DVD about the Island's scallop fishery that is broadcast on MVTv. We also post reports of our work on our website, www.mvshellfishgroup.org.

Think Locally and Act Globally - I continue to serve as Co-Chair of the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center, on the Industry Subcommittee of the National Shellfisheries Association 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 2007

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Quahogs	Aquinnah*	100,000
	Chilmark	1,273,000
	Edgartown	1,273,000
	Oak Bluffs	1,273,000
	Tisbury	<u>1,273,000</u>
Total Quahog Seed		5,192,000

Scallops	<u>Seed On Burlap (estimated)</u>	<u>Fertilized eggs</u>
— Aquinnah*	1,500,000	
Chilmark	3,000,000	
Edgartown	3,000,000	65,000,000***
Oak Bluffs	3,000,000	
Tisbury	3,000,000	
Wampanoag Tribe**	<u>200,000</u>	
Total Scallop Seed & Eggs	13,700,000	65,000,000

Oyster Larvae (disease-resistant)

Chilmark & West Tisbury (Released in Tisbury Great Pond)		
	5 Day old larvae	3,315,000
	7 Day old larvae	1,000,000
	9 Day old larvae	520,000
	11 Day old larvae	490,000
	13 Day old larvae	790,000
	15 Day old larvae	1,440,000
West Tisbury (Remote Setting System)		
	Eyed setting larvae	<u>2,935,000</u>
Total Oyster Larvae		10,490,000

Single Oyster Seed (disease-resistant)

Edgartown***	250,000
West Tisbury	124,000
Chilmark	100,000
Marine Biological Lab**	18,000
Barnstable County**	<u>55,000</u>
Total Single Oysters	547,000

*Membership began on 7/1/07 (Some seed produced prior to 7/1 supplied under state funding)

Supplied under contract * Produced with Edgartown-funded personnel

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Advisory Board

**Alice Butler, Chairman/Oak Bluffs; Ken Johnson, Edgartown; John
Alley, West Tisbury; Leonard Jason, Chilmark; June Manning,
Aquinnah;
Connie Teixeira, Tisbury**

Greetings from the Administrator:

Fiscal Year 2007 was the second year of the two-year pilot program and once again, it proved to be a success. With the support of the Towns, the VTA will continue to operate twelve off-season routes in Fiscal Year 2008.

Fiscal Year 2007 the VTA saw an overall 12% increase in passenger boardings over FY 2006, which can be primarily attributed to the continued growth of off-season ridership (October 2006 through May 2007). Passenger boarding analysis shows a 33% increase in the FY07 off-season ridership from FY06.

I would like to thank our operating company, Transit Connection, Inc., and their employees for their continued commitment as we now go into our sixth 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

Passenger Boardings By Month
FY 2002 through FY 2007 Comparison

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
July	227,574	216,983	200,671	210,985	218,789
August	246,420	228,092	214,511	235,088	235,105
September	79,761	83,448	89,664	103,252	98,051
October	32,364	40,334	44,558	39,553	51,790
November	6,188	10,659	12,894	14,846	20,081
December	6,740	7,221	9,173	11,121	16,424
January	4,593	6,114	7,008	9,954	14,605
February	3,823	6,694	8,013	9,471	12,987
March	6,194	7,898	10,741	12,450	18,050
April	12,943	16,943	17,843	21,832	25,265
May	39,849	48,520	43,891	53,129	69,461
June	95,282	102,598	110,243	99,557	133,831
Total	761,731	775,504	769,210	821,238	914,439

“The Lift”

The Martha’s Vineyard Regional Transit Authority provides year-round paratransit service to the Island’s six (6) towns. The VTA also provides weekly van service to Boston area medical facilities. The following is a breakdown of *Lift* trips by purpose:

<u>Trip Purpose</u>	<u>Trips</u>
Medical	3,711
Nutrition	1,234
Social / Recreational	8,820
<u>Shopping/Other</u>	<u>643</u>
Total Trips	14,408

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The Parks and Recreation enjoyed another successful year of offering quality programs to the community of West Tisbury.

In early March we sponsored our sixth annual Family Skate at the ice arena. The community brought an abundance of snacks and desserts to share. Our committee supplied hot chocolate and juice. In early April we sponsored entertainer, Bob E. Thomas at the West Tisbury School gym. Although the show was extremely entertaining, the weather was a beautiful spring day and we had a rather small turnout. The Parks and Recreation Committee continue to try to offer quality family entertainment at a reasonable price.

In the spring and summer, both ball fields saw a lot of use from the school league, Little League, Women's softball league, MV United Youth soccer, as well as many other private groups of soccer, baseball and softball. The fields have been maintained in cooperation with MV Little League. We also would like to thank Paul Pertile of Edgartown, for donating and installing the safety fences at both ball fields. We appreciate the support of the community and would like to 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 parents to supervise their children at all times on the playground.

We once again had a successful summer season. The dog tag program continues to be generally well received and has helped alleviate some problems at Lamberts cove Beach after hours. The dog permits brought in \$800. We had 24 students enrolled in four levels of Red Cross certified swim instruction. The community has been cooperative with the challenge of limited parking and beach space. We had a few rainy days but for the most part the summer was hot and dry. We did have a closing of Uncle Seth's pond and the Coca Cola stream for one day due to a high bacteria count. Beach Sticker sales were \$52,140 this year. The beach wheelchair continues to offer a helpful tool for anyone needing assistance to navigate the path to the beach. The new key system at the tennis courts only met a few complaints this season. In general most people didn't mind the one time fees to play when ever they want. The tennis courts brought in \$1700. This was the last year for our use at the Old Courthouse Road Fire station. We are hoping to get approval at the Annual town meeting for a new multi

purpose shed to be put at the tennis courts, where all of summer permits and tennis keys will be sold.

The Annual Halloween Party has become a sought after tradition for the whole island. The number of people that attend continues to grow. Children and adults enjoyed pizza and cider, games, prizes and costume ribbons. The spooky hayride is still the most popular attraction. This year Fred Fisher brought his horses and a truck to pull wagons with over 100 people through the cemetery. Fortunately we did not turn anyone away this year. The Committee would like to thank all those that make this a special tradition a wonderful event!

Our three sessions of Yoga were filled to capacity. This year's receipts were \$950. We would like to thank the West Tisbury Congregational Church for the use of their hall. The Saturday Recreation Program ran for ten weeks between Thanksgiving and February vacation. 28 students enjoyed sports and art/theater activities at the West Tisbury School. Our Chess Club begins every January after the Holiday break. This program had 33 students enrolled in the eight week session that finished with a tournament and award party. All participants received trophies as well as award for the top three finishers in each level; beginner Willson Slayton, intermediate, Wyatt Jenkinson, and advanced .Dakota Fogg.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Reinhardsen, Co-Chair
Bruce Keep, Co-Chair
Doug Bardwell
Bob Holt
Cheryl Lowe
Peggy Stone, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE PATHS BESIDE THE ROADS COMMITTEE

This past year could be best described as “hurry up and wait.” We had planned that our latest effort, the path along Edgartown Road, would be begun and completed before Memorial Day. Unexpected delays put White-Lynch digging up the first bucketful of dirt in October. The path was dug, prepared, and the first layer of paving went quickly along until construction halted when White-Lynch left our project to work on Middle Road in Chilmark. By the time they were able to return, the temperatures had dropped and they advised us to postpone completion until Spring of 2008.

At Town Meeting in April voters approved an appropriation of \$80,000.00 in CPA funds toward our next project along Old County Road. This is half of the total amount requested and we expect the remainder to be approved in 2008. We were able to begin the preliminary measuring and engineering. At this point, it became obvious that the path would be better constructed on the west rather than the east side of the road due to fewer obstructions, a wider layout, and the request of Chief Toomey, who felt the path would be safer along the west side. Steve Berlucchi and Bill Haynes attended meetings of the road associations to inform residents of our plans and get their input. We also planned and held a public hearing at the end of October at the Howes House.

Our public hearing was well attended. Diana Manter had made a series of maps outlining our completed projects, the Edgartown Road project in progress, the up-coming Old County Road project, and our long-range plan for a connected network of paths from North Tisbury to the historic town center and along Old County Road. We have planned to use existing paths like the State Forest’s bike paths and Land Bank paths where we can to save money. Some residents who attended this meeting felt that an 8-foot wide bike path that would connect to the existing State Forest paths would be a better use of town funds. We expect this issue to be fully aired at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Diana Manter has been our liaison with the town’s Capital Improvements Committee. They and the Space Needs Committee have planned for an annual allocation of \$80,000.00 toward the construction of paths, hopefully from CPA funds.

One of the comments from our public hearing that we took to heart was about being more specific about our planned paths and holding public hearings to inform voters and pathway users. This has been difficult for us, as we don’t have “start-up” money for preliminary planning and advertising

public meetings. We are working to find a way to have access to a small fund for these purposes.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to see people using the paths, even the half-completed one on Edgartown Road. Joggers, walkers, parents with strollers, and kids running along or on their bikes all are in evidence. With the price of oil and an epidemic of obesity, it is great to have this healthy “green” option. It is our hope that we will someday be able to walk from the Town Hall to the Post Office to the school to the library. We hope for your support.

We are sorry to have lost Brian Athearn as a member of our committee and Steve Berlucchi as an honorary member. Following Brian’s resignation, the Selectmen appointed Rez Williams as our new member. He has already proved himself an excellent addition. His knowledge of conservation issues and his artistic sensibilities are much appreciated.

Path Committee meetings continue to be held the last Wednesday of every month at the Howes House. We meet at 5 pm October through April and 5:30 pm May through September, usually in the library but sometimes in the sunroom. Please join us and share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Haynes, Chairman
Hermine Hull
Ruth Kirchmeier, Secretary
Diana Manter
Richard Olsen
Rez Williams

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

In 2007, after 22 years as Principal Assessor, Jo-Ann Resendes departed for the big city of Edgartown and the Assessor's welcomed Kristina West to the position. Thanks to Jo-Ann for her many years of dedicated service to the town and good luck to Kristina in her new post. The library promoted Beth Kramer to the position of Library Director and Colleen Morris was promoted to Assistant Librarian. Stephen Kelbs and Molly Flanders joined the library as circulation assistants. The CPC committee hired Tony Nevin to assist them in administering the Community Preservation Act. Welcome to all the new employees.

The Board hired Human Resources Services, Inc. of Andover, MA to conduct a compensation review, which included surveying the pay scales of 14 similar sized towns in order to determine if West Tisbury is staying competitive as an employer. The Board has considered the consultants recommendations and formulated the proposed changes to the wage scale which will be placed before the voters at the 2008 annual town meeting.

For FY 2008 the Personnel Board recommended, and the voters approved, a 3.8% 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 PLANNING BOARD

2007 was yet another busy year on many fronts for the Planning Board.

During 2007, the Board reviewed and endorsed 4 Form A (Approval Not Required) divisions of land, all resulting in the creation of new lots. A fifth application was withdrawn. We reviewed and approved a Form C subdivision application filed under our Open Space Development bylaw. A 1.5-acre lot was created around an existing dwelling, and the remaining 11 acres will be permanently protected as open space via purchase by the Land Bank.

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 2007, we reviewed nine such houses.

Other Site Plan duties this year included reviewing five retail uses in the Mixed Business District, among them a paint store, a tennis/racquetball facility, a dog-grooming establishment, a gallery, and an internet café. We amended a Site Plan Review decision within the Light Industrial District for the parking of refuse trucks, and continue to review a proposal for the storage of heavy equipment within that district.

The Planning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority under several sections of the zoning bylaw. During 2007, the Board reviewed four applications for second driveways, and two driveway relocations involving alteration of existing stonewalls. In December we received an application for a special permit to create four affordable apartments in two existing outbuildings on State Road. This proposal will be reviewed in 2008.

Other miscellaneous business included reviewing proposed changes to driveway locations to improve visibility, and thus safety; approving proposed road names; and working with Town Counsel to craft a settlement offer in a nine-year-old lawsuit. We met with neighbors embroiled in a rooster dispute. In February we held a meeting with Townspeople to discuss the future of the North Tisbury area, outside of the business district, and its several grandfathered businesses. The overall consensus was that people like the neighborhood the way it is, and would not like its character to change through any zoning changes.

In the spring of 2007 we reappointed a Byways Committee. This energetic group hit the ground running in their charge to preserve, maintain and expand trails in Town.

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.

In December 2006, the Board accepted with deep regret Chairman Murray Frank's resignation. After interviewing several qualified candidates, the Board appointed former Associate Member Leah Smith as a full member. Voters elected her in the April election, and reelected Virginia Jones. Erik Hammarlund joined the Board as Associate Member. David Douglas now serves as Chairman, and Susan Silva is our Vice-Chairman.

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 and serves on the Town Hall Renovation Committee. Leah serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. David is the liaison to the Finance Committee. Board members take turns attending the Martha's Vineyard Commission'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
ERIK HAMMARLUND, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Often the activities of the police department are influenced by current events. After 9/11 we increased our focus on antiterrorism; following Katrina we encouraged hurricane preparedness for ourselves and the community; and outbreaks of Avian Influenza moved us to work on pandemic planning. Even though a year is often defined by a major event, the police department must also continue its routine activities. Investigations, patrol, and traffic control are always ongoing directives, as are our senior citizen, juvenile and community outreach programs. Although this year did not seem to have a defining moment we were as busy as ever. Programs that were the result of prior year's events have become a part of our daily routine.

Sergeant Skipper Manter continued as our very popular Senior Citizen Liaison Officer. He attended weekly luncheons and meetings at the Howes House. Sergeant Daniel Rossi remained as the Student Resource Officer for the MV Regional High School and Detective Daniel Gouldrup for the West Tisbury School. Detective Gouldrup continued working on our firearms permit program with Sergeant Matt Mincone. Special Officer and Administrative Assistant David Savage greeted citizens at the station, our fair booth and at the airport. David brought great energy to our community policing projects and service to police department. Officer Sean Slavin was assigned to patrol and airport duties. He also managed our breathalyzer equipment. Jennifer Kelley was assigned to patrol and airport duties. She was also involved with our Safety Net Program (emergency community communication). Officer Leomar DeOliviera was assigned to airport duties and he was an invaluable resource to island police departments assisting with police cases that involve Portuguese speaking citizens.

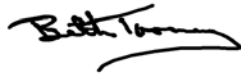
One of our continuing community policing services is our "Keep Kids Safe" child identification program. Using a digital photo/card printing computer system we were able to give parents a recent photo of their child and a record of vitally important information that they carry with them. Parents were then prepared to quickly provide this resource to any law enforcement agency. It was designed and implemented by Officer David Savage.

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 department who also served as an advocate for domestic violence victims. Our Byrne Grant partially funds Sergeant Mincone's and Officer Vieira's participation in the Martha's Vineyard Drug Task Force.

Sadly we said good bye to Pastor Campbell our Police Chaplain. He and his wife Kathy moved off island and they will be greatly missed. Chaplain/ Officer Ken Campbell served the town for many years responding with us on a number of challenging calls. His strong presence and calming manner consoled many family members during search and rescue incidents and sudden deaths. We want to thank Pastor Campbell and wish him well.

Our Community Policing Grant funded many special projects that continue to bring the department and the community closer. The West Tisbury Police Department is looking forward to another productive and safe year of serving the citizens of West Tisbury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Toomey", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Beth Toomey, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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 third 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). It continues to be my distinct pleasure to serve as Superintendent for the schools on this wonderful Island.

Overall student enrollment on the Island continued to decline with some exceptions. Using the official October 1st enrollments, the High School showed the biggest decline, falling from slightly over 800 to just 766. The Tisbury School dropped below the 300 mark for the first time in many years with an October 1st enrollment of 297. The smallest school on the Island – the Chilmark School – dropped to below 50 students with an October 1st enrollment of just 42. The Oak Bluffs School dropped slightly as well with an enrollment of 405. Edgartown grew very slightly from 323 to 327, and the West Tisbury School grew by ten to 283. The school districts utilize the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) to look ahead, and we expect the overall decline to continue through 2012 based upon the Council's projections.

The All-Island School Committee (AISC) devoted a great deal of its meeting time to helping me develop several very important goals for the upcoming school year. These goals focus upon three board areas. First, the AISC asked that I devote time and effort to curriculum especially in the areas of writing and mathematics. Second, it was the wish of the AISC that I work to improve our personnel practices, supporting our new administrators, finding ways to secure and retain outstanding educators, and handling personnel matters in a more consistent fashion. Finally, the Committee wanted me to focus a great deal of my energy on the issue of collaboration and regionalization, finding ways to improve our schools and save money by working together. All of these initiatives are well on their way; however, there are some challenging tasks among them.

Again this year, a large portion of our time and energy was devoted to the development of the Superintendent's Shared Services budget, which proved to be even more challenging than usual. The majority of this budget funds the

personnel costs that are associated with the numerous staff members who provide services to students across the Island – special education teachers, speech and language therapists, school psychologists and other service providers. It also funds the management staff needed to run our multi-district school system, paying over 600 employees, operating an overall budget in the \$30 million range and coordinating the educational experiences of over 2100 students. As we approached the FY09 budget, I proposed two new special education programs at the elementary level that were driven by additional children requiring service. I also included in the budget the position of facilities manager to better maintain our 614,000 square feet of building and to allow our building principals to focus their energies on educational matters. While the special education programs were well received, the facilities initiative was somewhat problematic. I continue to believe that we need to manage our facilities in a more professional manner if we are to keep our students in safe, well-functioning buildings that allow them to learn and grow properly.

Developing the budgets for the five local school districts was considerably more difficult this year due to specific local issues and to the recently negotiated master contracts for all of our five bargaining units. In an effort to appropriately compensate our staff, most of the bargaining units were afforded an appropriate cost-of-living increase as well as an additional step for those at the top of the salary schedule. This did push the portion of the overall budget devoted to personnel costs up more than we might have liked. At the High School, the decline in enrollment began to have an impact as Principal Margaret “Peg” Regan sought to reduce staff to reflect this decline. Anytime you reduce staff, there is always a healthy discussion, and this year was no exception. The elementary districts likewise sought to keep personnel cost growth in check while not denigrating the wonderful programs we offer. Each district sought creative ways to manage this issue, and I believe the voters of our Island will hopefully support these efforts at the annual town meetings.

This year we were faced with a unique challenge regarding the administrators across our schools. First with the retirement of Assistant Superintendent Marge Harris, we had a significant leadership position to fill at the central office. After a lengthy search process, long-time High School teacher Laurie Halt was selected to fill Marge’s shoes. Next, West Tisbury Principal Michael Halt was called up for deployment to Iraq. In Mike’s absence, we were extremely fortunate to have two retired administrators fill in – first Ed Jerome and then Dan McCarthy. While these elder statesmen did an outstanding job for the students at West Tis, everyone in the Up-Island community was relieved to have Michael safely back at the helm earlier than expected. It was truly a beautiful day when the entire school welcomed Lt. Colonel Halt back to the Island. After a lengthy search process, the Edgartown School was fortunate to select a new principal – John Stevens. Mr. Stevens is an Island native who has spent many years as a principal in Florida and returned to take

the reins of his alma mater. At the Tisbury School, Principal Maureen DeLoach announced that the 2007-08 school year would be her last and urged the School Committee to develop a transition plan. After a brief search process, Assistant Principal Richard Smith was appointed principal effective in September 2007. Maureen will serve as the school's assistant principal and curriculum coordinator for 2007-08 and then will retire. Oak Bluffs Principal Laurie Binney was granted a one-year leave for the 2007-08 school year. He and his wife decided to spend much of that year in Brazil learning about the Portuguese language and the culture of the students who attend Island schools from that South American country. In his absence, Assistant Principal Carlin Hart assumed the top leadership position assisted by teacher and acting assistant principal Gina Patti. Finally, High School Principal Margaret "Peg" Regan announced that the 2007-08 school year would be her last. Peg has capably managed the difficult job of high school principal for nine years, and she deserves an opportunity to spread her wings in other places and in other ways. The entire Island education community thanks her for her outstanding service and wishes her well in the next phase of her educational career.

