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LETTER FROM A SMALL TOWN

Dear Mr. President:

Salutations from us in the puckerbrush hills,
From a place of old habits, old rumors, old mills;
From the Parsonage Pond where we skate till it thaws,
Where the pinkletinks sing about spring without pause;
From the fields where the grass is kept tidy by sheep,
And where roosters make certain we don't oversleep;
From a town you may need your strong glasses to find -
It's West Tisbury, Sir, with a piece of our mind:

We've been following news on the national stage,
Both on Internet site and on newspaper page,
And we think we see inklings that something's askew.
All these banks that keep failing - is that something new?
The high rollers on Wall Street seem somewhat upset;
If the Dow was a cow, we'd be calling the vet.
And those corporate bonuses - what can we say?
We'd be shocked by our pigs if they acted that way.

Catastrophic as all these events may appear,
They're not as traumatic as ours were, one year.
Something similar happened in town long ago.
Oh it wasn't with banking and industry. No:
We awakened one springtime and lifted our heads
To find little black squirming things hanging by threads
From the treetops above us, in forest and glade,
Where small monsters were chewing away at the shade.

It was gluttony, shameless and ruthless of course,
With no thought of the future, no hint of remorse
As the worms ate the woodlands and left them to die.
And what trickled on down from that orgy on high
Wasn't wealth or prosperity neighbors could share
(As we wiped it off windshields and plucked it from hair)
But the remnants of shade trees, now barren of limb,
In a summer-long winter unbearably grim.

In a world out of balance, we did all we could
To bail out what remained of the trees in the wood:
We wrapped maples like mummies and painted their bark,
We picked worms off the branches from morning till dark.

But the damage was done and the following May
The Grim Reaper arrived, and the treetops stayed grey,
And down to the ground, with the chainsaw's loud wail,
Came great oaks once considered too massive to fail.

Mr. President, surely it's perfectly clear
How uncanny it is that our worm plague that year -
If you portion it out on a national scale -
Was an omen that credit-default swaps would fail.

It foretold the eventual mortgage collapse
That occurred while our bankers were taking their naps.

A mysterious energy, glowing and humming,
Enables our town to see what may be coming.

We have psychic abilities not seen before!
For a few billion bucks, we could study this more
And report on our townfolks' exceptional brains
(Which we've never exploited for personal gains).
Surely Congress won't mind if you write us a check -
They'll be grateful West Tisbury rescued their neck.
Just act quickly, before something else goes awry
Our distinguished selectmen await your reply.



Respectfully yours,
West Tisbury
Daniel Waters

*Steve Masterson, Senior
Horticulturist/Arborist of
the Polly Hill Arboretum,
examines a squirmy visitor
during the great infestation
of 2006. Photo copyright
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**TOWN OFFICERS
2008
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

MODERATOR

F. Patrick Gregory	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Dianne E. Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Richard Knabel	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

BOARD OF HEALTH

Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
David Merry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Erik Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Michael Colaneri	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Cynthia Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Robert Mone	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

TREASURER

Katherine Logue	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
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TAX COLLECTOR

Brent B. Taylor	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
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TOWN CLERK

Prudence M. Whiting	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
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TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
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CONSTABLES

Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Timothy E. Maley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alexander R. DeVito	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Brian Athearn	Term 2 Years, Expires 2011
Richard Knabel*	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Sharon Estrella	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Ann K. Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Greg Orcott	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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
Linda Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Hermine Hull	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

PLANNING BOARD

Virginia Jones	Term 2 Years, Expires 2009
Susan Silva	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Mark Yale	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010*
Leah Smith	Term 4 Years, Expires 2011
David O. Douglas	Term 5 Years, Expires 2013

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Richard S. Reinhardsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Doug Bardwell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Robert W. Holt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Cheryl Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
D. Bruce Keep	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEST TISBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Dan Cabot	Marshall Siegal
J. Skipper Manter	

LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

Glenn R. Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
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***Resigned**

**TOWN OFFICERS
2008**

(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise noted)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

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

BOARD OF APPEALS

Bob Schwier	Term 5 Years, Expires 2010
Tucker Hubbell	Term 5 Years, Expires 2011
Toni Cohen	Term 5 Years, Expires 2012
Tony Higgins	Term 4 Years, Expires 2012
Eric Whitman	Term 5 Years, Expires 2013
Larry Schubert, Associate	Term 2 Years, Expires 2010
Nancy Cole, Associate	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(members appointed by various town boards)

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

BY WAYS COMMITTEE

(appointed by the Planning Board)

Ann Bassett	Cynthia Aguilar
Nina Meyer	Rex Williams
Harriet Bernstein	Ashley Hunter

CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

John Scanlon	Term 3 Year, Expires 2009
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

(members appointed by various town boards)

Sue Hruby	Ann Nelson
Kathy Logue	Dianne Powers
Dick Mezger	Leah Smith
Cynthia Mitchell	Bruce Stone

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Dianne E. Powers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Richard Knabel	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

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

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(members appointed by various town boards)

Caroline Flanders	Virginia Jones
Bruce Keep	Dale Julier
Sean Conley	Susan Phelps
Al DeVito	Peter Rodegast
Lesley Eaton	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Hadden Blair	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
Binnie Ravitz	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
Prudence Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Dan Pace	Term 2 Years, Expires 2010
Judith Crawford	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Tara Whiting	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

COUNCIL ON AGING

Nancy P. Cabot	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Jeffrey S. Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Ann Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

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

MARTHA’S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Ann Miller Maley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Leslie Baker	Term 2 Years, Expires 2010
Shelton Bank	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

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

John Christensen 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	Sue Hruby
Nancy Cole	

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Jennifer Rand	Term 1 Year
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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
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HERRING WARDEN

Tom Osmer	Term 1 Year
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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Lanny McDowell	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
Sean Conley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Nancy Dole	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

INSECT CONTROL WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Ernest Mendenhall	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Jerry Weiner (Assistant)	Term 1 Year

INSPECTOR OF SIGNS

Ernest Mendenhall	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
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LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

(members appointed by various town boards)

Tara Whiting	Bruce Keep
Michael Colaneri	George Hough
William Haynes	Susan Silva

LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Karen Stanley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Jill Bouck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Ellen Weiss	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Richard Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Anne Fisher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Leslie Gray	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Jim Powell	Term 1 Year
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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 2011
Maeve Sheehan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Ernie Mendenhall (Empl. 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

Eileen Maley

POET LAUREATE

Dan Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2009
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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
J. Skipper Manter, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Daniel Goldrup, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Matthew Mincone, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Daniel Rossi, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Sean Slavin, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Brian Cioffi	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
John Early	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Tim Carroll	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Jonathan Klaren	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Judith Sibert	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Timothy Rich	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Manual Estrella III	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Richard T. Olsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Sarah Briggs	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Jeff Day	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Christopher Atchue	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
Bradley Cortez	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

John Alley

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2