During this year, we continued one very important curriculum initiative and began one new one. Teachers across the Island continued to work with students at all levels to improve the quality of their written communication. They also worked with Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt to review and revise the writing sample that has been used at all schools over the past few years. New this year was an emphasis at the elementary level on "raising the bar" in the instruction of mathematics. While much of this effort was based upon the results of the MCAS testing over the past two years, it was also the result of a nation-wide refocusing on the teaching of higher level mathematics skills at earlier and earlier grade levels. To push this effort, we began a new grade eight algebra program. Students from all elementary schools came together four times each week to take an honors level algebra class taught by Oak Bluffs mathematics educator Eve Heyman. It is hoped that this new program will be a catalyst for significant changes in our mathematics instruction in all grades, kindergarten through 12.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) results for the MVPS showed continued growth in all areas; however, as the goals for these tests continue to rise, we can expect to see more and more local schools fail to make adequate yearly progress (AYP), mirroring the rest of the Commonwealth. Students at the West Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Schools failed to make AYP for the first time this year in English/language arts, while the students at Edgartown managed to reverse their decline in mathematics and progress sufficiently to make AYP in that subject. Based upon the work of Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt, each school spent a great deal of its professional development time analyzing these results and developing plans to address areas of need. Complete school-by-school results and the resulting

analysis can be found on the Superintendent's webpage under Curriculum and Instruction.

This year was marred by the conflict that developed across the Island over the manner in which we assess high school costs to the local towns. For as many years as anyone can remember, these costs were assessed using a formula based upon student enrollment. The more students a town had at the High School, the more it paid. Because of changes at the State-level, we were forced to consider the use of a new formula unless we could get unanimous agreement to continue our time-honored method. This new approach called "the Statutory Formula" is based upon student enrollment and equalized wealth, and its implementation shifted the burden of school costs among the six towns on the Vineyard causing a rift that will not easily be remedied. Additionally, the Department of Education's inability to adequately explain this new approach to the political leaders of the Island has caused old feelings of mistrust to become a significant impediment to all efforts at reaching a compromise.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to the lone member of our school community who will be retiring over the next months. Oak Bluffs School will bid farewell to one of its reading teachers – Alexandra "Lex" Mercier – who has served the students of that school since 1996.

In my almost three years of service to the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, I have come to appreciate what a special place the Vineyard truly is. Our 2100 students are fortunate to have such a supportive community with dedicated and hard-working teachers, tireless school committee members, and parents who willingly give of themselves. While not every task I do is filled with joy and happiness, I come to work each day knowing that together we can continue to give our students a future of which we can all be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Weiss, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Weiss:

It is my pleasure to provide this annual report to you regarding the state of Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. As the high school enrollment declines to 765 students this year, we have continued to offer excellent programs in both the core and elective classes.

Our program of studies includes classes for students in every discipline from fine arts to vocational courses. Our mission includes both academic as well as civic and social expectations; therefore, for the first time this year, students and teachers meet in an advisory period every second Wednesday of the month. These vital meetings in small groups have allowed administrators, counselors, teachers and students to conduct mutual conversations on subjects ranging from study skills to planning for the future. The students in these advisories also provide a strong sounding board for improving the school culture.

MVRHS has once again met its Annual Yearly Progress Report for the state in both English/Language Arts and mathematics. This year we will add a biology MCAS that will be a requirement for graduation. Next year, students will need to pass a test in United States history as well.

As the requirements for students to graduate increase, we are committed to all our extracurricular activities as well. The amazingly athletic program which includes more than two-thirds of our students in fall, winter and spring sports, the remarkable drama program including an annual musical and a competitive piece in the spring, the Minnesingers, the clubs and other activities – all provide school programs for students from 7:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. at night. Involved students stay in school.

Our dropout rate declined to 1%, a phenomenally low number for any high school in the Commonwealth. We credit our students, families and staff with a strong collaboration between school and home for this phenomenon.

Our school-wide achievements include ten graduating seniors who attended full-time Art, Design and Media related colleges and universities last year. The Visual Arts Dept was involved in a number of community events this past year including student exhibitions at The Featherstone Gallery in Oak Bluffs, Mocha Motts & The Steamship Authority in Vineyard Haven and The Old Sculpin Gallery in Edgartown. Nine out of twelve students nominated received awards from “The Boston Globe” Scholastic Art Awards, the most our school has ever received in one year. Art Department Chair Paul Brissette received a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar Fellowship to Brazil. Students in the Performing Arts Department excelled in both music and drama. Several singers and instrumentalists auditioned for and were chosen to participate in the All-Cape and Islands, MMEA Southeast Junior, and MMEA Southeast Senior Festivals, presenting impressive concerts with students from other schools. The drama students, in addition to amazing performances of “Shepard's Pie” and the musical “Camelot,” wrote with Kate Murray an original play, 'Boxes' which they took all the way to the finals of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival. This was the high school's first entry in the Festival in over 13 years.

Parent partnerships in the School Advisory Council and the PTSA coffees twice a month help us succeed in fulfilling our mission as well. Through these dialogues of issues of concerns, families can have a positive impact on the school climate.

Finally, the towns themselves, by providing the funding and resources necessary to run such a comprehensive school have allowed MVRHS to rank high in the state in all categories.

It is with fondness and pride that I end my own tenure as principal this year, knowing that the next administration will inherit an exemplary high school. This is the gift I was given when I arrived in the summer of 1999. I pass this on to my successor.

Thank you for all the support and generosity these nine years!

Sincerely,

Margaret “Peg” Regan

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
4 PINE STREET
VINEYARD HAVEN, MA 02568**

January 31, 2008

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, 2007.

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 DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,022,700	\$ 1,097,005	\$ 3,119,705
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:			
Intergovernmental	6,042,961	-	6,042,961
Due from Agency Funds	442,567	-	442,567
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,508,228</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,005</u>	<u>\$ 9,605,233</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES:			
Warrants Payable	\$ 484,548	\$ 77,449	\$ 561,997
Accrued payroll	941,608	58,064	999,672
Other liabilities	100	-	100
Abandoned property	35,838	-	35,838
Deferred revenues	6,000,961	-	6,000,961
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>7,463,055</u>	<u>135,513</u>	<u>7,598,568</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for:			
Employee benefits	3,408	-	3,408
Student Activities	-	53,574	53,574
Other specific purposes	-	148,628	148,628
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	250,000	-	250,000
Undesignated, reported in:			
General Fund	791,765	-	791,765
Special revenue funds	-	96,316	96,316
Capital projects funds	-	662,974	662,974
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,045,173</u>	<u>961,492</u>	<u>2,006,665</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 8,508,228</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,005</u>	<u>\$ 9,605,233</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, 2007

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Supplemental Appropriations</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive/ (Negative)</u>
REVENUES					
Member town assessments	\$ 10,981,941	\$ (337,423)	\$ 10,644,518	\$ 10,644,518	\$ -
User fees	330,176		330,176	687,803	357,627
Intergovernmental:					-
State Aid-foundation	2,673,933		2,673,933	2,820,735	146,802
State Aid-transportation	548,431		548,431	208,771	(339,660)
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	871,201		871,201	871,201	-
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	121,856		121,856	40,330	(81,526)
State Aid - circuit breaker	322,186		322,186	312,653	(9,533)
Departmental Receipts	62,058		62,058	77,079	15,021
Investment income	30,000		30,000	129,599	99,599
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>15,941,782</u>	<u>(337,423)</u>	<u>15,604,359</u>	<u>15,792,689</u>	<u>188,330</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	4,228,621	-	4,228,621	4,192,308	36,313
Special Education	1,611,148	-	1,611,148	1,818,703	(207,555)
Vocational	418,944	-	418,944	418,391	553
Other	148,084	-	148,084	118,832	29,252
Support Services:					
Pupil	1,384,139	-	1,384,139	1,361,329	22,810
Instructional	290,907	-	290,907	252,271	38,636
Administration	1,486,146	-	1,486,146	1,458,868	27,278
Business	92,852	-	92,852	76,950	15,902
Building and grounds	1,031,878	-	1,031,878	1,020,197	11,681
Transportation	898,372	-	898,372	741,358	157,014
Pension benefits	258,962	-	258,962	217,767	41,195
Employee benefits	1,916,720	-	1,916,720	1,836,621	80,099
Property and liability insurance	193,901	-	193,901	191,442	2,459
State Assessment					
Charter school	511,878	-	511,878	355,658	156,220
Capital Outlay	41,000	-	41,000	38,943	2,057
Debt service-principal	1,095,000	-	1,095,000	1,095,000	-
Debt service-interest	383,501	-	383,501	383,501	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>15,992,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,992,053</u>	<u>15,578,139</u>	<u>413,914</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(50,271)</u>	<u>(337,423)</u>	<u>(387,694)</u>	<u>214,550</u>	<u>602,244</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers out	<u>(568,740)</u>	<u>(470,573)</u>	<u>(1,039,313)</u>	<u>(1,039,313)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>(619,011)</u>	<u>(807,996)</u>	<u>(1,427,007)</u>	<u>(824,763)</u>	<u>602,244</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	<u>1,866,528</u>	<u>1,866,528</u>	<u>1,866,528</u>	<u>1,866,528</u>	<u>-</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	<u>\$ 1,247,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,058,532</u>	<u>\$ 439,521</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,765</u>	<u>\$ 602,244</u>

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

Dear Up Island Citizens,

The year 2007 has been both challenging and successful for the UIRSC. We owe thanks to many including our able Superintendent, Jim Weiss; the tag team of administrative leaders at the West Tisbury School : Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Ed Jerome and Dan McCarthy; Diane Gandy at the helm of the Chilmark School ; the educators and other staff members in both schools as well as those in the Shared Programs areas, who support our students 24/7; the UIRSD parents, and last, but not least, the West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah community members whose support make our excellent programs possible!

Energy conservation has received major emphasis this year in diverse ways. We have agreed to work with the WT Energy Group to explore constructing a wind turbine on the WT School grounds. The fleet of school buses we have been setting aside funds to purchase, will be cleaner and leaner than our present aging vehicles. The Chilmark School 2/3 class under the supervision of teacher Jack Regan and Nan Doty continues to receive regional recognition for its projects involving energy savings. An anonymous donor has pledged funds to the Chilmark School to increase its energy efficiency. If we could only get both schools' heating systems to cooperate, we would be most grateful!!

Regional cooperation for the UIRSD prevailed in 2007. Despite a rocky start, the 2008 school budget passed in all three towns in accord with our own regional agreement. We worked with town selectmen and fin coms to create and pass an amendment to the agreement which divvied the capital building costs in a more equitable manner. Starting in FY 2009, the town which owns the school building will always pay for 80% of its capital costs with the remaining 20% shared between the other towns based on their enrollment. Hopefully, this compromise regarding shared costs will allow the school district to continue into the future without the acrimony which has been present in past years. Additionally, at the suggestion of newly elected Selectman Dianne Powers, the UIRSC met several times with WT Selectmen and fin com members to try to educate and understand one another's priorities and concerns.

2007 also saw the completion of negotiations with the several school- related bargaining units: teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians and food service workers (none in our district). Here, again, finance committee members from several towns participated in the discussions and played important roles in coming to our three-year agreements.

In closing, our last year's report included the following, "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 stand by these observations a year later. THANK YOU!!

Roxane Ackerman (Aquinnah)

Dan Cabot (At-Large)

Jeffrey “Skipper” Manter (West Tisbury)

Susan Parker (Chilmark)

Marshall Segall (At-Large)

REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Weiss:

The 2006-2007 academic year at the Chilmark School opened with all the excitement and anticipation that a new school year brings. The eagerness of the children starting school in a new grade, with both new and familiar classmates, new teachers, and a new curriculum is always a great curiosity factor. Not to mention the exuberance and overflow of positive attitudes that students and teachers bring to the multi-age classrooms. This overabundance of energy is also widespread in each and every daily learning routine. With project-based learning as the impetus of our academic program, young scholars waste no time settling in and getting serious about being model students. The Chilmark School continues to offer a curriculum that is academically and artistically challenging, and at the same time, encourages and supports students' development of the basic skills. Our goals remain the same, and they are to simply ensure that children will love to learn and in the process, gain the self-esteem and tools that will enable them to live responsibly in a diverse world.

Professional Development:

The Chilmark staff continues to examine ways in which to improve our teaching and learning so that we may provide the best of sound, educational practices for all students' individual and academic success.

Specifically, staff became more knowledgeable about:

- The variety of special needs of students through participation in bi-weekly meetings with school professionals.
- Teachers were also fortunate enough to spend the day visiting a school off-island whose primary program focuses on children with varying learning needs.
- A number of staff participated in English Language Learning (ELL) workshops, as required by the DOE, to support and better meet the challenges of working with second language learners.
- New teachers, who had no prior knowledge of our Island-wide social curriculum, participated in Responsive Classroom trainings offered throughout the year by Island Teacher-Trainers.

- Teachers were also involved in grade level meetings that analyzed MCAS math results across the island. This was a much-welcomed opportunity for classroom teachers to come together in grade level clusters, so that they could have meaningful discussions about the MCAS math test, instructional techniques, and their individual school results. This proved to be a very worthwhile opportunity for teachers to reflect and improve upon professional practices.

Curriculum/ Instruction/ Assessment:

Our K/1 class wasted no time in getting to know one another right from the first day of the new school year. The children played many games and participated in several activities that helped them get to know their new classmates.

- Children also had the unique opportunity of having their very own butterfly nursery. It all started with a caterpillar hunt at the Allen Farm. It was a perfect day for finding many Monarch caterpillars. There were so many that the children decided to leave some in nature. The ones they did bring back to class were used for observing the magical transformation of the caterpillars' metamorphosis. The students gave back to nature by releasing the new butterflies to their natural outdoor habitat.
- With the butterflies safely returned to nature, the K/1 class turned their energy to fall. They studied and learned about different leaves in their Life Science classes and from their visits to Polly Hill.
- Students also learned how to make "leaf men" and "green haired sock creatures" from our weekly, hands-on Discovery Friday Life Science workshops, taught by our very own 4/5 Teacher Assistant, Holly Bellebuono. There was no lack of creativity when it came to this particular assignment.
- Then, with the winter season arriving so quickly, the K/1 students turned their studies to researching the stars. They learned about the characteristics of these hot and glowing inhabitants of space and learned that the sun outshines all other stars, because of its important job of providing heat and light for all life on planet earth.
- From the constellations to oceans, children studied the four major oceans. They discovered that the ocean is separated into four large oceans, with the Pacific being the largest one of all.
- Students spent considerable time on math operations and computations. They even added place values, number stories and exchanges to their list of math accomplishments, while perfecting their decoding and reading skills in Reading/Language Arts classes.

The 2/3 class, better known as the "Green Team", got things rolling with their yearlong recycling project. Cell phones, batteries and ink jet cartridges were collected, along with organic materials recycled into their compost bin.

- Students studied and explored rocks and minerals. Having an opportunity to visit Long Point Reservation allowed the class to preview several rock formations, smaller rocks and minerals firsthand.
- Technology was also a focal point of study for the 2/3 class. Students went online to meet their California pen pals, via video conferencing. During monthly online visits, students had a chance to share things about themselves and talk about what they liked best about the place they each reside.
- Their “Growing Up Island” intergenerational program with Windemere continues to grow, now that the K/1 students have joined the class on monthly visits. Visits have taken on new meaning with the addition of digital cameras that students are learning to use with the aide of Alison Shaw. Learning to express themselves through photography, shooting familiar places on the Island, has enabled the children to share their experiences with their friends from Windemere, making the visits something special to look forward to each month.
- Since the installation of solar panels to our school, through the generosity of the Cape Light Compact, the 2/3 class was able to collect weather data throughout the year and compare their “Up Island” and “Down Island” findings with Mr. Story’s Gr. 2 class at the Edgartown School who also got involved in tracking the weather.
- Testing their creative acting talents, the 2/3 class worked with the Improv Theatre while studying a unit on fables. As a result of this partnership, the students performed their own original improvisational version of fable classics much to the delight of their parents.
- A final cap to the school year ended with the 2/3 class making posters for the “Living Local” exhibits at the AG Hall. Their focus on Renewable Resources; preserving the local heritage of farming and fishing, brought about the theme: “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”. This created a greater awareness that it is everyone’s responsibility to “Live Green”.

The fourth and fifth graders started the year off with a study of the water cycle. They observed the weather and stages of the water cycle outside. They also conducted condensation and evaporation experiments, which assisted them in a writing project while writing from the perspective of a water droplet traveling through the water cycle.

- Once their study of the water cycle was completed, they shared their newfound knowledge with the younger students of the Chilmark School. The 4/5 students were then tested by the many questions fired at them from the younger students. They each passed with flying colors!

- In social studies, 4/5 students studied North America. Taking advantage of their literature groups, students read about the U.S., Canada and Mexico and did a research project on each.
- Furthering their writing skills, students participated in mini projects, designed travel brochures, and created imaginary organisms that could survive in the biomes found in North America.
- Students then presented individual oral research projects to the entire student body. The expectations were high and students rose to the occasion, speaking non-stop for a period of seven minutes on North America. The class was then kept to task as they were judged on a presentation rubric, which marked them for diorama content, eye contact, speaking voice, volume and general knowledge of North America.
- When studies of North America concluded, students wrapped up their study of rocks, minerals, weather and erosion and spent time during the spring exploring Ancient China for the annual, year-end research fair. Students learned about the culture, people, government, medicine and food of China. A visit from an actual acupuncturist, and being treated to an authentic Chinese luncheon inspired students to create some very fascinating and in-depth research projects, which culminated a year of celebrating student successes.

MCAS:

Student performance on the 2007 MCAS test continues to show growth in Reading/ Language Arts and Math in Grades 3-5, in addition to those of the Grade 5 Science & Technology MCAS tests.

***Note**

- Gr 4 & 5 scores of 240 to 258 equal a score of proficient on the MCAS.
- Gr 3 scores that range from 37 to 44 equal a score of proficient in English Language Arts, while in Math, they equal 30 to 36 for proficient.

The averages for all students in a grade level revealed the following:

- Gr 5, with a total of 11 students, averaged 249 in English/Language Arts, with 244 in Math and 249 in Science/Technology to equal proficiency.
- Gr 4, with a total of 7 students, averaged 238 in English /Language Arts and in Math, averaged 241 to equal proficiency.
- Gr 3, with a total of 7 students, attained an average of 39 in English/Language Arts and in Math an average of 30 to equal proficiency.

The Chilmark School, with its smaller student population, does not often meet the DOE data reporting requirements. However, the staff and I continue to analyze and assess student progress and focus on the areas of the curriculum that need strengthening.

If it were not for our dedicated Chilmark teaching staff, we would not be able to celebrate the accomplishments our students achieve each school year. The commitment of the professional staff makes this a possibility year in and year out. And this year, while we welcome back Amy Hewitt, Spanish and ELL Teacher, and Celeste Berg, 2/3 Teacher Assistant, we also welcome the following new staff members to our school community: Jen DeSelm-Royal, K/1 Special Education Teacher, Elizabeth Bradley, General Music Teacher, and Holly Bellebuono, 4/5 Teacher Assistant. It is a pleasurable experience working with these committed and talented individuals that have joined our Chilmark School family.

I thank our school community, the UIRSD School Committee and local businesses. Your continuous support for our school and for our students is truly appreciated. 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 all build the foundations for our children and the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Gandy
Principal

**Chilmark School Students
2006-2007**

Kindergarten

Jacob Bazzy
Kelly Klaren
Cabot Thurber

Henry Driesen
Liam McCarthy

Quinn Keefe
Levi Moreis

First Grade

Gabriel Ambulos
Coltrane Leport

Gabriel Bellebuono
Maggie Mayhew

Andrei Bernier
Ned Smiley

Second Grade

Jared Bardwell
Maxwell Eber
Adelaide Keene
David Webster

Olya Bernier
Colin Hickey
Chris Mayhew

Julian Bernstein
Olivia Knight
Brahmin Thurber-Carbone

Third Grade

Benjamin Booker
Kate Hansen
Emerson Mahoney

Connor Downing
Jake Janak
Chase Soulagnet

Addison Geiger
Ella Jernegan

Fourth Grade

Serogia Bernier
Ben Poole

Erin Hickey
Andrew Ruimerman

Brigida Larsen
Peter Ruimerman

Fifth Grade

Joshua Bernstein
Mariah Campbell
Bo Hurwitz
Galen Mayhew

Chantal Booker
Bradley Carroll
Thorpe Karabees
Alistair Morgan

Jessica Campbell
Oscar Hansen
Janelle Larsen
Mikalya Tinus

**Chilmark School Staff
2006-2007**

Full Time Staff:

Principal	Diane H. Gandy
Teachers:	
K-1	Robin Smith
K-1 (1:1)	Jennifer DeSelm-Royal
2-3	Jack Regan
4-5	Jackie Guzalak
Assistants:	
K-1	Eleanor Neubert
2-3	Celeste Berg
4-5	Holly Bellebuono
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%)	Liz Bradley
Instrumental Music (10%)	Ruth Scudere-Chapman
Physical Education (20%)	Holly Pennington
Art (20%)	Kathleen Cameron
Spanish (30%)	Amy Hewitt
ELL (50%)	Amy Hewitt
School Nurse (20%)	Janice Brown
Guidance Counselor (20%)	Barbara Bernstein

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

James Weiss
Superintendent
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire island community for all of the support that was given to me during my deployment to Iraq. It is a pleasure to be back on the Vineyard and an honor to be able to serve our students and our community as the Principal of the West Tisbury School. It is also a true privilege to be able to work each day with such an experienced and dedicated faculty and staff. Not a single day goes by that I do not stop and reflect about how fortunate I am to be able to be a part of this school.

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 5th through 8th. They also exceed the state average in Mathematics in grades 5, 6, and 8th. In 2007 our 8th grade class ranked in the top 20 of the state for the fifth 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 and High in Math.

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 member 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 their review. 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.

2007 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

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

4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
(508) 693-2007 Fax (508) 693-3190

Marylee Schroeder

Treasurer

January 31, 2008

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, 2007.

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, 2007

	Primary Government
	Government Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 1,414,517
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>47,491</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,462,008</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>285,553</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,747,561</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Warrants Payable	180,031
Accrued payroll	438,235
Abandoned property	<u>15,527</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>633,793</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	285,553
Restricted for:	
Student Activities	46,487
Unrestricted	<u>718,017</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>1,113,768</u></u>

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

FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,140,629	\$ 273,888	\$ 1,414,517
Restricted assets:			
cash and cash equivalents	-	47,491	47,491
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,140,629</u>	<u>\$ 321,379</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,008</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES:			
Warrants Payable	\$ 177,735	\$ 2,296	\$ 180,031
Accrued payroll	438,235	-	438,235
Abandoned property	15,527	-	15,527
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>631,497</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>633,793</u>
FUND BALANCES:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	310	-	310
Student Activities	-	46,487	46,487
Unreserved:			
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	240,000	-	240,000
Undesignated, reported in:			
General fund	268,822	-	268,822
Special Revenue funds	-	12,596	12,596
Capital project funds	-	260,000	260,000
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>509,132</u>	<u>319,083</u>	<u>828,215</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,140,629</u>	<u>\$ 321,379</u>	<u>\$ 1,462,008</u>

	<u>Prior Year Encumbrances</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Total Actual and Encumbrances</u>	<u>Variance Positive/ (Negative)</u>
REVENUES								
Member town assessments	\$	\$ 7,234,621	\$ (183,232)	\$ 7,051,389	\$ 7,051,389	\$	\$ 7,051,389	\$ -
Intergovernmental								
State aid-foundation		787,574		787,574	806,324		806,324	18,750
State aid-transportation		245,000		245,000	231,486		231,486	(13,514)
State aid-school choice tuition		125,000		125,000	208,211		208,211	83,211
State aid - charter school assessment reimbursement		50,952		50,952	64,126		64,126	13,174
Federal aid - impact aid		-	18,750	18,750	18,750		18,750	-
Investment Income		20,000		20,000	87,724		87,724	67,724
Other		3,500		3,500	24,207		24,207	20,707
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>8,466,647</u>	<u>(164,482)</u>	<u>8,302,165</u>	<u>8,492,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,492,217</u>	<u>190,052</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	11,480	2,190,692		2,202,172	2,266,507	310	2,266,817	(64,645)
Special Education		843,064		843,064	836,404		836,404	6,660
Other		34,606		34,606	32,473		32,473	2,133
Support Services:								
Pupil		407,796		407,796	394,696		394,696	13,100
Instructional		139,730		139,730	131,051		131,051	8,679
Administrative		1,250,799		1,250,799	1,230,201		1,230,201	20,598
Business		44,716		44,716	44,716		44,716	-
Building and grounds		682,823		682,823	680,252		680,252	2,571
Transportation		388,474		388,474	388,046		388,046	428
Food		9,400		9,400	7,889		7,889	1,511
Rent		515,399		515,399	515,399		515,399	-
Pension benefits		130,509		130,509	130,509		130,509	-
Employee Benefits		993,308		993,308	977,466		977,466	15,842
Property and liability insurance		107,985		107,985	106,341		106,341	1,644
State Assessments:								
Charter School		687,346		687,346	707,699		707,699	(20,353)
School Choice		75,000		75,000	144,396		144,396	(69,396)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>11,480</u>	<u>8,501,647</u>		<u>8,513,127</u>	<u>8,594,045</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>8,594,355</u>	<u>(81,228)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(11,480)	(35,000)	(164,482)	(210,962)	(101,828)	(310)	(102,138)	108,824
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(260,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(260,000)</u>	<u>(260,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(260,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(11,480)	(295,000)	(164,482)	(470,962)	(361,828)	(310)	(362,138)	108,824
FUND BALANCE , Beginning of year	<u>870,960</u>	<u>870,960</u>	<u>870,960</u>	<u>870,960</u>	<u>870,960</u>	<u>870,960</u>	<u>870,960</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE , End of year	<u>\$ 859,480</u>	<u>\$ 575,960</u>	<u>\$ 706,478</u>	<u>\$ 399,998</u>	<u>\$ 509,132</u>	<u>\$ 870,650</u>	<u>\$ 508,822</u>	<u>\$ 108,824</u>

REPORT OF THE MV CHARTER SCHOOL

Annual meeting, May 10, 2007

“It is our fundamental trust in and support for the learner that seals our claim.”

MVPCS Charter Application

What is our claim?

Our claim is that:

Young people want the freedom to make choices
And young people want to participate in the decision making process
And young people are trustworthy.
And young people are responsible
And young people are respectful
And we will be a caring, creative and imaginative community in all
that we do.

And our promise is that when we create a school culture that nurtures these characteristics, then great accomplishments will result.

The creativity and imagination of our teachers, students and community members turned in magnificent work this year:

The Invention Convention	A Living Museum
The Biography Project	An Apple Museum, an Egg Museum
The Princess Plays	Almost Gone with the Wind
Community Service in Beloxi, MS	
Quilt squares depicting the locations of Underground Railroad safe houses	
“Static Nature” and “Warped City” portfolios	

As we continue to challenge and inspire ourselves with new ideas and projects, we, as well, are thankful for the traditions we have in place that greatly contribute to the foundation of who we are as a community:

The Winter Concert	Portfolios and Juried Exhibitions
Founding Day	Classroom Exhibitions
Project Period	Mentorships
The Talent Show	Italy
The Scarecrow Contest	Morning Meeting

Each year we look at our work as professionals. In this process, we assess one area of the curriculum, one division of the school – lower, middle or high, and one area of our teaching practice. The goals that we set for this school year were: In the area of English Language Arts where we designed benchmarks for writing which will assist us in assessing and monitoring student writing throughout the school. We have had thoughtful and in depth discussions regarding the high school program. We focused on the quality of student exhibitions. And finally we spent time closely analyzing the MCAS scores from both a school perspective as well as an individual student perspective.

For the 2007-2008 school year our goals will include integrating technology more comprehensively into the classroom curriculums, assessing our writing across the curriculum needs, looking at our middle school program, grades 5-8, and, finally, taking a look at the Art, Music, PE and Spanish programs.

When we talk to prospective families about our school there are three areas we always mention: Our School Community, our teachers and our pillars.

We are thankful for the support and assistance our parents and members of the community give to our school daily in many areas: math help, reading with young readers, portfolio evaluations, field trip assistance, flower boxes, committee work, mentors and spokes people for our school. We are thankful of these and the many other contributions so willingly given.

Our community is blessed to have a professional group of teachers who care about their work with every student who comes to us every day. They care for their teaching practice by continuing their professional growth and reflection, and willingness to share their work with their colleagues. They continue to enhance the curriculums with updates and revisions. They continuously inquire about what is best for each student. Our teachers commit to ensuring that every student will find success each and every day. It is a special group of professionals who continue to impress me with their care, intellect, knowledge, and creativity. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Moore, Director
The 10th day of May, 2007

REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH WARDEN

Last year the goals were to make a good assessment of the state of the Great Pond and the watershed in general, and learn enough science to understand the bigger picture of how these ecosystems operate in both good and bad conditions

That the inshore marine environments of all coastal communities are experiencing a people-mediated decline in shellfish health and abundance is well documented. It seems apparent that the degree to which the natural system is challenged must be met with strong popular resistance, in the form of support for a strategy of positive steps that communities can engage to enable the continued existence of the shell-fisheries. The health and harvestability of shellfish are prime indicators of how people treat Nature and her waters, which are our watersheds.

This summer and fall, shell culch was added continuously to the pond, which clean shell was a gift to West Tisbury from Robert Flanders Jr. of Menemsha. Many people helped bring millions of baby oysters from the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group propagation effort to independent life in the pond. The Shellfish Group led by Rick Karney and supported by the towns is a positive step in maintaining the hope for the future. About one-third of these many millions of oysters are being now on-grown for later release in special areas that have not re covered.

A very critical factor remains the relative success of the pond opening to the ocean. The pond was cut open four times this year. A considerable delta is the focus of the forces for dredging as a maintenance strategy to improve life in and of the pond. New data is being collected always and soon some results from the Mass. Estuaries Project study will be available on water quality, especially.

This year marks the retirement of our elder and wiser shellfish committeeman John Mayhew of Music Street, who has been a great asset since day one of the committee.

In 2008, the plan is to do fundamentals, get good science, work with the Shellfish Group, and continue the reserved broodstock idea for the oysters. The goal for 2008 is to understand ecosystem uncertainties from a fisherman's viewpoint intent upon the restoration of the fisheries in the town. Thanks to everyone who is helping to turn this thing around.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Osmers
Shellfish Warden

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

	Collected
Fiscal 2008 Real Estate	5,100,462.44
Fiscal 2007 Real Estate	5,537,789.67
Fiscal 2007 Personal Property	101,496.25
Other Years Real Estate & Personal Property	117,423.26
2007 Motor Vehicle	373,654.68
2006 Motor Vehicle	75,855.52
Other Years Motor Vehicle & Boat Excise	17,625.07
TOTAL	\$11,324,306.89

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent B. Taylor
Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

This Annual Report consists of the following subsequent reports:

- 1) Revenue and Expenditures of the General Fund compared to budget for the year ended June 30, 2007
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2007
- 3) Payments to Vendors and Employees in excess of \$3,000 during the fiscal year
- 4) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2007
- 5) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2007
- 6) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2007
- 7) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2007
- 8) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

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, 2006 - June 30, 2007

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
REVENUE			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	10,799,508.00	10,564,788.48	(234,719.52)
Personal Property Tax	102,225.72	101,780.36	(445.36)
Tax Liens Redeemed	38,055.24	0.00	(38,055.24)
Vessel Excise	943.29	1,000.00	56.71
Penalties & Interest	110,488.20	77,000.00	(33,488.20)
Pro Forma Tax (+)	414.27	0.00	(414.27)
Motor Vehicle Excise	459,375.71	420,000.00	(39,375.71)
In Lieu of Taxes	1,021.90	1,000.00	(21.90)
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	11,512,032.33	11,165,568.84	(346,463.49)
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	10,511.36	6,000.00	(4,511.36)
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	10,511.36	6,000.00	(4,511.36)
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	196,086.70	172,500.00	(23,586.70)
Park & Recreation	57,575.05	52,000.00	(5,575.05)
Inspections	50,210.00	34,500.00	(15,710.00)
Rentals	6,362.50	12,300.00	5,937.50
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	310,234.25	271,300.00	(38,934.25)
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	6,315.00	7,000.00	685.00
Permits	56,433.60	81,000.00	24,566.40
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	62,748.60	88,000.00	25,251.40
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	708,885.00	709,464.00	579.00
School Construction	281,549.00	281,549.00	0.00
CMVI	3,505.00	0.00	(3,505.00)
Miscellaneous (+)	342.00	0.00	(342.00)
Veterans Benefits	3,241.12	0.00	(3,241.12)
Sub-total : State Revenue	997,522.12	991,013.00	(6,509.12)
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	133,065.56	103,754.42	(29,311.14)
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	133,065.56	103,754.42	(29,311.14)
Investment			
Investment	92,480.80	70,000.00	(22,480.80)
Sub-total : Investment	92,480.80	70,000.00	(22,480.80)
Transfers In			
From Special Revenues (+)	28,875.17	28,875.17	0.00
From Capital Projects (+)	2,418.68	0.00	(2,418.68)
Sub-total : Transfers In	31,293.85	28,875.17	(2,418.68)
Total : REVENUE	13,149,888.87	12,724,511.43	(425,377.44)
EXPENDITURES			
FY 2007			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	105.00	120.00	15.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	1,369.56	6,100.00	4,730.44
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	68,952.24	68,952.24	0.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,080.20	2,400.00	1,319.80
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	889.52	1,090.00	200.48
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	1,893.00	1,893.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	55,206.06	55,216.28	10.22
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,649.77	1,840.00	190.23
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	110,408.67	114,955.90	4,547.23
141-5305 Assessors Legal	7,814.27	30,000.00	22,185.73
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	15,323.55	15,465.00	141.45
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	54,298.44	54,298.44	0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,927.69	3,940.00	12.31
146-5110 Collector Salaries	55,149.55	55,149.55	0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	13,319.94	18,560.00	5,240.06
151-5300 Legal	32,750.64	45,000.00	12,249.36
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	1,137.75	5,529.72	4,391.97
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	976.97	6,235.00	5,258.03

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	37,309.16	40,100.00	2,790.84
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	14,669.04	14,950.00	280.96
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	120.00	150.00	30.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	43,192.50	43,192.50	0.00
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	1,979.23	2,000.00	20.77
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	597.48	900.00	302.52
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,651.25	2,300.00	648.75
162-5700 Elections Expenses	2,228.76	4,350.00	2,121.24
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	250.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	650.00	650.00	0.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	27,852.85	29,369.73	1,516.88
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,229.55	3,385.00	155.45
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	4,894.52	5,000.00	105.48
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	40,054.95	43,036.56	2,981.61
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	1,270.78	4,830.00	3,559.22
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	46,825.99	47,073.96	247.97
176-5305 ZBA Legal	39.00	8,000.00	7,961.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	1,619.91	4,325.00	2,705.09
177-5600 MV Commission	105,812.00	105,812.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	2,495.89	3,000.00	504.11
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,229.30	1,500.00	270.70
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,451.61	1,500.00	48.39
192-5120 Town Hall Salaries	0.00	50.00	50.00
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	58,740.36	59,480.00	739.64
193-5700 Property Insurance	55,698.50	60,500.00	4,801.50
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	3,861.50	7,000.00	3,138.50
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
Sub-total : General Government	895,453.95	993,069.88	97,615.93
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	689,321.22	729,838.88	40,517.66
210-5700 Police Expenses	91,726.84	91,750.00	23.16
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	70,167.50	77,200.00	7,032.50
220-5700 Fire Expenses	143,210.50	166,715.00	23,504.50
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	109,343.54	109,343.54	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	84,946.49	86,826.46	1,879.97
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	3,329.60	4,000.00	670.40
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	4,810.77	6,000.00	1,189.23
291-5700 Emergency Managment	0.00	665.00	665.00
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	42,322.88	45,687.50	3,364.62
292-5700 ACO Expenses	5,810.76	7,350.00	1,539.24
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	307.50	307.50	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	160.00	592.00	432.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	2,125.00	6,500.00	4,375.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,550.00	1,750.00	200.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	300.00	300.00	0.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,280,282.60	1,366,675.88	86,393.28
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	4,975,461.95	5,094,645.61	119,183.66
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,178,352.88	2,257,844.00	79,491.12
Sub-total : Education	7,153,814.83	7,352,489.61	198,674.78

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	5,125.00	5,125.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	38,706.46	39,179.12	472.66
422-5700 Highway Expenses	48,718.76	55,400.00	6,681.24
423-5700 Snow & Ice	22,704.12	30,000.00	7,295.88
424-5700 Street Lights	6,477.97	8,372.00	1,894.03
Sub-total : Public Works	121,732.31	138,076.12	16,343.81
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	28,515.94	54,634.00	26,118.06
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	1,424.65	3,200.00	1,775.35
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	119,360.16	119,380.16	20.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	149,300.75	177,264.16	27,963.41
Health & Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	1,432.60	3,600.00	2,167.40
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	6,850.00	6,850.00	0.00
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	75,355.21	77,101.85	1,746.64
510-5700 BOH Expenses	6,781.66	8,625.00	1,843.34
522-5700 Health Services	13,897.50	18,180.00	4,282.50
540-5700 Island COA	18,683.76	18,683.76	0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	156,510.93	157,745.76	1,234.83
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	8,317.58	11,320.00	3,002.42
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	10,833.62	13,892.00	3,058.38
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	301,662.86	318,998.37	17,335.51
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	186,634.98	186,635.05	0.07
610-5700 Library Expenses	106,600.23	106,600.23	0.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	830.00	0.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	10,412.90	10,416.53	3.63
620-5700 P&R Expenses	926.09	1,250.00	323.91
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	3,102.45	3,856.32	753.87
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	114.28	200.00	85.72
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	51,576.74	54,600.06	3,023.32
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	6,450.94	8,000.00	1,549.06
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	1,997.47	2,700.00	702.53
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	64.75	150.00	85.25
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,067.00	3,105.90	38.90
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	4,708.54	7,000.00	2,291.46
650-5700 Town Grounds	4,847.04	5,700.00	852.96
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	50.00	50.00
690-5700 Historic District	408.48	500.00	91.52
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	381,741.89	391,594.09	9,852.20
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	602,401.50	606,401.50	4,000.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	230,478.38	233,795.00	3,316.62
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	124.65	2,500.00	2,375.35
Sub-total : Debt Service	833,004.53	842,696.50	9,691.97
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	219,311.00	219,311.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	6,709.00	6,709.00	0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	329,075.44	371,000.00	41,924.56
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,017.80	2,035.00	17.20
916-5170 Employers Medicare	23,340.34	24,000.00	659.66
945-5740 Public Official Liability	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	585,953.58	634,055.00	48,101.42
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	2,489.00	2,489.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	100,371.00	122,611.00	22,240.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	300.00	260.00	(40.00)
830-5600 County Assessment	108,152.75	108,153.00	0.25
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	211,312.75	233,513.00	22,200.25
FY2007 Warrant Articles			
ATM 2006 DCRHA	30,377.00	30,377.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Ambulance Stabilization Fund	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
ATM 2006/STM 11-06 Paths by the Road	16,151.17	210,000.00	193,848.83
ATM 2006/STM 11-06 Space Needs Committee	19,756.45	19,756.45	0.00
STM 11-06 TriTown Ambulance	3,977.68	3,979.68	2.00
STM 11-06 Digitizing Maps	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
STM 11-06 Set-back Thermostats	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00

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STM 11-06 PY Vineyard Land Surveying	4,860.00	4,860.00	0.00
STM 11-06 Cemetery Maintenance	1,417.39	10,000.00	8,582.61
STM 11-06 TH Professional Development	618.79	1,000.00	381.21
STM 11-06 Library/HH Lot	25,843.97	30,000.00	4,156.03
ATM 2007 Business Property Revaluation	0.00	7,440.00	7,440.00
ATM 2007 Insect Control	5,160.00	6,500.00	1,340.00
ATM 2007 Library (Dog Funds)	2,637.97	18,875.17	16,237.20
ATM 2007 MS Office Upgrade	0.00	5,125.52	5,125.52
ATM 2007 MV Cultural Council	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
ATM 2007 Police 4WD Vehicle	31,440.99	33,500.00	2,059.01
ATM 2007 Police Emerg Trg	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
ATM 2007 Police Server	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
STM 6-07 Town Hall Renovation	727.18	5,243.55	4,516.37
STM 6-07 DAS RFP Development	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sub-total : FY2007 Warrant Articles	163,468.59	416,857.37	253,388.78
Total : FY 2007	12,077,728.64	12,865,289.98	787,561.34
PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD			
FY2006 Encumbrances/Reserved			
Music St Relocation-Trench (-)	700.00	700.00	0.00
Music St Relocation-Wiring (-)	1,253.10	1,591.35	338.25
Fire Department Painting (-)	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2006 Encumbrances/Reserved	5,953.10	6,291.35	338.25
FY2006 Warrant Articles			
ATM 2005 Brushbreaker Truck	39,732.05	39,732.05	0.00
STM 11-05 HH/Library Lot	49.90	49.90	0.00
STM 04-06 ATB Legal	14,347.24	14,347.24	0.00
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	9,482.00	18,000.00	8,518.00
ATM 2006 Police Station Repair	1,063.14	10,000.00	8,936.86
ATM 2006 Police AWD Vehicle	30,652.18	31,113.47	461.29
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	7,700.00	11,000.00	3,300.00
ATM 2006 Emergency Managment	0.00	2,614.49	2,614.49
ATM 2006 Dropoff Improvements	0.00	47,840.46	47,840.46
ATM 2006 Hydraulic Extraction Tool	31,200.00	31,200.00	0.00
ATM 2006 P&R Bldg Repair	4,055.90	5,000.00	944.10
FY2005 School District Consultant	0.00	500.00	500.00
FY2005 Recertification-FY2008	18,062.00	34,000.00	15,938.00
FY2005 DP Financial Software	9,403.21	9,403.21	0.00
FY2005 Fire Hydrant Maintenance	3,732.75	4,643.01	910.26
FY2005 State Road Paths	79,236.99	79,236.99	0.00
FY2005 Edgartown Road Path	3,609.50	3,609.50	0.00
FY2005 Tennis Courts	0.00	1,458.15	1,458.15
FY2005 Estuary Project	0.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
FY2005 Data Processing Exp	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
FY2005 Police Renovation	3,583.86	3,583.86	0.00
FY2005 Cemetery Shed	0.00	171.63	171.63
FY2004 Digitizing Maps	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
FY2004 Recertification-FY2005	0.00	2,570.00	2,570.00
FY2004 Bond Issues Fees	1,825.00	17,171.06	15,346.06
FY2004 Permitting Software	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
FY2004 Stephens Cross Appraisal	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FY2004 Res Homesite (fr Trust)	6,787.10	13,731.15	6,944.05
FY2004 Land Acquisition Exp	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
FY2004 Town Hall Repair	45,902.98	74,547.14	28,644.16
FY2004 Police DTF Match 2005	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
FY2003 Greenlands Plaques trans to Stab Fund	220.00	220.00	0.00
FY2003 Police DTF Match	0.00	666.94	666.94
FY2002 Library Feasability	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	14.61	14.61	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	331,160.41	570,289.19	239,128.78
Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD	337,113.51	576,580.54	239,467.03
Total : EXPENDITURES	12,414,842.15	13,441,870.52	1,027,028.37

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Domestic Violence Grant	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	4,219.00
FY 2007 Receipts	18,718.75
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(22,937.75)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00
Community Policing Grant	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	32,482.65
FY 2007 Receipts	11,299.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(18,916.03)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	24,865.62
Islandwide DTF (Forfeitures)	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	17,611.02
FY 2007 Receipts	2,685.50
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(18,650.13)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	1,646.39
Homeland Security Grant	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	18.88
FY 2007 Receipts	20,364.14
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(583.02)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	19,800.00
Watch Your Car Grant	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	675.00
FY 2007 Receipts	0.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	675.00
Chapter 90 Old Stage Rd Paving	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2007 Receipts	25,109.18
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(63,720.91)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	(38,611.73)
State Aid to Libraries	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	24,377.01
FY 2007 Receipts	8,504.91
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(23,804.58)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	9,077.34
Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	16,935.00
FY 2007 Receipts	27,350.29
Transfers from General Fund	1,000.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(14,395.76)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	30,889.53
Fire Department Equipment Grant	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	87.06

FY 2007 Receipts	3,735.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	3,822.06
State Aid to the Elderly	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2007 Receipts	3,200.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(3,200.00)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00
State Shellfish Grant	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	319.16
FY 2007 Receipts	0.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	319.16
Sale of Real Estate	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	2,600.00
FY 2007 Receipts	0.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	2,600.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	36,850.00
FY 2007 Receipts	3,100.00
FY 2007 Transfer to General Fund	<u>(10,000.00)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	29,950.00
Fire Hydrant Fund	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	1,550.00
FY 2007 Receipts	0.00
FY 2007 Transfer to GF	<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	1,550.00
Reserved for Appropriation: County Dog Funds	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	16,428.06
FY 2007 Receipts	2,447.11
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(18,875.17)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00
Wetlands Protection Fund	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	19,715.52
FY 2007 Receipts	1,392.50
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(3,545.00)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	17,563.02
Septic System Repair Fund	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	81,520.45
FY 2007 Receipts	2,415.83
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(5,900.00)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	78,036.28
Insurance Proceeds less than \$20,000	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2007 Receipts	0.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	0.00

07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00
Gifts and Donations	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	8,311.90
FY 2007 Receipts	326.50
FY 2007 Expenditures	(3,095.79)
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	5,542.61
Community Preservation Fund	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	258,326.27
FY 2007 Receipts/Surcharge	292,719.70
FY 2007 Receipts/State Match	282,544.00
FY 2007 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,667.69
FY 2007 Receipts/Investment	34,941.23
FY 2007 Expenditures	(9,765.43)
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	860,433.46

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Public Safety Building	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	67.19
FY 2007 Expenditures	(67.19)
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00
Town Hall Renovation	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	2,351.49
FY 2007 Transfer to GF	(2,351.49)
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		48,290.00
FY 2007 Receipts		1,500.00
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		49,790.00
F.E. Mayhew Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		1,000.00
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		1,000.00
W.J. Rotch Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		4,000.00
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		4,000.00
J.C. Martin Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		200.00
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		200.00
P. Hancock Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		5,343.45
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		5,343.45
E. Whiting Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		1,160.00
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		1,160.00

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care Fund	Cemetery	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		0.00
FY 2007 Interest Earned		2,653.56
FY 2007 Expenditures		<u>(1,395.64)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		1,257.92
F.E. Mayhew Trust Fund	Cemetery	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		0.00
FY 2007 Interest Earned		55.03
FY 2007 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		55.03
W.J. Rotch Trust Fund	Cemetery	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		0.00
FY 2007 Interest Earned		218.72
FY 2007 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		218.72
J.C. Martin Trust Fund	Library	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		55.99
FY 2007 Interest Earned		3.17
FY 2007 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		59.16
P. Hancock Trust Fund	Library	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		1,091.24
FY 2007 Interest Earned		339.67
FY 2007 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		1,430.91
Library Gift Fund	Library	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		28,889.50
FY 2007 Additions		5,657.82
FY 2007 Expenditures		<u>(11,973.54)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		22,573.78
E. Whiting Trust Fund	Other	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		2,096.17
FY 2007 Interest Earned		<u>172.19</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		2,268.36
Conservation Fund	Conservation	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		56,029.17
FY 2007 Interest Earned		2,962.64
FY 2007 Transfer from General Fund		<u>220.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		59,211.81
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Affordable Housing	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		100,927.88
FY 2007 Receipts		0.00
FY 2007 Interest Earned		<u>5,327.76</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		106,255.64
Stabilization Fund	Stabilization	

07/01/2006 Opening Balance	434,182.18
FY 2007 Interest Earned	23,756.87
FY 2007 Transfer from General Fund	0.00
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	<u>457,939.05</u>

Stabilization Fund-Ambulance	Stabilization	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance		0.00
FY 2007 Interest Earned		885.39
FY 2007 Transfer from General Fund		<u>16,500.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance		17,385.39

AGENCY FUNDS

Retiree Benefits Contribution	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2007 Receipts	28,005.79
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(28,955.60)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	(949.81)

Due to County Dog License Collections	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	116.25
FY 2007 Receipts	3,479.50
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(3,579.75)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	16.00

Police Special Details	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	128.00
FY 2007 Receipts	40,432.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(40,560.00)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	0.00

Due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Firearm Permits)	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2007 Receipts	3,925.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(3,825.00)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	100.00

Due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Fish & Wildlife)	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	20.75
FY 2007 Receipts	3,529.55
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(3,533.75)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	16.55

Consultant Funds (MGL Chapter 44 Section 53G)	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	6.72
FY 2007 Interest	1.58
FY 2007 Receipts	1,745.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>(1,745.01)</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	8.29

Miscellaneous Escrow	
07/01/2006 Opening Balance	6.79
FY 2007 Interest	0.00
FY 2007 Additions	0.00
FY 2007 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
07/30/2007 Closing Balance	6.79

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
PAYMENTS TO VENDORS AND EMPLOYEES
OVER \$3,000
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Name	Amount
VENDORS	
Up-Island Regional School District	4,975,461.95
MV Regional High School District	2,178,352.88
US Bank	547,397.49
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	457,040.00
Wachovia Bank NA	443,059.39
Dukes County Contributory Retirement	364,339.74
EFTPS (Federal Withholding)	245,276.48
Lawrence Lynch Corp	151,258.09
MV RDRRD	147,222.25
Town of Chilmark	115,407.37
County of Dukes County	112,922.50
MV Commission	107,312.00
Island Insurance Agency Inc	101,680.50
Comm of Mass (Withholding)	87,592.07
Edgartown National Bank	75,021.50
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	61,798.00
Comm of Mass / ING	56,657.47
Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan	42,298.59
Jan Grabowski	39,940.00
E J Murphy Co	39,732.05
Ed Lyons Fire Equipment Inc	35,091.70
Baker & Taylor Books	33,752.14
ASAP Software	30,843.00
NSTAR	30,422.12
Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	30,377.00
Richard T Olsen & Son Inc	30,170.00
Educomp Inc	28,378.04
MV Shellfish Group	27,000.00
Verizon (MA)	25,651.75
Vision Appraisal Technology Inc	25,182.12
MV Community Services / WSS	22,937.75
Bulldog Fire Apparatus Inc	21,439.89
Island Councils On Aging Inc	18,683.76
Ron Burson D/B/A RDA SoftNet	18,471.38
Baker & Taylor Entertainment	15,966.21
W S Darley & Co	15,810.57

Name	Amount
Unifund LLC	15,065.19
Vineyard Scuba	13,698.55
MV Community Services / VNS	13,472.50
Darosa Corporation	13,195.47
RM Packer Co Inc	12,957.42
AmazonCom Credit	12,769.33
Howard Wall	12,480.00
David G Knauf Construction	12,415.00
A-1 MV Cleaning Services LLC	12,160.00
Des Lauriers Municipal Solutions Inc	12,023.34
AM Fogarty & Associates Inc	11,163.00
Hertz Corp	11,135.29
Rita E Spence	10,756.76
Town of Oak Bluffs / PD	10,691.85
Ellen M Hutchinson, Law office of	10,172.76
Maciel Land And Tree	10,125.00
MV Tech Inc	9,707.50
Allied Painting	9,250.00
Exxonmobil Fleet/Gecc (PD)	8,773.50
White - Lynch	8,676.75
David A Merry & Sons	8,284.54
Tisbury Printer	8,074.90
R L Fullin & Daughters	7,965.00
Howard Curtis (Expense Reimbursement)	7,813.14
R E Brown & Company	7,700.00
Coppola & Coppola	7,646.45
Fort Dearborn Life	7,563.26
Brian W Holmes D/B/A Jones River Tractor	7,500.00
Neptune Inc	7,494.90
Collins & Weinberg, Law offices of	7,048.00
Vineyard Land Surveying	7,002.00
John Keene Excavation Inc	6,935.31
Recorded Books LLC	6,889.17
MIIA Property & Casualty Group Inc	6,709.00
Baseline Engineering & Associates Inc	6,257.25
Marzbanian Construction Company	6,208.85
MV Times	6,182.96
MV Preservation Trust Inc	6,128.72
Maciel & Sons Inc	5,900.00
Plastic Card Systems Inc	5,867.00
Theodore A Saulnier	5,768.75
Fleet Services (PD)	5,689.15

Name	Amount
Bardwell Electronics	5,411.50
Staples Credit Plan	5,329.96
Quill Corp	5,234.92
Mark Altman & Associates	5,171.62
Random House Inc	5,132.40
Mid-Island Repair Inc	5,095.84
Kevin B Hatt	5,089.63
Ec Cottle Inc	5,075.52
Ernest A Medeiros	4,980.77
Vista Systems Analysis	4,693.75
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co	4,605.12
MVi Insurance Group	4,492.50
Dennis Kaeka D/B/A Kaeka Landscaping	4,450.00
Up-Island Automotive	4,348.49
Beth Toomey (Expense Reimbursement)	4,267.06
Roundabout LLC	4,260.00
Industrial Protection Services	4,100.85
Thornton Chandler Construction, Inc.	4,000.00
Aquatic Control Technology Inc	3,995.00
Vineyard Propane & Oil / D & R	3,993.91
Bartlett Tree Experts	3,895.00
James Branch Repairs	3,865.13
Firearms Record Bureau	3,825.00
Leo Vigean	3,822.75
Bro-Dart Co	3,792.00
Island Water Source Inc	3,732.75
Edward L Stanton	3,614.00
Comm of Mass / Div F & W	3,533.75
Hi-Way Safety Systems Inc	3,522.02
George E Sansoucy, PE, LLC	3,500.00
Reserve Account	3,500.00
Ingram Library Services	3,449.77
Richard M Hull	3,409.58
Nextel Communications (IL)	3,109.53
Dukes County C/O Treasurer	3,080.00
Beth Kramer (Expense Reimbursement)	3,015.69
EMPLOYEES	
Toomey, Beth A.	100,737.55
Mincone, Matthew L.	84,062.54
Rossi, Daniel R.	82,676.40

Name	Amount
Gouldrup, Daniel S.	81,793.80
Manter, Jeffrey S.	76,663.19
Vieira, Garrison G.	73,411.08
Rand, Jennifer	68,952.24
Resendes, Jo-Ann	64,367.87
Bowker, Joyce A.	61,666.86
Powers, John J.	61,068.15
Stone, Bruce K.	55,206.06
Taylor, Brent B.	55,149.55
Slavin, Sean R.	54,368.68
Logue, Katherine	54,298.44
Kelley, Jennifer L.	52,163.51
Mendenhall, Ernest P.	51,186.74
Savage, David D	50,970.47
Reynolds, Ellen S.	47,537.66
Curtis, Howard W.	46,893.00
Keefe, Julie L.	46,825.99
Decker, Cornelia H.	44,255.56
Whiting, Prudence M.	43,292.50
De Oliveira, Leomar Jose	41,598.02
DeSorcy, Simone A.	40,054.95
Oliver, Jesse J. IV	38,603.26
Kramer, Beth A.	35,727.69
Jenkinson, Joan W.	30,456.68
Black, Paula	29,632.20
McFarland, Maria G.	28,990.60
Thors, Pamela K.	24,222.09
Brady, Kathleen D.	23,921.38
Estrella, Manuel III	23,267.50
Sprague, Tammis F.	22,752.99
Blair, Hadden S.	17,014.31
Healy, Allen K.	12,386.20
Brown, Helen L.	11,553.66
Stone, Margaret H.	11,428.22
Schroeder, Joseph C.	10,714.28
Smith, Emily J.	9,976.40
Ciancio, Michael	9,775.00
Romano, Mike A.	9,312.57
Cotnoir, Charles J.	9,238.32
Colligan, Thomas H.	7,692.50
Stone, Barry	7,692.50
Russell, Danyon Guy	7,383.33

Name	Amount
DiCicco, Nicholas J.	7,316.73
Broscheit, Hans T.	7,266.72
Maciel, Kaitlyn L.	6,568.20
Early, John G.	6,431.51
Amabile, David D	6,061.63
Haynes, William C.	6,035.00
Clothier, Kristen V.	5,916.24
Barnett, Colleen M.	5,838.64
Hughes, Spencer W.	5,208.13
Olsen, Richard T.	5,125.00
Hearn, Glenn R.	5,000.00
Morris, Colleen E.	4,991.63
Cini, Christopher S	4,810.77
Perry, Nicole A.	4,658.60
Ruddick, Brian P.	4,165.44
Stone, Brittany N.	3,249.04
Schroeder, Alexia K	3,027.72

APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2007

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2006	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2007	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL FUND					
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00		370.00		0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	120.00		105.00		15.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	15,000.00	(5,000.00)	10,000.00		0.00
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	1,100.00	5,000.00	1,369.56		4,730.44
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	68,952.24		68,952.24		0.00
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,400.00		1,080.20		1,319.80
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	590.00	500.00	889.52		200.48
132-5700 Reserve Fund	46,000.00	(44,107.00)	0.00		1,893.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	55,216.28		55,206.06		10.22
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,840.00		1,649.77		190.23
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	114,955.90		110,408.67		4,547.23
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00		7,814.27	3,450.00	18,735.73
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	15,465.00		15,323.55		141.45
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	54,298.44		54,298.44		0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,440.00	500.00	3,527.69		12.31
146-5110 Collector Salaries	55,149.55		55,149.55		0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	18,560.00		13,319.94		5,240.06
151-5300 Legal	45,000.00		32,750.64		12,249.36
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	5,529.72		1,137.75		4,391.97
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	1,235.00	5,000.00	976.57	4,750.00	508.03
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	40,100.00		37,309.16	2,716.00	74.84
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	12,950.00	2,000.00	14,669.04		280.96
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		120.00		30.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	43,192.50		43,192.50		0.00
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	2,000.00		1,979.23		20.77
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	900.00		597.48		302.52
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,300.00		1,651.25		648.75
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,350.00		2,228.76		2,121.24
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00		250.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	650.00		650.00		0.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	29,369.73		27,852.85		1,516.88
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,385.00		3,229.55		155.45
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		4,894.52		105.48
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	43,036.56		40,054.95		2,981.61
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,830.00		1,270.78		3,559.22
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	47,073.96		46,825.99		247.97
176-5305 ZBA Legal	8,000.00		39.00		7,961.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	4,325.00		1,619.91		2,705.09
177-5600 MV Commission	105,812.00		105,812.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	3,000.00		2,495.89		504.11
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,500.00		1,229.30		270.70
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,500.00		1,451.61		48.39
192-5120 Town Hall Salaries	50.00		0.00		50.00
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	52,480.00	7,000.00	58,740.36		739.64
193-5700 Property Insurance	40,500.00		55,698.50		4,801.50
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	7,000.00		3,861.50		3,138.50
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		0.00		250.00
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	729,838.88		689,321.22		40,517.66
210-5700 Police Expenses	91,750.00		91,726.84		23.16
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	92,200.00	(15,000.00)	70,032.50		7,032.50
220-5700 Fire Expenses	127,915.00	38,800.00	143,210.50	17,940.00	5,564.50
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	109,343.54		109,343.54		0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	86,826.46		84,946.49		1,879.97
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	4,000.00		3,329.60		670.40
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	6,000.00		4,819.23		1,180.77
291-5700 Emergency Management	665.00		0.00		665.00
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	45,687.50		42,322.88		3,364.62
292-5700 ACO Expenses	7,350.00		5,810.76		1,539.24
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	307.50		307.50		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	592.00		1,600.00		432.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	6,500.00		2,125.00		4,375.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00		1,550.00		200.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	300.00		300.00		0.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	3,850.00		3,850.00		0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	1,000.00		0.00		1,000.00
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	27,000.00		27,000.00		0.00
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	5,094,645.61		4,975,461.95		119,183.66
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,257,844.00		2,178,352.88		79,491.12
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	5,125.00		5,125.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	36,345.12	2,834.00	38,706.46		472.66
422-5700 Highway Expenses	55,400.00		48,718.76	6,681.24	0.00
423-5700 Snow & Ice	30,000.00		22,704.12		7,295.88
424-5700 Street Lights	8,372.00		6,477.97		1,894.03
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00		0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	54,634.00		28,535.94	2,947.60	23,170.46
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,200.00		1,424.65		1,775.35
439-5600 MYDRDRD Intergov	119,380.16		119,360.16		20.00
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,600.00		1,432.60		2,167.40
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	6,850.00		6,850.00		0.00
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	77,101.85		75,355.21		1,746.64
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,625.00		6,781.66		1,843.34
522-5700 Health Services	18,180.00		13,897.50		4,282.50
540-5700 Island COA	18,683.76		18,683.76		0.00
541-5120 Upland COA Pers Serv	157,745.76		156,510.93		1,234.83
541-5700 Upland COA Expense	11,320.00		8,317.58		3,002.42
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	6,342.00	7,550.00	10,833.62		3,058.38
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	186,635.05		186,634.98		0.07
610-5700 Library Expenses	104,633.76	1,966.47	106,600.23		0.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00		0.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	10,416.53		10,412.90		3.63
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,250.00		926.09		323.91
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	3,856.32		3,102.45		753.87
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	200.00		114.28		85.72
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	54,600.06		51,576.74		3,023.32
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	8,000.00		6,450.94		1,549.06
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	2,700.00		1,997.47		702.53
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00		64.75		85.25
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,105.90		3,067.00		38.90
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	7,000.00		4,708.54		2,291.46
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,700.00		4,847.04		852.96
691-5700 Historical Commission	50.00		0.00		50.00
690-5700 Historic District	500.00		408.48		91.52
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	606,401.50		602,401.50		4,000.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2006	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2007	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2007
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	233,795.00		230,478.38		3,316.62
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	2,500.00		124.65		2,375.35
911-5170 County Retirement	200,963.00	18,348.00	219,311.00		0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	6,500.00	209.00	6,709.00		0.00
913-5170 Unemployment	5,500.00		0.00		5,500.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	371,000.00		329,075.44		41,924.56
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,035.00		2,017.80		17.20
916-5170 Employers Medicare	24,000.00		23,340.34		659.66
945-5740 Public Official Liability	5,500.00		5,500.00		0.00
TOTAL FY 2007 BUDGET	12,189,319.14	25,600.47	11,702,947.30	38,484.84	473,487.47
WARRANT ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES					
ATM 2006 DCRHA	30,377.00		30,377.00		0.00
ATM 2006 Space Needs Committee	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00
ATM 2006 Transfer to Ambulance Sub Fund	16,500.00		16,500.00		0.00
STM 04-11-06 Paths by the Road	20,000.00		16,151.17	3,848.83	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Space Needs Committee		14,756.45	14,756.45		0.00
STM 11-28-06 Path on Edgartown Road		190,000.00	0.00	190,000.00	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Tri-Town Ambulance		3,979.68	3,977.68		2.00
STM 11-28-06 Assessors Digitizing Maps		1,500.00	1,500.00		0.00
STM 11-28-06 Programmable Thermostats		2,000.00	1,500.00	500.00	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Survey Old Stage Road		4,860.00	4,860.00		0.00
STM 11-28-06 Cemetery Improvements		10,000.00	1,417.39	8,582.61	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Town Staff Development		1,000.00	618.79	381.21	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Library/HH Loe Maintenance		30,000.00	25,843.97	4,156.03	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Insect Control		6,500.00	5,160.00	1,340.00	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Bus Prop Reval		7,440.00	0.00	7,440.00	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Library (from Dog Funds)		18,875.17	2,637.97	16,237.20	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police 4WD Vehicle		33,500.00	31,440.99	2,059.01	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police Emar Trg-Equip		3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police Server		3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 MV Cultural Council		1,000.00	1,000.00		0.00
ATM 04-10-07 MS Office Upgrade		5,125.52	0.00	5,125.52	0.00
STM 06-05-07 TH Renovation Committee		5,243.55	727.18	4,516.37	0.00
STM 06-05-07 DAS RFP Development		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
155-5700 Encumbered FY 2006 Data Proc	1,591.35		1,253.10		338.25
192-5700 Encumbered Town Hall Expenses	700.00		700.00		0.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	4,000.00		4,000.00		0.00
FY2006-HH Library Lot	49.90		49.90		0.00
FY2006-EMS EMT Coverage	2,614.49	0.00	0.00	2,614.49	0.00
FY2006-ATB Legal	14,347.24		14,347.24		0.00
FY2006-Recertification FY2008	24,000.00		0.00	24,000.00	0.00
FY2006-Estuary Study 2	13,750.00		0.00	13,750.00	0.00
FY2006-Howes House Trim	18,000.00		9,482.00	8,518.00	0.00
FY2006-Police Station Repair	10,000.00		1,063.14	8,936.86	0.00
FY2006-Police AWD Vehicle	31,113.47		30,652.18	461.29	0.00
FY2006-Police Computers	5,200.00		0.00	5,200.00	0.00
FY2006-MVDIT Match	2,500.00		0.00	2,500.00	0.00
FY2006-FY2006-Audit	11,000.00		7,700.00	3,300.00	0.00
FY2006-Dropoff Improvements	47,840.46		0.00	47,840.46	0.00
FY2006-Hydraulic Extraction Tool	40,000.00	(8,800.00)	31,200.00		0.00
FY2006-P&R Bldg Repair	5,000.00		4,055.90	944.10	0.00
FY2005-Brushbreaker Truck	39,732.05		39,732.05		0.00
FY2005-School District Consultant	500.00		0.00	500.00	0.00
FY2005-Recertification-FY2008	24,000.00		18,062.00	15,938.00	0.00
FY2005-DP Financial Software	9,403.21		9,403.21		0.00
FY2005-Fire Hydrant Maintenance	4,643.01		3,732.75	910.26	0.00
FY2005-State Road Paths	79,236.99		79,236.99		0.00
FY2005-Edgartown Road Path	3,609.50		3,609.50		0.00
FY2005-Tennis Courts	1,458.15		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		5,000.00		0.00
FY2005-Police Renovation	3,583.86		3,583.86		0.00
FY2005-Cemetery Shed	171.63		0.00	171.63	0.00
FY2004-Digitizing Maps	12,000.00		12,000.00		0.00
FY2004-Certification	2,570.00		0.00	2,570.00	0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2006	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2007	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2007
FY2004-Bond Issues Fees	17,171.06		1,825.00	15,346.06	0.00
FY2004-Permitting Software	8,625.52	(5,125.52)	3,500.00		0.00
FY2004-Stephens Cross Appraisal	2,000.00		0.00	2,000.00	0.00
FY2004-Res Homesite (B Trust)	13,731.15		6,787.10	6,944.05	0.00
FY2004-Land Acquisition Exp	25,000.00		0.00	25,000.00	0.00
FY2004-Town Hall Repair	74,547.14		45,902.98	28,644.16	0.00
FY2004-Police DTF Match 2005	3,500.00		0.00	3,500.00	0.00
FY2003-Greenlands Plaques	220.00	(220.00)	0.00		0.00
FY2003-Police DTF Match	666.94		0.00	666.94	0.00
FY2002-Library Feasibility	897.55		0.00		897.55
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	14.61		14.61		0.00
FY2000-Public Safety Building	67.19		0.00	67.19	0.00
FY2005-Town Hall Renovation	2,351.49		0.00	2,351.49	0.00
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	664,801.74	330,834.85	500,362.10	494,036.69	1,237.80
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	12,854,120.88	356,435.32	12,203,309.40	532,521.53	474,725.27

Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of 30 June 2007

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Trust & Agency	General Long-term Obligations	Totals (Memo Only)
Assets & Other Debits					
Cash and cash equivalents	2,184,321	1,050,647	730,185		3,965,153
Property Tax Receivable:					
Current Year	315,691				315,691
Prior Year	292,322				292,322
Allowance for A/E	(399,277)				(399,277)
Other Receivables					
Motor Vehicle Excise	351,045				351,045
Boat Excise	4,869				4,869
Tax Liens	115,037				115,037
Community Preservation Act		20,247			20,247
Chapter 90 Highway		38,612			38,612
Other Assets (Foreclosures)	13,226				13,226
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long term obligations				4,982,500	4,982,500
Total Assets & Other Debits	2,877,233	1,109,506	730,185	4,982,500	9,699,424
Liabilities & Fund Equity					
Warrants Payable	62,948	2,489	838		66,275
Other Liabilities	34,190				34,190
Deferred Revenue					
Property Tax	208,736				208,736
Motor Vehicle Excise	351,045				351,045
Boat Excise	4,869				4,869
Tax Liens	115,037				115,037
Foreclosures	13,226				13,226
Community Preservation Act		20,247			20,247
Chapter 90 Highway		38,612			38,612
Landfill Closure & post closure cost				137,500	137,500
Bonds Payable				4,845,000	4,845,000
Total Liabilities	790,050	61,347	838	4,982,500	5,834,736
Fund Balances					
Reserved					
Encumbrances & Continuing Articles	532,522				532,522
Endowments			61,493		61,493
Unreserved					
Designated	316,460	1,048,159	667,854		2,032,472
Undesignated	1,238,201				1,238,201
Total Fund Equity	2,087,182	1,048,159	729,347	0	3,864,688
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,877,233	1,109,506	730,185	4,982,500	9,699,424

**BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
June 30, 2007**

GENERAL FUND		Debit	Credit
001.000.1010	Cash on Hand		
001.000.1040	Cash on Deposit--General Fund	2,184,320.75	
001.000.1210.2007	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'07	5,045.29	
001.000.1210.2006	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'06	5,896.70	
001.000.1210.2005	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'05	4,381.57	
001.000.1210.2004	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'04	5,726.04	
001.000.1210.2003	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'03	3,554.58	
001.000.1210.2002	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'02	3,441.38	
001.000.1210.2001	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'01	3,028.14	
001.000.1210.2000	Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'00	2,964.98	
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	
001.000.1220.2008	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'08		1,829.54
001.000.1220.2007	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'07	310,645.60	
001.000.1220.2006	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'06	140,379.83	
001.000.1220.2005	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'05	16,573.89	
001.000.1220.2004	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'04	11,992.90	
001.000.1220.2003	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'03	3,723.48	
001.000.1220.2002	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'02	5,771.56	
001.000.1220.2001	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'01	2,908.80	
001.000.1220.2000	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'00	3,074.32	
001.000.1220.1999	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'99	4,080.33	
001.000.1220.1998	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'98	8,723.37	
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	
001.000.1230.2007	Allowance for A/E FY'07		146,262.80
001.000.1230.2006	Allowance for A/E FY'06		106,197.08
001.000.1230.2005	Allowance for A/E FY'05		225.02
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	115,037.46	
001.000.1260.2007	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'07	55,700.66	
001.000.1260.2006	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'06	36,899.61	
001.000.1260.2005	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'05	49,554.57	
001.000.1260.2004	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'04	64,892.34	
001.000.1260.2003	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'03	37,477.98	
001.000.1260.2002	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'02	27,172.32	
001.000.1260.2001	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'01	20,874.50	

001.000.1260.2000	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'00	18,467.31	
001.000.1260.1999	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'99	15,351.75	
001.000.1260.1998	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'98	8,390.48	
001.000.1260.1997	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'97	11,414.44	
001.000.1260.1996	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'96	2,643.50	
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	
001.000.1270.2005	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'05	965.71	
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		53,133.99
001.000.2015	Payroll Warrant Payable		9,814.03
001.000.2520	Unclaimed Checks		34,190.27
001.000.2610	Deferred Revenue Property Taxes		208,735.59
001.000.2622	Deferred Revenue Tax Liens		115,037.46
001.000.2623	Deferred Revenue Tax Foreclosures		13,225.86
001.000.2630	Deferred Revenue MV Excise		351,044.50
001.000.2641	Deferred Revenue Vessel Excise		4,868.71
001.000.3212	Fund Balance Reserved for Prior Year Encumbrances		38,484.84
001.000.3240	Fund Balance Reserved Expenditures		316,460.00
001.000.3295	Fund Balance Reserved for Continued Appropriations		494,036.69
001.000.3590	Undesignated Fund Balance		1,238,200.93
Totals		3,278,339.76	3,278,339.76

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

		Debit	Credit
200.000.1040	Cash-Special Revenue	1,050,647.37	
246.000.1250.2008	Community Preservation Surcharge Receivable FY'08		45.03
246.000.1250.2007	Community Preservation Surcharge Receivable FY'07	11,128.21	
246.000.1250.2006	Community Preservation Surcharge Receivable FY'06	9,163.92	
240.000.1720.0000	Chapter 90 Highway Receivable	38,611.73	
200.000.2010	Warrants Payable		2,488.63
246.000.2625	Deferred Revenue Community Preservation Surcharge		20,247.10
240.000.2670	Deferred Revenue Chapter 90 Highway		38,611.73
210.211.3580	Fund Balance/Domestic Violence Grant		0.00
212.210.3580	" " /Community Policing		24,865.62
214.210.3580	" " /Island DTF (Forfeitures)		1,646.39
215.210.3580	" " /Homeland Security		19,800.00
216.210.3580	" " /Watch Your Car		675.00
230.000.3580	" " /Arts Council		30,889.53
231.220.3580	" " /Fire Department - Equipment		3,822.06
232.220.3580	" " /Fire Hydrant Fund		1,550.00
246.000.3580	" " /Community Preservation Fund		860,433.46
251.000.3580	" " /Sale of Real Estate		2,600.00
260.610.3580	" " /State Aid to Libraries		9,077.34
240.000.3580	" " /Chapter 90 Highway	38,611.73	
270.491.3580	" " /Sale of Cemetery Lots		29,950.00
275.510.3580	" " /Septic System Repairs		78,036.28
280.171.3580	" " /Wetlands Protection		17,563.02
285.298.3580	" " /Shellfish Grant		319.16
290.000.3580	" " /Gifts		5,542.61
Totals		1,148,162.96	1,148,162.96

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

		Debit	Credit
820.000.1050	Cash - Non-expendable Trusts	61,493.45	
821.491.3010	Fund Balance/Perpetual Care		49,790.00
822.491.3010	" " / F.E. Mayhew (Cemetery)		1,000.00
823.491.3010	" " / W.J. Rotch (Cemetery)		4,000.00
824.610.3010	" " / J.C. Martin (Library)		200.00
825.610.3010	" " / P. Hancock (Library)		5,343.45
826.000.3010	" " / E. Whiting		1,160.00
Totals		61,493.45	61,493.45

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

		Debit	Credit
840.000.1040	Cash - Expendable Trusts	194,169.42	
840.000.2020	Warrants Payable		838.09

841.491.3280	Fund Balance/Perpetual Care	1,257.92
842.491.3280	" " / F.E. Mayhew (Cemetery)	55.03
843.491.3280	" " / W.J. Rotch (Cemetery)	218.72
844.610.3280	" " / J.C. Martin (Library)	59.16
845.610.3280	" " / P.Hancock (Library)	1,430.91
846.000.3280	" " / E. Whiting	2,268.36
847.610.3280	" " / Library Gift Funds	22,573.78
848.171.3280	" " / Conservation Fund	59,211.81
849.000.3280	" " / Affordable Housing Trust Fund	106,255.64
Totals		<hr/> 194,169.42 <hr/> 194,169.42

STABILIZATION FUNDS

		Debit	Credit
850.000.1050	Cash Savings	457,939.05	
850.000.3590	Undesignated Fund Balance		457,939.05

AGENCY FUNDS

		Debit	Credit
900.000.1040	Cash		802.25
910.000.2580	Fund Balance/Retiree Payments	949.81	
920.000.2580	Fund Balance Dog Tax		16.00
925.000.2580	Fund Balance Due to Commonwealth -Licenses		116.55
929.000.2580	Fund Balance Misc Escrows		8.29
930.000.2580	Fund Balance Consultants Ch44-53G		6.72
Totals		949.81	949.81

LONG TERM DEBT

		Debit	Credit
050.000.1996	Amounts to be provided for payment of bonds	4,845,000.00	
050.000.1997	Amounts to be provided for retirement of long term obligations	137,500.00	
050.000.2900	Bonds payable - Inside Debt Limit		4,845,000.00
050.000.2901	Landfill closure & post closure care costs		137,500.00

SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

	<u>Balance 06/30/2006</u>	<u>Issued FY 2007</u>	<u>Retired FY 2007</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/2007</u>	<u>Interest Paid FY 2007</u>
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
Public Safety Building	1,385,000.00	0.00	155,000.00	1,230,000.00	41,390.63
Land Purchase (H.Goethals)	270,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	240,000.00	8,081.25
Road Resurfacing	870,000.00	0.00	220,000.00	650,000.00	21,837.50
Town Hal Renovation	255,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	190,000.00	10,021.50
School Addition	2,900,000.00	0.00	365,000.00 *	2,535,000.00	149,147.50
TOTALS - LONG TERM DEBT	<u>5,680,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>835,000.00</u>	<u>4,845,000.00</u>	<u>230,478.38</u>

*West Tisbury paid a total of \$281,549.00 (the amount of the State Reimbursement) towards principal and interest; balance reimbursed by the Up-Island Regional School District.

Landfill Closure & Post Closure Obligations

137,500.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

July 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2007 BUDGET			
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	2,200.00	218.00	1,982.00
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	75,059.04	36,811.44	38,247.60
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,141.52	0.00	2,141.52
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,590.00	162.82	1,427.18
132-5700 Reserve Fund	18,430.21	0.00	18,430.21
133-5300 Annual Audit	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	60,096.96	29,558.88	30,538.08
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,845.00	459.10	1,385.90
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,416.67	1,583.33
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	136,380.37	64,441.11	71,939.26
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	13,131.50	16,868.50
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	20,250.00	10,373.51	9,876.49
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	59,121.72	29,560.92	29,560.80
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,090.00	1,147.81	1,942.19
146-5110 Collector Salaries	58,108.25	29,054.16	29,054.09
146-5700 Collector Expenses	16,385.00	4,248.63	12,136.37
151-5300 Legal	45,000.00	26,659.66	18,340.34
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	6,016.67	825.47	5,191.20
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	1,325.00	89.36	1,235.64
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	46,340.00	22,288.08	24,051.92
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	12,950.00	350.00	12,600.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	29.95	120.05
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	44,787.34	22,393.68	22,393.66
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,025.00	154.00	871.00
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,300.00	0.00	2,300.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,550.00	175.00	4,375.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	50.00	200.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	31,988.13	15,633.32	16,354.81
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,400.00	1,004.33	2,395.67
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	44,586.90	21,095.32	23,491.58
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,830.00	1,358.41	3,471.59
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	48,796.56	24,554.08	24,242.48
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,915.00	717.22	3,197.78
177-5600 MV Commission	108,389.00	108,389.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	3,500.00	656.84	2,843.16
179-5700 AH Com Legal	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,600.00	1,328.72	271.28
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	117,600.00	19,259.71	98,340.29
193-5700 Property Insurance	52,000.00	50,117.86	1,882.14
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,112,537.67	545,399.56	567,138.11
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	743,455.07	362,338.13	381,116.94
210-5700 Police Expenses	105,500.00	55,904.35	49,595.65
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	95,200.00	31,270.00	63,930.00

220-5700 Fire Expenses	131,500.00	51,132.39	80,367.61
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	124,861.99	124,861.99	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	90,866.24	42,104.04	48,762.20
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	3,950.00	1,414.00	2,536.00
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	6,000.00	2,083.35	3,916.65
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	915.00	0.00	915.00
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	47,411.59	21,869.49	25,542.10
292-5700 ACO Expenses	7,200.00	2,418.98	4,781.02
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	1,250.00	625.00	625.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	640.00	0.00	640.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	5,000.00	2,300.00	2,700.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	3,850.00	1,900.00	1,950.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	925.00	35.91	889.09
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,406,774.89	730,257.63	676,517.26
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	5,513,822.68	4,135,367.01	1,378,455.67
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,321,919.00	1,741,439.25	580,479.75
Sub-total : Education	7,835,741.68	5,876,806.26	1,958,935.42
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	5,125.00	2,562.50	2,562.50
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	48,470.58	23,614.49	24,856.09
422-5700 Highway Expenses	56,400.00	24,717.22	31,682.78
423-5700 Snow & Ice	30,000.00	67.92	29,932.08
424-5700 Street Lights	7,000.00	2,627.08	4,372.92
Sub-total : Public Works	146,995.58	53,589.21	93,406.37
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	45,000.00	16,078.79	28,921.21
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	113,947.25	56,973.62	56,973.63
Sub-total : Sanitation	162,197.25	73,052.41	89,144.84
Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	9,600.00	1,892.54	7,707.46
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	81,272.46	39,375.59	41,896.87
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,690.00	1,925.31	6,764.69
522-5700 Health Services	20,780.00	5,184.75	15,595.25
540-5700 Island COA	21,824.94	10,912.44	10,912.50
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	164,628.13	81,128.29	83,499.84
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	11,715.00	5,030.48	6,684.52
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
Sub-total : Human Services	334,510.53	146,949.40	187,561.13
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	193,503.34	100,570.04	92,933.30
610-5700 Library Expenses	125,375.84	71,554.23	53,821.61
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	415.00	415.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	11,338.99	4,762.63	6,576.36
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,250.00	368.30	881.70
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	4,199.04	3,393.50	805.54
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	57,982.45	44,360.85	13,621.60
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	8,000.00	4,272.20	3,727.80
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	2,910.33	1,661.92	1,248.41
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,355.30	0.00	3,355.30
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	7,000.00	1,943.83	5,056.17
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,700.00	5,109.01	590.99
690-5700 Historic District	500.00	32.48	467.52

691-5700 Historical Commission	50.00	0.00	50.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	422,345.29	238,443.99	183,901.30
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	620,286.50	510,658.50	109,628.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	199,407.63	168,246.01	31,161.62
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	824,694.13	678,904.51	145,789.62
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	219,370.00	219,370.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	7,500.00	7,417.05	82.95
913-5170 Unemployment	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	371,000.00	154,516.89	216,483.11
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,350.00	917.28	1,432.72
916-5170 Employers Medicare	25,000.00	13,069.83	11,930.17
945-5740 Public Official Liability	6,050.00	6,050.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	636,770.00	401,341.05	235,428.95
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	12,882,567.02	8,254,499.70	3,934,819.44
FY 2008 WARRANT ARTICLES			
ATM 2007 DCRHA	31,346.00	31,346.00	0.00
ATM 2007 Estuary Study 3	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
ATM 2007 Assessors 2011 Recertification	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM 2007 Tri-Town Ambulance Copier	1,626.67	0.00	1,626.67
ATM 2007 Drug Task Force	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
ATM 2007 Fire Dept SCBA Stab Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
ATM 2007 Ambulance Stab Fund	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
ATM 2007 TH Renovation	162,000.00	17,500.00	144,500.00
TOTAL FY 2008 WARRANT ARTICLES	299,972.67	115,346.00	184,626.67
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS			
FY 2007 Encumbrances			
Fire Station Painting	17,940.00	8,709.00	9,231.00
Data Processing	2,716.00	2,716.00	0.00
Compensation Study	4,750.00	3,166.00	1,584.00
Assessors Legal	3,450.00	3,450.00	0.00
Highway Paving	6,681.24	6,681.24	0.00
LDO Inspect/Monitor	2,947.60	2,947.60	0.00
Sub-total : FY 2006 Encumbrances	38,484.84	27,669.84	10,815.00
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
STM 04-11-06 Paths by the Road	5,663.08	0.00	5,663.08
STM 11-28-06 Path on Edgartown Road	188,185.75	142,219.71	45,966.04
STM 11-28-06 Programmable Thermostats	500.00	0.00	500.00
STM 11-28-06 Cemetery Improvements	8,582.61	0.00	8,582.61
STM 11-28-06 Town Staff Development	381.21	0.00	381.21
STM 11-28-06 Library/HH Lot Maintenance	4,156.03	345.00	3,811.03
ATM 04-10-07 Insect Control	1,340.00	0.00	1,340.00
ATM 04-10-07 Bus Prop Reval	7,440.00	2,400.00	5,040.00
ATM 04-10-07 Library (from Dog Funds)	16,237.20	892.50	15,344.70
ATM 04-10-07 Police 4WD Vehicle	2,059.01	1,282.00	777.01
ATM 04-10-07 Police Emer Trg/Equip	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police Server	3,200.00	2,631.24	568.76
ATM 04-10-07 MS Office Upgrade	5,125.52	4,759.20	366.32
STM 06-05-07 TH Renovation Committee	4,516.37	905.18	3,611.19
STM 06-05-07 DAS RFP Development	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
FY2006-EMS EMT Coverage	2,614.49	0.00	2,614.49
FY2006-Recertification FY2008	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
FY2006-Estuary Study 2	13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00
FY2006-Howes House Trim	8,518.00	0.00	8,518.00
FY2006-Police Station Repair	8,936.86	1,000.00	7,936.86
FY2006-Police AWD Vehicle	461.29	0.00	461.29
FY2006-Police Computers	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00
FY2006-MVDTF Match	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00

FY2006-FY2006-Audit	3,300.00	2,200.00	1,100.00
FY2006-Dropoff Improvements	47,840.46	0.00	47,840.46
FY2006-P&R Bldg Repair	944.10	0.00	944.10
FY2005-School District Consultant	500.00	0.00	500.00
FY2005-Recertification-FY2008	15,938.00	15,938.00	0.00
FY2005-Fire Hydrant Maintenance	910.26	0.00	910.26
FY2005-Tennis Courts	1,458.15	0.00	1,458.15
FY2005-Estuary Project	13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00
FY2005-Cemetery Shed	171.63	0.00	171.63
FY2004-Certification	2,570.00	0.00	2,570.00
FY2004-Bond Issues Fees	15,346.06	0.00	15,346.06
FY2004-Stephens Cross Appraisal	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
FY2004-Res Homesite (fr Trust)	6,944.05	4,390.15	2,553.90
FY2004-Land Acquisition Exp	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
FY2004-Town Hall Repair	28,644.16	1,062.86	27,581.30
FY2004-Police DTF Match 2005	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
FY2003-Police DTF Match	666.94	0.00	666.94
FY2000-Howes House Construct	227.53	0.00	227.53
FY2000-School Construct	2,509.17	0.00	2,509.17
FY2000-Library Construct	30.08	0.00	30.08
FY2000-Public Safety Building	67.19	0.00	67.19
FY2005-Town Hall Renovation	2,351.49	0.00	2,351.49
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	494,036.69	204,025.84	290,010.85
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS	532,521.53	231,695.68	300,825.85

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Town Meeting voted in April 2007 to approve a budget of \$150,000 to develop a plan to renovate Town Hall. Our goal for the renovation has been to maintain the simplicity and elegance of the building's Victorian exterior, with the space necessary for use into the mid 2000's. It is an important building in the Historic District, dating to 1870, housing the Dukes County Academy and significant because it is one of only two Mansard-style buildings standing in the town. Hariph Smith, a local builder known for distinctive design and high quality construction, built it. Our goals for the interior have been to have an open floor plan for work space flexibility; to maintain the natural lighting and ventilation beloved by the staff; to provide more storage area; to include high energy efficiency; and to bring the building into code compliance (which dictated having a modest addition for elevator, fire stairs and restrooms).

Following our appointment, the committee learned that it must hire an Owner's Project Manager and that it would be necessary to develop designer selection criteria prior to hiring an architect. We wrote the criteria for the Selectmen's approval, and also, after advertising for an OPM and interviewing, selected Jamie Doyle, who the Selectmen hired. These legally mandated steps have delayed the process about six weeks.

After advertising and extensive interviews and reference checks, the committee selected Keenan and Kenny, of Falmouth, as its architectural firm. They have extensive municipal experience, and have the additional benefit of being just across the Sound. We hired Donald Cronig of Beacon Inspection to perform a survey of the building to determine its condition. We have met with K & K numerous times, with local architects who have volunteered to help, with members of the Historic District Commission, the Community Preservation Committee, and representatives from the Cape Light Compact. Kate Warner has done an extensive energy and cost efficiency analysis. Kent Healy has done all the site planning, with assistance from Kathy Logue and Jamie Doyle. Kate and Kent's efforts have saved the Town substantial amounts of money and we are very grateful for their work.

We held a public forum on December 12 and received valuable input from a number of residents, which has improved the design. We anticipate a second public forum before the April Town Meeting, to present and explain the final design and budget.

At this writing, the design phase is coming to closure. We started with the goal of coming to the 2008 April Town Meeting with construction bids. In November, we determined that there is not enough time to complete the design

and bid documents process in order to get actual construction bids in time for Town Meeting. We were advised that if the process was rushed, poor documents and possible cost over-runs on change orders would likely result. Consequently we have decided to have the construction documents and very thorough cost estimates prepared for Town Meeting, but solicit bids after the funds have been approved. We feel that this will help garner better competitive bids, as contractors will be more likely to put the requisite detailed time into the bidding process, knowing that there is funding.

Bea Phear, Chair
Kent Healy, Vice Chair
Chuck Hodgkinson
Ginny Jones
Jim Osmundsen
Kate Warner
Kathy Logue, staff liaison



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

JUNE 30, 2007

To the Selectmen and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Town began the fiscal year with \$5,680,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt; we retired \$835,000 in principal and did not issue any new debt, ending the year with \$4,845,000 outstanding. In addition, the town shares responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the school and refuse districts. The year ended with no short-term debt outstanding.

We continued to receive substantial progress payments on parcels in tax title foreclosure. Four parcels were paid off entirely, leaving 27 parcels with tax liens at the close of the fiscal year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE LOGUE
Treasurer

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT

ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2006:	\$2,707,506.53
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RECEIPTS:

Total Receipts	\$14,217,158.59
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)	

EXPENDITURES:

Orders of Selectmen	(\$12,963,340.56)	
Less Voided Checks	\$3,828.62	
Net Expenditures:		\$12,959,511.94

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT

ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2007:	\$3,965,153.18
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**REPORT OF ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2007**

CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:	\$0.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT:	(\$46,422.74)
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	
Escrow and Bid Deposits	\$18.24
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	<u>259.16</u>
SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	\$277.40
MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:	
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	\$17,385.39
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	106,255.64
Bond Proceeds	272,233.60
Community Preservation Fund	846,177.23
Conservation Fund	58,991.81
Everett Whiting Memorial Fund (Scholarship)	3,428.36
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,055.03
Library Gift Fund	22,462.83
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	30,889.53
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	51,886.01
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	6,774.36
Project Review/53G Account	10.71
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	457,939.05
Sweep/Investment Money Market	2,131,590.25
Tax Revenue Lockbox	0.00
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	<u>4,218.72</u>
SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:	\$4,011,298.52
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$3,965,153.18

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Hello All,

This year was busy! We are still actively and aggressively treating trees for Dutch Elm Disease. We have started and will continue a management program for the little wicked worms (caterpillars). This year we had to remove quite a few more dead trees, especially in the Lamberts Cove Rd and beach area. This next year, there will probably be more to go in the Pan Handle Rd area.

In 2008 I will be pushing for new plantings, as we seem to be removing faster than replacing. I will be looking for donations of time, materials, and plants, and also suggestions. Let's think ahead and make the town proud in a hundred years.....trees take time!

A special thanks to Maciel Land & Tree, Bartlett Tree, Jen Rand and everyone else involved; your time and help make my job easier. I am honored to serve; call me, what can I do?

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown
Tree Warden

REPORT OF TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE TOWN

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:

- ❖ Two-thousand and seven marked the first full calendar year of billing for services by Tri-Town. It has been a successful transition. During the first year of collecting payments, Tri-Town Ambulance received revenue totaling \$164,346.56. This revenue will contribute significantly to the budgets for the town, including the operational costs of the ambulance service; thus lessening the burden to the taxpayers.
- ❖ During 2007, Tri-Town Ambulance responded to 347 calls for the ambulance. There were 203 runs in West Tisbury, 112 runs in Chilmark, and 32 calls in Aquinnah. This call volume is down from the 363 runs of 2006. This year's calls were classified as follows: 3 Priority One (highest priority), 97 Priority Two, 151 Priority Three (lowest priority). There were 89 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 to 7 non-emergency patient transports.
- ❖ We celebrated the addition of seven new EMTs into our squad this year! Meg Athearn, Diane Demoe, Beth Drew, Su Florczyk, Leila McCarter, Jim Osmundsen and Ben Retmier were welcomed to our ranks. Dan Johnson won Tri-Town EMT of the Year 2007; for his dedicated contribution to our seasonal duty shifts, night-time duty, technical support and providing good all-round fun! Dan also was voted into the Tri-Town Committee as Squad Representative to the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee by the squad. We are very proud of them all and we congratulate them for their successes!
- ❖ We sadly say good-bye to Herb Moody; who has retired from Tri-Town after 22 years of service. We wish him well and thank him for his dedication. Special thanks and recognition goes out to John Early; who after many years of service as a Tri-Town Squad Member, has retired after more than 28 years of continued support as a Tri-Town Committee Member. We couldn't have grown and progressed as a service for the Tri-Town Residents without his help!

Thank you John! It was an honor to work with you. Dianne Powers, Board of Selectmen for West Tisbury, replaced John's position and we welcome her.

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 Depart.: 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	West Tisbury	Aquinnah
Meg Athearn	Robyn & Simon Bollin	Spencer Booker
Mary Boyd	Fran Bradley	Gary Coates
Roger Cook	Matt Bradley	Paul Manning
Jeff Day	Kansas Brew	Cheryl Selitti
Sloan Hart	Deb & Chris Cini	Martha & Nick Thorne
Leila McCarter	Diane Demoe	
Max McCreery	Debby Farber	
Bret Stearns	Jennifer Gardner	
	Jen & Bruce Haynes	
	Betsy Macdonald	
	Skipper Manter	
	Martina Mastromonaco	
	Jim Osmundsen	
	Ben Retmier	
	Eamonn Solway	
	Chris West	
	Zeke Wilkins	

Out of Town Responders	
	Randhi Belain
	Andy Bluestein
	Rick Brew
	Bill Cini
	Dan Johnson
	Tracey Jones
	Matt Montanile
	John Rose
	Gail Stevenson

Respectfully submitted,

Tri-Town Ambulance Committee:

Chief Tim Rich	Dan Johnson, Squad Representative
Chief Beth Toomey	Mary Boyd, Chilmark Selectmen Appt.

Chief Randhi Belain

Dianne Powers, West Tisbury
Board of Selectmen

Chief Walter Delaney, Aquinnah Selectmen Appt

Tri-Town Ambulance Staff:

Ambulance Service Coordinator

Martina Mastromonaco

ALS Coordinator

Deb Cini

Assistant Coordinator (Clerical)

Sloan Hart

Assistant Coordinator (Mechanical)

Simon Bollin

REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING CENTER

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center is a branch of municipal government of the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. We are responsible for the Administration, development and coordination of elder programs. We are committed to expanding our programs to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of elders. Funding sources include local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Senior Center is open for both scheduled and drop in activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; and is home to a variety of social/cultural, educational and health programs. These programs resulted in the utilization of the senior center for an average of 135 hours per month in 2007.

Service Indicator Highlights January 1 – December 31, 2007 Unduplicated Count

Approximately 515 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) 60 years of age and older and 38 individuals under the age of sixty received services and/or participated in our programs in 2007.

Social, Recreational & Cultural Programs 200 individuals participated in the following:

Day Trips (theatre, museums, symphony)
Recreational games (bridge, scrabble & pocket billiards)
Lobster Picnic
Holiday Events
Annual Cookout
Rug Hooking
Drum Workshop
Off-Island Shopping Trips

Direct Service Programs 225 seniors received direct services in the following areas:

Surplus Food Distribution	Fuel Assistance
File of Life (medical info. cards)	Notary Public Services
Housing Assistance	Health Insurance Counseling
Transportation	Home Repair Program
Food Shopping Assistance	Telephone Reassurance Calls
Legal Assistance (Elder Law Project)	Respite Care
Client Support (assistance with	Lifeline

Errands, companionship & socialization)
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association)

In-Kind Services and Goods

Cable Television (Comcast)	Durable Medical Equipment
Fish (M.V. Bluefish Derby)	Videos/Books on Tape
Hardcover Books (COA Library Residents)	Fresh Vegetables (island

Educational Programs

135 participated in the following educational programs:

Community Education Talks	Computer Classes
Writing Group	Watercolor Classes
Book Group	Discussion Group

Nutrition Programs

44 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:

Congregate Lunch (holiday meals included)
Home Delivered Meals

Health & Fitness Programs

284 individuals received and /or participated in the following:

Podiatry Services	Stretcherzise Class
T'ai Chi Chih	Walking Group
Hearing Services (repairs & screenings)	Yoga Group
Parkinson's Support Group	

Health Programs Sponsored by the Up-Island Boards of Health:

64 elders received the following services and/or participated in the following:

Health Talks
Monthly Blood Pressure Checks
Health Promotion Visits (In –home health assessment conducted by a R.N.)

Outreach Program

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Worker's primary role is to ensure that basic needs for housing, food mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and /or homebound by assisting them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to meet those needs. The Outreach Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as

caregivers for at-risk family members. **The Outreach Program served 85 elders in 2007.**

UPICOA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is appointed by the Boards of Selectmen representing the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The Board consists of nine voting members, three each from the participating towns.

Volunteers

Thirty volunteers contributed over 500 hours in 2007. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed \$9000.

Friendly Visitors

Drivers (errands & M.D. appts.)
Meals on Wheel Drivers
Tax Preparers
Book Group Facilitator
Musicians
Audiologist Services
Fish Baggers

General Office Help

Lunch Servers
Community Education Speakers
Special Event Organizers
Computer Instruction
Watercolor Instruction
Writing Group Facilitator

Formula Grants

Formula Grant funding is provide by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging applied for and received \$9,900. for the following:

- • Defray utility costs (oil heat, electricity & telephone)
- • Internet Services
- • Provide for meeting/conference attendance
- • Defray transportation costs to off-island meetings

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$9,000. in 2007 for the following:

Grounds Maintenance	Interior Maintenance
Special Program Support	Computer Equipment
Monthly Cell Phone Service (2 lines)	Installation of State- of- the-Art Sound Equipment

Population FY '07 (60 years of age and older)

Town of West Tisbury	25%
Town of Chilmark	33.5%

Town of Aquinnah	27.5%
State of Massachusetts	17.2%
National	16.6%

In closing, I would like to thank the COA staff, Friends of the COA, COA Board members, paid program instructors and volunteers for their dedication to ensure that elders have the services they need, and are provided the best possible educational and social opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE BOWKER
Director

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Board of Selectmen

The ZBA held 52 hearings for 43 cases in 2007.

Case 07-01 January 10

John and Melissa Hirschtick: 165 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.61; Rural District
Request for Special Permit for an 18' by 36' in-ground pool and associated
fencing was granted with conditions.

Case 07-02 January 10

David and Nancy Nachbar: 670 Old County Rd; Map 31 Lot 114; RU District
Request to amend a Special Permit for an in-ground pool by reducing the size
and seeking 12' of setback relief was granted with conditions

Case 07-03 January 10

Arthur and Caroline Spengler: 72 Stonebridge Rd; Map 3 Lot 52; RU District
Request for Special Permit for setback relief for a garage to the front of a
house due to topographical hardships was granted.

Case 07-04 January 10 & January 24

Dan Imbrogno: 10 Crow Hollow Rd; Map 31 Lot 102.22; RU District
Requests for Special Permits to 1) extend and alter a pre-existing non-
conforming house and 2) have a landscaping service business on the property
were granted with conditions.

Case 07-05 January 24 & 31 & April 4

Charles Crovo: 201 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.56; RU District
Request for Special Permit to build an over 676sq ft 2-story garage on an
under 3 acre lot was withdrawn without prejudice.

Case 07-06 February 7 & April 4

Cynthia and David Gibby: 31 Dolphine Merry Rd; Map 11 Lot 26; RU
District
Request for Special Permit to extend a pre-existing, non-conforming house by
putting on a 1,111 sq ft addition was granted.

Case 07-07 February 7

Joan Smith: 207 Obed Daggett Rd; Map 5 Lot 2.1; RU District
Request for Special Permit to move a pre-existing, non-conforming cottage
61' to the south, relocating at the previous setback of 16' from the east bound,
was granted.

Case 07-08 February 15

Barbara Smith: 13 Scotty's Lane; Map 7 Lot 170; RU District
Request for Special Permits to 1) demolish and reconstruct a pre-existing, non-conforming cottage and 2) to build within 100' of an inland pond exceeding 4 acres and for a Variance for setback relief on both side-yards was granted.

Case 07-09 March 7

John and Heather Hoff: 49 Dolphine Merry Rd; Map 11 Lot 27; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house: A 2-story 24' by 35' addition to be 46' at nearest corner from west bound was granted.

Case 07-10 March 7

Keith Estes: 71 Sumner Circle; Map 7 Lot 173; RU District
Request for Special Permit to build a garage with setback relief of 11' on the west bound and 8' on the north was granted.

Case 07-11 March 21

Francesca Kelly: 395 Lambert's Cove Rd; Map 7 Lot 17; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming house by extending a sunroom and adding a deck/balcony was granted with a condition.

Case 07-12 March 21

Robert Skydell and Rose Willett: 632 State Rd; Map 22 Lot 47; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a seasonal farm stand was granted with conditions.

Case 07-13 April 4

Marcia Winsryg; Map 31 Lot 69.4; RU District
Request for Special Permit to sell her artwork and crafts from her home as a home occupation was granted with conditions.

Case 07-14 April 4

Jane Hawkes and Allison McKinley: 188 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd; Map 37 Lot 26; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing non-conforming house: 459 sq ft addition to an existing 331 studio to form an attached accessory apartment was granted with conditions.

Case 07-15 April 25

Nancy Dole: 1076 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 78; Village Residential District
Request to amend and clarify a previously issued Special Permit was withdrawn without prejudice.

Case 07-16 April 25

Anna Edey: 18 Solviva Rd; Map 8 Lot 2; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a 7' by 14' endless pool in a 20' by 19' solar heated building was granted with a condition.

Case 07-17 April 25

Deon and Emily Thomas: 688 State Rd; Map 22 Lot 54; RU District
Request for Special Permit to operate a restaurant called Deon's at the former Bittersweet restaurant (with changes) was granted with conditions.

Case 07-18 April 25

Joanne Scott: 680 State Rd; Map 22 Lot 55; RU District
Request for Special Permit for home occupation of massage therapy was granted with conditions.

Case 07-19 May 30 & June 30

Roger and Richard Sylva: 18 Bailey park Rd; Map 10 Lot 226; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a 420 sq ft accessory apartment attached to a 700 sq ft garage was withdrawn without prejudice.

Case 07-20 June 30

Rex and Scarlet Jarrell: 1153 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 109; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a home occupation of massage therapy and yoga classes in a 3500 sq ft modified barn to be relocated to the footprint of a barn to be taken down was granted with conditions.

Case 07-21 June 13

Milo D'Antonio: 56 Oak Knoll Rd; Map 16 Lot 29; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing non-conforming house: A 2-story 16' by 18' addition and a 2nd story addition over an attached storage area to be 30' from the east bound, and 10' of setback relief for a mudroom was granted.

Case 07-22 June 13

Peter and Alison Clark: 50 Red Pony Rd; Map 16 Lot 94; RU District
Request for Special Permit to build a 24' by 24' garage with detached bedroom on 2nd floor was granted with a condition.

Case 07-23 June 27

Jerome Kenney: 560 Old County Rd.; Map 26 Lot 12.4; RU District
Request for Special Permit to re-locate a 380 sq ft one-story detached garage to need 10' of setback relief was granted.

Case 07-24 June 27

Peter and Ann Standish: 26 Bea Lane; Map 11 Lot 124; RU and Special Places District

Request for Special Permit to build a one-story 356 sq ft garage within 500 ft of Firetower Hill was granted.

Case 07-25 June 27

David Blackman: 114 Waldron's Bottom Rd; Map 29 Lot 53; RU District
Request for Special Permit to build a garage with family room above (over 676 sq ft on under 3 acre lot) was granted with a condition.

Case 07-26 July 11 & 25

Harriet Bernstein: 629 Edgartown Rd; Map 31 Lot 26; RU District
Request for Special Permit for setback relief for a 16' by 16' one-story non-habitable shed/studio to be sited 34' from the rear and 40' from the west was granted with conditions.

Case 07-27 July 11

Joanne Scott: 595 Edgartown Rd; Map 31 Lot 33.2; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a home occupation of massage therapy was granted with conditions (April 25 Special Permit never utilized: change in location).

Case 07-28 July 11

Craig Elkind and Christine Lai: 18 South Pond Rd; Map 30, Lot 2.20; RU District.
Request for Special Permit for a 16' by 43' in-ground pool with associated fencing was granted with conditions.

Case 07-29 July 11

Eric Whitman: 209 Longview Rd; Map 7 Lot 160; RU District
Request for Special Permit to build a 24' by 24' garage with a 2nd floor for storage (over 676 sq ft on under 3 acre lot) was granted.

Case 07- 30 September 5

Charles Crovo II: 201 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.56; RU District
Request for a Special Permit to build a 36' by 28' detached garage with home office space above (over 676 sq ft on under 3 acre lot) was granted.

Case 07-31 September 5 and 19

Nextel Communications Inc: 66 Old Courthouse Rd; Map 22 Lot 7; RU District
Request for a modification of a Special Permit granted on September 17, 2003: 1) Install 3 additional panel antennae within the existing flagpole; 2) install one additional radio equipment cabinet within the existing equipment

building; and 3) install one GPS antenna to the roof of the equipment shed was granted with conditions.

Case 07-32 September 5

Judy Hartford and Ellen Wolfe: 697 State Rd; Map 22 Lot 9; RU District
Request for a Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming use: To operate the boutique and gallery called Bananas on the premises was granted with conditions.

Case 07-33 September 5

John Rosenmiller: 70 Pond View Farm Rd; Map 35 Lot 1; RU District
Request for Special Permit to extend an open porch on a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling, to be 6'3" from the north bound was granted.

Case 07-34 September 19

Joseph Caruso: 67 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.70; RU District
Request for Special Permit to expand an existing 15' by 28' one-car garage with overhead storage to a two-car garage with overhead storage was granted.

Case 07-35 October 3

John and Goldie Siffert: 643 Edgartown Rd; Map 31 Lot 25; RU District
Request for Special Permit to extend and alter pre-existing non-conforming house by adding a single story 22' by 18' by 30' addition with 2' of setback relief from front bound and a new dormer on existing structure was granted.

Case 07-36 October 3

Richard Andre: 674 Old County Rd; Map 31 Lot 16; RU District
Appeal of Building Inspector's decision to not issue a building permit for a wind turbine to be 114' at highest point as the use was not in the use table and needed determination from the ZBA: The ZBA determined that the Zoning Bylaws provide for the building of wind turbines and upheld the appeal.

Case 07-37 October 3

Stephen Harr: 34 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.4; RU District
Request for Special Permit for 18' by 40' in-ground pool with attached spa and associated fencing was granted with conditions.

Case 07-38 October 3

Peter Farrelly: 161 Indian Hill Rd; Map 15 Lot 8.1; RU District
Request for Special Permit to construct a standard 60' by 120' outdoor tennis court with 8' of setback relief at one point and 19' at the nearest point from the NW bound was granted with conditions.

Case 07-39 October 17 & November 28

Robert and Kathy Harris: Regarding Property at 31 Millstone Lane; Map 7 Lot 143; RU District

Appeal of Zoning Inspector's decision that he could not enforce a noise and disturbance complaint regarding the keeping of fowl by neighbors of the Harrises. The appeal is based on the grounds that the Zoning Bylaws provide that unacceptable noise and disturbance is not allowed and therefore their enforcement request should be upheld was further continued to January 30.

Case 07-40 November 28

Robert and Marilyn Rohrer: 391 Indian Hill Rd; Map 12 Lot 7.4; RU District
Request for Special Permit for setback relief to add on to a pre-existing, non-conforming garage: a 19' by 18' one-story addition for car storage to be 11' from west bound and 46' from front bound was granted.

Case 07-41 November 28

Mitch Pennington: 125 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.63; RU District
Request for a Special Permit for a 20' by 50' in-ground pool with associated fencing was granted with conditions.

Case 07-42 December 12

Jason Gale: 14 Four Way; Map 7 Lot 136; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing, no-conforming house: A 2-story, 24' by 36' addition to be 26' from south bound at nearest corner was granted.

Case 07-43 December 12

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 10', 10' high garage for storage was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOWN OF WEST TISBURY TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

The Moderator regulates the conduct of the Town Meetings, decides all questions of order, and declares the result of all votes. No one may address the meeting without recognition by the Moderator and all statements are to be addressed to the Moderator; the purpose of this is to eliminate personal debate across the arena of the meeting.

The Moderator may alter the order in which articles are brought to the floor, may reword an article for purposes of clarity, and has the duty of maintaining order by any or all of the means provided by the statutes. It is the duty of the Moderator to assist any citizen of the Town before or during the meeting as to procedure, the writing of articles to be submitted by petition, the writing of amendments to articles in the warrant, or on any other matter pertaining to the meeting.

Motions

An article is brought to the floor by a motion and a second. The motion is best made for the passage of the article since negative motions often lead to great misunderstanding during the voting process. If a negative motion is made which is likely to lead to such misunderstanding, the Moderator may decline to accept it.

Amendments to Motions

Any voter may offer an amendment to the motion under discussion provided the amendment does not enlarge or significantly alter the scope of the original motion. 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 2007; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2008; BUDGET PROPOSALS - FY 2009

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007	Appropriations FY 2008	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
	MODERATOR					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370	370	370.00	370.00	370.00
114-5700	Expenses	<u>105</u>	<u>120</u>	120.00	120.00	120.00
	Total Moderator	475	490	490.00	490.00	490.00
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000	10,000	11,050.00	11,050.00	11,050.00
122-5700	Expenses	<u>1,370</u>	<u>2,200</u>	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	11,370	12,200	13,050.00	13,050.00	13,050.00
	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY					
123-5120	Personal Services	<u>68,952</u>	<u>75,059</u>	79,698.96	81,242.24	79,698.96
	Total Executive Secretary	68,952	75,059	79,698.96	81,242.24	79,698.96
	FINANCE COMMITTEE					
131-5120	Personal Services	1,080	2,142	1,934.85	1,934.85	1,934.85
131-5700	Expenses	<u>890</u>	<u>1,590</u>	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00
	Total Finance Committee	1,970	3,732	5,084.85	5,084.85	5,084.85
	RESERVE FUND					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)		46,000	46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund		46,000	46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00
	ANNUAL AUDIT					
132-5700	Expenses	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	11,000	11,000	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007 \$	Appropriations FY 2008 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009 \$
TOWN ACCOUNTANT						
135-5120	Personal Services	55,206	60,097	63,981.54	65,047.29	63,981.54
135-5700	Expenses	1,650	1,845	1,845.00	1,845.00	1,845.00
	Total Town Accountant	56,856	61,942	65,826.54	66,892.29	65,826.54
BOARD OF ASSESSORS						
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	110,409	124,061	119,913.34	122,804.75	119,913.34
141-5305	Legal Services	7,814	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	15,324	17,000	19,980.00	19,980.00	19,980.00
	Total Board of Assessors	136,546	174,061	172,893.34	175,784.75	172,893.34
TOWN TREASURER						
145-5110	Elected Official, Salary	54,298	59,122	63,981.54	63,981.54	63,981.54
145-5700	Expenses	3,928	3,090	3,050.00	3,050.00	3,050.00
	Total Town Treasurer	58,226	62,212	67,031.54	67,031.54	67,031.54
TAX COLLECTOR						
146-5110	Elected Official, Salary	55,150	58,108	61,787.89	64,875.52	61,787.89
146-5700	Expenses	13,320	16,385	14,885.00	14,885.00	14,885.00
	Total Tax Collector	68,469	74,493	76,672.89	79,760.52	76,672.89
LEGAL SERVICES						
151-5305	Expenses	32,751	45,000	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
	Total Legal Services	32,751	45,000	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
PERSONNEL BOARD						
152-5120	Personal Services	1,138	6,017	6,303.15	6,487.07	6,303.15
152-5700	Expenses	977	1,325	1,035.00	1,035.00	1,035.00
	Total Personnel Board	2,115	7,342	7,338.15	7,522.07	7,338.15

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007	Appropriations FY 2008	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
DATA PROCESSING						
155-5700	Expenses	37,309	46,340	52,600.00	52,600.00	52,600.00
	Total Data Processing	37,309	46,340	52,600.00	52,600.00	52,600.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE						
158-5305	Legal Servies	14,669	12,950	12,950.00	12,950.00	12,950.00
158-5700	Expenses	120	150	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	14,789	13,100	13,100.00	13,100.00	13,100.00
TOWN CLERK						
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	43,193	44,787	46,158.11	48,464.70	46,158.11
161-5120	Personal Services	1,979	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
161-5700	Expenses	597	1,025	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
	Total Town Clerk	45,769	48,312	49,783.11	52,089.70	49,783.11
ELECTIONS						
162-5120	Personal Services	1,651	2,300	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
162-5700	Expenses	2,229	4,550	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,550.00
	Total Elections	3,880	6,850	6,850.00	6,850.00	6,850.00
BOARD OF REGISTRARS						
163-5120	Personal Services	250	250	250.00	250.00	250.00
163-5700	Expenses	650	600	935.00	935.00	935.00
	Total Board of Registrars	900	850	1,185.00	1,185.00	1,185.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
171-5120	Personal Services	27,853	31,988	34,342.38	34,342.38	34,342.38
171-5700	Expenses	3,230	3,400	3,350.00	3,350.00	3,350.00
	Total Conservation Commission	31,082	35,388	37,692.38	37,692.38	37,692.38

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007	Appropriations FY 2008	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PLANNING BOARD						
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	4,895	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	40,055	44,587	46,406.86	47,751.04	46,406.86
175-5700	Expenses	1,271	4,830	4,575.00	4,575.00	4,575.00
	Total Planning Board	46,220	54,417	55,981.86	57,326.04	55,981.86
BOARD OF APPEALS						
176-5120	Personal Services	46,826	48,797	50,818.74	53,036.77	50,818.74
176-5305	Legal Services	39	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	1,620	3,915	3,425.00	3,425.00	3,425.00
	Total Board of Appeals	48,485	56,712	58,243.74	60,461.77	58,243.74
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION						
177-5600	Intergovernmental	105,812	108,389	113,469.00	113,469.00	113,469.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	105,812	108,389	113,469.00	113,469.00	113,469.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE						
180-5120	Personal Services	2,496	3,500	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
180-5305	Legal Services	877	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
180-5700	Expenses	352	200	350.00	350.00	350.00
	Total Affordable Housing Comm.	3,725	4,700	4,850.00	4,850.00	4,850.00
PUBLIC RESTROOMS						
185-5700	Expenses	1,452	1,600	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Total Public Restrooms	1,452	1,600	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL						
192-5700	Expenses	58,740	117,600	64,077.00	64,077.00	64,077.00
	Total Town Hall	58,740	117,600	64,077.00	64,077.00	64,077.00

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		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE						
193-5700	Expenses	55,699	52,000	54,600.00	54,600.00	54,600.00
	Total Property Insurance	55,699	52,000	54,600.00	54,600.00	54,600.00
TOWN REPORTS						
195-5700	Expenses	3,862	4,500	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
	Total Town Reports	3,862	4,500	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
TOWN CLOCK						
196-5120	Personal Services	0	250	250.00	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0	250	250.00	250.00	250.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		906,454	1,124,538	1,108,868.36	1,123,509.15	1,108,868.36
PUBLIC SAFETY						
POLICE DEPARTMENT						
210-5120	Personal Services	689,321	743,455	762,691.65	770,347.91	762,691.65
210-5700	Expenses	91,727	105,500	116,188.00	116,188.00	116,188.00
	Total Police Department	781,048	848,955	878,879.65	886,535.91	878,879.65
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
220-5120	Personal Services	70,168	95,200	98,200.00	98,200.00	98,200.00
220-5700	Expenses	143,211	131,500	135,300.00	135,300.00	135,300.00
	Total Fire Department	213,378	226,700	233,500.00	233,500.00	233,500.00
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE						
231-5600	Intergovernmental	109,344	124,862	95,706.00	95,706.00	95,706.00
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	109,344	124,862	95,706.00	95,706.00	95,706.00

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		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS						
241-5120	Personal Services	84,946	90,866	89,777.80	92,518.30	89,777.80
241-5700	Expenses	3,330	3,950	4,050.00	4,050.00	4,050.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	88,276	94,816	93,827.80	96,568.30	93,827.80
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT						
291-5120	Personal Services	4,811	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
291-5700	Expenses	0	915	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Total Emergency Management	4,811	6,915	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER						
292-5120	Personal Services	42,323	47,412	49,496.63	51,312.38	49,496.63
292-5700	Expenses	5,811	7,200	8,250.00	8,250.00	8,250.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	48,134	54,612	57,746.63	59,562.38	57,746.63
TREE WARDEN						
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	308	1,250	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	160	640	600.00	600.00	600.00
294-5700	Expenses	2,125	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Tree Warden	2,593	6,890	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE						
296-5700	Expenses	1,550	1,750	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Total Dutch Elm Disease	1,550	1,750	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL						
297-5700	Expenses	300	6,500	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Total Insect Pest Control	300	6,500	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007 \$	Appropriations FY 2008 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009 \$
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT						
298-5120	Personal Services	3,850	3,850	3,850.00	3,850.00	3,850.00
298-5700	Expenses	0	925	925.00	925.00	925.00
	Total Shellfish Department	3,850	4,775	4,775.00	4,775.00	4,775.00
MV SHELLFISH GROUP						
299-5700	Expenses	27,000	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	27,000	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		1,280,283	1,406,775	1,417,785.08	1,429,997.59	1,417,785.08
EDUCATION						
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST						
311-5600	Intergovernmental	4,975,462	5,513,823	5,553,733.17	5,553,733.17	5,553,733.17
	Total Up-Island Reg. School Dist.	4,975,462	5,513,823	5,553,733.17	5,553,733.17	5,553,733.17
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL						
313-5600	Intergovernmental	2,178,353	2,321,919	2,221,881.00	2,221,881.00	2,221,881.00
	Total M.V. Regional High School	2,178,353	2,321,919	2,221,881.00	2,221,881.00	2,221,881.00
TOTAL EDUCATION		7,153,815	7,835,742	7,775,614.17	7,775,614.17	7,775,614.17
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT						
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS						
421-5120	Personal Services	5,125	5,125	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	5,125	5,125	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND						
422-5120	Personal Services	38,706	48,471	54,237.32	54,237.32	54,237.32
422-5700	Expenses	48,719	56,400	56,700.00	56,700.00	56,700.00
	Total General Highway Fund	87,425	104,871	110,937.32	110,937.32	110,937.32

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007 \$	Appropriations FY 2008 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009 \$
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL						
423-5700	Expenses	22,704	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	22,704	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
STREET LIGHTS						
424-5700	Expenses	6,478	7,000	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Total Street Lights	6,478	7,000	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		121,732	146,996	153,437.32	153,437.32	153,437.32
SANITATION						
TOWN LANDFILL						
433-5120	Personal Services	0	50	50.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	28,516	45,000	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
433-5700	Expenses	1,425	3,200	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
	Total Town Landfill	29,941	48,250	58,250.00	58,250.00	58,250.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)						
439-5600	Intergovernmental	119,360	113,947	113,331.02	113,331.02	113,331.02
	Total MVRDRRD	119,360	113,947	113,331.02	113,331.02	113,331.02
TOTAL SANITATION		149,301	162,197	171,581.02	171,581.02	171,581.02
HUMAN SERVICES						
CEMETERIES						
491-5120	Personal Services	1,433	2,000	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
491-5700	Expenses	6,850	9,600	9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
	Total Cemeteries	8,283	11,600	11,600.00	11,600.00	11,600.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007 \$	Appropriations FY 2008 \$	Requested Appropriations using Existing Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Requested Appropriations using New Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009 \$
BOARD OF HEALTH						
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	75,355	81,272	82,587.47	85,206.88	82,587.47
510-5700	Expenses	6,782	8,690	8,790.00	8,790.00	8,790.00
	Total Board of Health	85,137	92,962	94,377.47	96,996.88	94,377.47
HEALTH SERVICES						
522-5700	Expenses	13,898	20,780	18,780.00	18,780.00	18,780.00
	Total Health Services	13,898	20,780	18,780.00	18,780.00	18,780.00
ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING, INC.						
540-5700	Expenses	18,684	21,825	22,519.15	22,519.15	22,519.15
	Total ICOA, Inc.	18,684	21,825	22,519.15	22,519.15	22,519.15
UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING						
542-5120	Personal Services	156,511	164,628	170,525.66	174,679.36	170,525.66
542-5700	Expenses	8,318	11,715	11,685.00	11,685.00	11,685.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	164,829	176,343	182,210.66	186,364.36	182,210.66
VETERANS' BENEFITS						
543-5700	Expenses	10,834	11,000	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	10,834	11,000	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		301,663	334,511	331,487.28	338,260.39	331,487.28
CULTURE AND RECREATION						
PUBLIC LIBRARY						
610-5120	Personal Services	186,635	193,503	209,065.06	212,817.15	209,065.06
610-5700	Expenses	106,600	125,376	132,266.27	133,204.29	132,266.27
	Total Public Library	293,235	318,879	341,331.33	346,021.44	341,331.33

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007 \$	Appropriations FY 2008 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>Existing</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Requested Appropriations using <u>New</u> Wage Scale FY 2009 \$	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009 \$
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE						
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$300	830	830	830.00	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	10,413	11,339	12,273.98	12,273.98	12,273.98
620-5700	Expenses	926	1,250	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	12,169	13,419	14,303.98	14,303.98	14,303.98
TENNIS COURTS						
630-5120	Personal Services	3,102	4,199	4,328.64	4,328.64	4,328.64
630-5700	Expenses	114	200	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Total Tennis Courts	3,217	4,399	4,528.64	4,528.64	4,528.64
LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND						
634-5120	Personal Services	51,577	57,982	60,446.88	60,446.88	60,446.88
634-5700	Expenses	6,451	8,000	8,250.00	8,250.00	8,250.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	58,028	65,982	68,696.88	68,696.88	68,696.88
SWIMMING INSTRUCTION						
635-5120	Personal Services	1,997	2,910	2,993.76	2,993.76	2,993.76
635-5700	Expenses	65	150	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Total Swimming Instruction	2,062	3,060	3,143.76	3,143.76	3,143.76
WINTER RECREATION						
640-5120	Personal Services	3,067	3,355	3,458.50	3,458.50	3,458.50
640-5700	Expenses	4,709	7,000	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Total Winter Recreation	7,776	10,355	9,458.50	9,458.50	9,458.50
TOWN GROUNDS						
650-5700	Expenses	4,847	5,700	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00
	Total Town Grounds	4,847	5,700	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2007	Appropriations FY 2008	Requested Appropriations using Existing Wage Scale FY 2009	Requested Appropriations using New Wage Scale FY 2009	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2009
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION						
690-5700	Expenses	408	500	600.00	600.00	600.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	408	500	600.00	600.00	600.00
LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
691-5700	Expenses	0	50	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0	50	50.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		381,742	422,345	447,813.09	452,503.20	447,813.09
DEBT SERVICE						
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	602,402	620,287	588,908.50	588,908.50	588,908.50
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	230,478	199,408	166,781.25	166,781.25	166,781.25
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	125	5,000	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		833,005	824,694	880,689.75	880,689.75	880,689.75
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
911-5170	County Retirement	219,311	219,370	237,245.00	237,245.00	237,245.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	6,709	7,500	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
913-5170	Massachusetts Unemployment	0	5,500	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	329,075	371,000	417,000.00	417,000.00	417,000.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	2,018	2,350	2,350.00	2,350.00	2,350.00
916-5170	Medicare	23,340	25,000	26,875.00	26,875.00	26,875.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	5,500	6,050	6,353.00	6,353.00	6,353.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		585,954	636,770	700,323.00	700,323.00	700,323.00
GRAND TOTALS		11,713,947	12,894,567	12,987,599.07	13,025,915.59	12,987,599.07

**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 Eighth day of April, two thousand and eight**, 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 Tenth 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 Five Years
- Two Members of Parks and Recreation for Three Years
- One Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commissioner for Three Years

And also to vote by ballot Yes or No on the following ballot question.

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for bonds to be issued in order to finance the renovation and restoration of the Town Hall, including the construction of an addition thereto, the remodeling, reconstructions and making of extraordinary repairs to the existing building, original equipment and furnishings, landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, and including the cost of moving to and leasing temporary quarters while the project is being carried out and related borrowing costs?

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

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law by deleting the current wage scale at Section 26-3 and inserting the following wage scale (see below) to be effective July 1, 2008 and by deleting the current Police Wage Scale at Section 26-4 and inserting the following wage scale (see below) to be effective July 1, 2008.

Section 26-3
Wage Scale

<i>Grade</i>		<i>Step 1</i>	<i>Step 2</i>	<i>Step 3</i>	<i>Step 4</i>	<i>Step 5</i>	<i>Step 6</i>	<i>Step 7</i>	<i>Step 8</i>
1	Hourly	14.02	14.72	15.46	16.23	17.04	17.89	18.78	19.72
	35 hrs	25,614.54	26,893.44	28,245.42	29,652.21	31,132.08	32,685.03	34,311.06	36,028.44
	40 hrs	29,273.76	30,735.36	32,280.48	33,888.24	35,579.52	37,354.32	39,212.64	41,175.36
2	Hourly	14.99	15.74	16.53	17.36	18.23	19.14	20.10	21.11
	35 hrs	27,386.73	28,756.98	30,200.31	31,716.72	33,306.21	34,968.78	36,722.70	38,567.97
	40 hrs	31,299.12	32,865.12	34,514.64	36,247.68	38,064.24	39,964.32	41,968.80	44,077.68
3	Hourly	16.04	16.84	17.68	18.56	19.49	20.46	21.48	22.55
	35 hrs	29,305.08	30,766.68	32,301.36	33,909.12	35,608.23	37,380.42	39,243.96	41,198.85
	40 hrs	33,491.52	35,161.92	36,915.84	38,753.28	40,695.12	42,720.48	44,850.24	47,084.40
4	Hourly	17.17	18.03	18.93	19.88	20.87	21.91	23.01	24.16
	35 hrs	31,369.59	32,940.81	34,585.11	36,320.76	38,129.49	40,029.57	42,039.27	44,140.32
	40 hrs	35,850.96	37,646.64	39,525.84	41,509.44	43,576.56	45,748.08	48,044.88	50,446.08
5	Hourly	18.36	19.28	20.24	21.25	22.31	23.43	24.60	25.83
	35 hrs	33,543.72	35,224.56	36,978.48	38,823.75	40,760.37	42,806.61	44,944.20	47,191.41
	40 hrs	38,335.68	40,256.64	42,261.12	44,370.00	46,583.28	48,921.84	51,364.80	53,933.04
6	Hourly	19.65	20.63	21.66	22.74	23.88	25.07	26.32	27.64

	35 hrs	35,900.55	37,691.01	39,572.82	41,545.98	43,628.76	45,802.89	48,086.64	50,498.28
	40 hrs	41,029.20	43,075.44	45,226.08	47,481.12	49,861.44	52,346.16	54,956.16	57,712.32
7	Hourly	21.02	22.07	23.17	24.33	25.55	26.83	28.17	29.58
	35 hrs	38,403.54	40,321.89	42,331.59	44,450.91	46,679.85	49,018.41	51,466.59	54,042.66
	40 hrs	43,889.76	46,082.16	48,378.96	50,801.04	53,348.40	56,021.04	58,818.96	61,763.04
8	Hourly	22.49	23.61	24.79	26.03	27.33	28.70	30.14	31.65
	35 hrs	41,089.23	43,135.47	45,291.33	47,556.81	49,931.91	52,434.90	55,065.78	57,824.55
	40 hrs	46,959.12	49,297.68	51,761.52	54,350.64	57,065.04	59,925.60	62,932.32	66,085.20
9	Hourly	24.42	25.64	26.92	28.27	29.68	31.16	32.72	34.36
	35 hrs	44,615.34	46,844.28	49,182.84	51,649.29	54,225.36	56,929.32	59,779.44	62,775.72
	40 hrs	50,988.96	53,536.32	56,208.96	59,027.76	61,971.84	65,062.08	68,319.36	71,743.68
10	Hourly	26.62	27.95	29.35	30.82	32.36	33.98	35.68	37.46
	35 hrs	48,634.74	51,064.65	53,622.45	56,308.14	59,121.72	62,081.46	65,187.36	68,439.42
	40 hrs	55,582.56	58,359.60	61,282.80	64,352.16	67,567.68	70,950.24	74,499.84	78,216.48
11	Hourly	29.01	30.46	31.98	33.58	35.26	37.02	38.87	40.81
	35 hrs	53,001.27	55,650.42	58,427.46	61,350.66	64,420.02	67,635.54	71,015.49	74,559.87
	40 hrs	60,572.88	63,600.48	66,774.24	70,115.04	73,622.88	77,297.76	81,160.56	85,211.28
12	Hourly	31.04	32.59	34.22	35.93	37.73	39.62	41.60	43.68
	35 hrs	56,710.08	59,541.93	62,519.94	65,644.11	68,932.71	72,385.74	76,003.20	79,803.36
	40 hrs	64,811.52	68,047.92	71,451.36	75,021.84	78,780.24	82,726.56	86,860.80	91,203.84

Section 26-4
Police Wage Scale

<i>Grade</i>		<i>Step 1</i>	<i>Step 2</i>	<i>Step 3</i>	<i>Step 4</i>	<i>Step 5</i>	<i>Step 6</i>	<i>Step 7</i>	<i>Step 8</i>
PS-1 (7)	Hourly	21.02	22.07	23.17	24.33	25.55	26.83	28.17	29.58
	35 hrs	38,403.54	40,321.89	42,331.59	44,450.91	46,679.85	49,018.41	51,466.59	54,042.66
	40 hrs	43,889.76	46,082.16	48,378.96	50,801.04	53,348.40	56,021.04	58,818.96	61,763.04
PS-2 (8)	Hourly	22.49	23.61	24.79	26.03	27.33	28.70	30.14	31.65
Officer	35 hrs	41,089.23	43,135.47	45,291.33	47,556.81	49,931.91	52,434.90	55,065.78	57,824.55
	40 hrs	46,959.12	49,297.68	51,761.52	54,350.64	57,065.04	59,925.60	62,932.32	66,085.20
PS-3 (9)	Hourly	24.42	25.64	26.92	28.27	29.68	31.16	32.72	34.36
Corporal	35 hrs	44,615.34	46,844.28	49,182.84	51,649.29	54,225.36	56,929.32	59,779.44	62,775.72

	40 hrs	50,988.96	53,536.32	56,208.96	59,027.76	61,971.84	65,062.08	68,319.36	71,743.68
PS-4 (10)	Hourly	26.62	27.95	29.35	30.82	32.36	33.98	35.68	37.46
Sergeant	35 hrs	48,634.74	51,064.65	53,622.45	56,308.14	59,121.72	62,081.46	65,187.36	68,439.42
	40 hrs	55,582.56	58,359.60	61,282.80	64,352.16	67,567.68	70,950.24	74,499.84	78,216.48
PS-5 (11)	Hourly	29.01	30.46	31.98	33.58	35.26	37.02	38.87	40.81
	35 hrs	53,001.27	55,650.42	58,427.46	61,350.66	64,420.02	67,635.54	71,015.49	74,559.87
	40 hrs	60,572.88	63,600.48	66,774.24	70,115.04	73,622.88	77,297.76	81,160.56	85,211.28

ARTICLE 4: 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 3.0% effective July 1, 2008.

ARTICLE 5: 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 2009.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to Authorize the Treasurer and or Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements during Fiscal Year 2009 as permitted by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53F.

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.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$17,343.56) in Fiscal Year 2009 for additional staff hours in the library as per the recommendation of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$14,102.38) in Fiscal Year 2009 for salaries to maintain the current hours of operation in the library. Hours of operation of the Library were increased by five hours per week beginning in Fiscal Year 2007 without commensurate salary appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-four Dollars and Forty-six cents (\$2,624.46), surplus dog license fees, received from the county per M.G.L. Chapter 140,

Section 172, for the support of the West Tisbury Free Public Library under the direction of the Library Trustees.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 to authorize the establishment of a revolving fund for the purpose of receiving filing fees collected by the Conservation Commission under the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations ("the Bylaw") to pay for expenses of the Commission related to the administration of the Bylaw, without further appropriation, said funds to be expended in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) during Fiscal Year 2009, as approved by the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$33,650) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the administrative expenses of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority in Fiscal Year 2009; provided however, that the other five towns on Martha's Vineyard vote in the affirmative to raise and appropriate their respective sums.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$12,485) for the purpose of purchasing a brush chipper for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for the purpose of repairing and resurfacing North Road and any other associated work.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand Seven Dollars (\$62,007) for reconstruction work on town roads under Chapter 291D and Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$49,610) under Chapter 291C of the Acts of 2004 and the provisions of Section 34(2)(a) of Chapter 90 of the M.G.L. Said amount will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is considered an available fund.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for use by the Path's Beside the Roads Committee for the purpose of completion of the path along the Edgartown/West Tisbury Road, including but not limited to police details and final engineering work.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for use by the Path's Beside the Roads Committee for the purpose of pre-development work including, but not limited to, the preliminary planning, engineering and advertising for public hearings for future proposed paths.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Fire Department's Fiscal Year 2008 Personnel Service line (220-5120) to the Fiscal Year 2008 Expenses line (220-5700) for the purpose of shingling part of Station 1 roof (\$12,000) and purchasing plantings for Station 2 (\$3,000).

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and transfer One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,550) from the Fire Hydrant Fund for the maintenance of the dry fire hydrants in town.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the SCBA Air Pack Stabilization Fund the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) plus any accumulated interest for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department. **(2/3 vote required)**

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town require that all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the Town.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to establish under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B, a new Stabilization Fund, the OPEB Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of setting aside funds towards future obligations for Other Post Employment Benefits, including health insurance, until such time as a Trust for that purpose is established. Further, to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) in Free Cash to the OPEB Stabilization Fund. **(2/3 vote required)**

ARTICLE 24: 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 M.G.L. Chapter 44B, FY2009 revenues, in the following amounts which are based on an assumed 75% match from the State:

- a. Open Space reserve \$52,500 (10% of FY2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues);
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$52,500 (10% of FY2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues);

- c. Community Housing reserve \$52,500 (10% of FY2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues);
- d. Undesignated reserve \$341,250 (65% of FY2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues);
- e. Administrative expense \$26,250 (5% of FY2009 Community Preservation Fund revenues).

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,050,000 for the renovation and restoration of the Town Hall, including the construction of an addition thereto, the remodeling, reconstructing and making of extraordinary repairs to the existing building, original equipment and furnishings, landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, and including the cost of moving to and leasing temporary quarters while the project is being carried out and related borrowing costs; to authorize that this appropriation be met by transferring \$117,233.24 from free cash, by transferring the following amounts of unexpended bond or note proceeds borrowed or unexpended balances of prior appropriations authorized pursuant to the following votes of the Town:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Votes of Town</u>
\$27,581.30	January 13, 2004 (Article 16)
2,509.17	November 16, 1993 (Article 16)
2,351.49	April 11, 2006 (Article 13)
227.53	May 21, 1991 (Article 13)
67.19	April 13, 1999 (Articles 16 and 17) and October 26, 1999 (Article 8)
30.08	May 21, 1991 (Article 13),

by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$4,400,000 under G.L. c.44, §7 or any other enabling authority and by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$500,000 under G.L. c.44B, §11 or any other enabling authority; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, § 21C (Proposition 2½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Note: The Community Preservation Committee recommends the appropriation from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve, and from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve as required, the sum of \$100,000 per year for five consecutive years to support debt service for the Town Hall renovation bond issue in accordance with G.L. c.44, sec 11 as stated in the article above.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve the sum of \$10,000, and from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$40,000 for obtaining permits and developing site designs for the dredging and rehabilitation of Mill Pond.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of \$77,844.20 appropriated at Annual Town Meeting in April 2007 for the construction of a path along the East side of Old County Road, toward construction of a path along the West side of Old County Road” or any other language deemed appropriate by the CPC and/or counsel.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$80,000 toward construction of a path along the West side of Old County Road.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$45,000 to fund predevelopment costs, including access and electricity rights, for three affordable single-family homes on Bailey Park Road.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$20,000, and from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$380,000, toward construction of affordable housing at 200 State Road being developed by the Island Housing Trust with funding by the Island Affordable Housing Fund; provided that eligible applicants will be selected with the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee and that the owners of the land to be developed execute an enforceable covenant or restriction running to the Town ensuring the perpetual affordability of the units created and that an appropriate portion of those units will be earmarked for low or moderate income recipients as those terms are defined in M.G.L. c. 44B.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$10,000, and from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$40,000, to a fund administered by the Island Affordable Housing Fund to support second mortgage loans to qualified buyers of affordable housing; provided, that the owners of the land to be developed execute an enforceable

covenant or restriction running to the Town ensuring the perpetual affordability of the units created and that an appropriate portion of those units will be earmarked for low or moderate income recipients as those terms are defined in M.G.L. c. 44B.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$10,000, and from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$240,000, to fund construction of three additional affordable rental units at the Sepiessa Point Apartments.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve the sum of \$10,000, and from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve the sum of \$20,000, to provide rental subsidies for West Tisbury applicants eligible for the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Conversion Program.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following bylaw: "A vote by written ballot shall be taken on any Town Meeting article if a motion is made, seconded and approved by twenty (20) voters (whether required by law to be a counted vote or not). The results shall be announced in terms of the numbers of aye, nay or abstain votes cast."

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) for the purchase of one (1) new police vehicle.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2 for credited receipts from billing or reimbursements from Medicare, insurance or other entities related to the provision of health services; to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for additional town health services with the total amount to be expended in the ensuing fiscal year not to exceed \$12,000.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 to reauthorize 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.

ARTICLE 38: 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. **(2/3 vote required)**

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to construct a multi purpose building, to be located on the grounds of the West Tisbury School, for use as the Parks and Recreation Summer Programs office.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the other five towns on the Island or into a contract with the County of Dukes County to provide a Vineyard Health Care Access Program. In Fiscal Year 2009 the County will pay Fifty Percent (\$45,000) of the total cost of the program (\$90,000) and the Towns will pay their proportionate share based on the Equalized Property Valuation as computed by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2008. And to further see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$6,390) as its share of the program; provided however, that the other five island towns vote to appropriate and pay their respective sums.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the other five towns on the Island or into a contract with the County of Dukes County to provide an Integrated Pest Management Program, which will include Rodent Control (said program total cost is \$70,000 less projected revenue of \$20,000 for a net cost of \$50,000). In Fiscal Year 2009 the County will pay Fifty percent (\$25,000) of the net cost of the program (\$50,000) and the towns will pay their proportionate share based on the Equalized Property Valuation as computed by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2008. And to further see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$3,621) as its share of the program, provided however that the other five island towns vote to appropriate and pay their respective sums.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the other five towns on the Island or into a contract with the County of Dukes County to provide an Engineering Program. In Fiscal Year 2009 the Towns will pay One Hundred Percent (\$65,000) of the total cost of the program and will pay their proportionate share based on the Equalized Property Valuation as computed by the Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year 2008. And to further see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$9,230) as its share of the program; provided however, that the other five island towns vote to appropriate and pay their respective sums. In the event the Town is unable to enter into an agreement or

contract as described above, the Board of Selectmen may expend the \$9,230.00 to purchase engineering services for the town.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-four Dollars and Fifty-three cents (\$1,624.53) to pay unpaid bills from the prior fiscal year to Mid Island Repair Inc. for vehicle repair services provided to the West Tisbury Police Department. **(4/5 vote required)**

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for a one year trial basis.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to hire a consultant to prepare a Classification and Compensation Plan, in consultation with the Personnel Board.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 26.0 (The Classification Plan) by adding the position of Head of Circulation at Grade 6 on the Plan.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to reduce the tax levy.

ARTICLE 48: To see how the Town desires to be recorded on the following non-binding resolution dealing with the installation of a wind turbine at the West Tisbury School.

“Be it resolved that the voters of the Town of West Tisbury support efforts by the Up-Island Regional School District to determine the feasibility of installing a wind turbine at the West Tisbury School: the purpose of which is to utilize available renewable energy to offset a substantial portion of the annual cost of electricity at the school, which at current rates is approximately \$70,000; and to provide the students with an educational experience in renewable energy”.

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty One Dollars (\$4,641) to be expended in FY 2009 by the MVRHS School Committee for the purpose of maintaining the FY 2008 level of staffing of the high school music department. **(BY PETITION)**

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purposes of funding

West Tisbury's share of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council's annual budget. **(BY PETITION)**

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to communicate to all Island school administrations, school committees and town governments that they see significant value in providing education in the performing arts in Island schools. **(BY PETITION)**

ARTICLE 52: Shall the Town of West Tisbury Withdraw from the Up-Island School District? **(BY PETITION)**

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 12TH Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Eight.

Glenn Hearn, Chairman

Jeffrey S. Manter

Dianne E. Powers

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

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SPECIMEN BALLOT**

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TO BE HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008**



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OFFICIAL BALLOT
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WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 10, 2008

Prudence M. Whiting
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ☐
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MODERATOR

One Year Vote for ONE
F. PATRICK GREGORY ☐
8 Bee Lane Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

SELECTMAN

Three Years Vote for ONE
GLENN R. HEARN ☐
50 Carr's Way Candidate for Re-election
RICHARD R. KNABEL ☐
70 Panhandle Rd.
JAMES R. POWELL ☐
640 Lamberts Cove Rd.
(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years Vote for ONE
ERIK B. LOWE ☐
250 Oak Lane Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Three Years Vote for ONE
ROBERT S. MONE ☐
197 Longview Road
(Write-in) ☐

TREASURER

One Year Vote for ONE
KATHERINE LOGUE ☐
232 Oak Lane Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

TAX COLLECTOR

One Year Vote for ONE
BRENT B. TAYLOR ☐
63 Willow Tree Hollow Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

TOWN CLERK

One Year Vote for ONE
PRUDENCE M. WHITING ☐
979 State Road Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

TREE WARDEN

One Year Vote for ONE
JEREMIAH ARMSTRONG BROWN ☐
2 Holly Lane Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

CONSTABLE

Three Years Vote for ONE
TIMOTHY E. MALEY ☐
49 Music Street Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO
ALEXANDER R. DEVITO ☐
15 Oak Grove Road Candidate for Re-election
BRIAN H. ATHEARN ☐
200A Lamberts Cove Road Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO
LINDA M. HEARN ☐
50 Carr's Way Candidate for Re-election
HERMINE HULL ☐
648 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-election
CYNTHIA RIGGS ☐
850 Edgartown Road
GREGORY WELLS ORCUTT ☐
89 Willow Tree Hollow
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Five Years Vote for ONE
DAVID O. DOUGLAS ☐
18 Mill Road Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

PARK AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO
CHERYL LOWE ☐
250 Oak Lane Candidate for Re-election
D. BRUCE KEEP ☐
12 South Vine Lane Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

LAND BANK COMMISSION

Three Years Vote for ONE
GLENN R. HEARN ☐
50 Carr's Way Candidate for Re-election
(Write-in) ☐

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for bonds to be issued in order to finance the renovation and restoration of the Town Hall, including the construction of an addition thereto, the remodeling, reconstructions and making of extraordinary repairs to the existing building, original equipment and furnishings, landscaping, paving and other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, and including the cost of moving to and leasing temporary quarters while the project is being carried out and related borrowing costs?

YES ☐
NO ☐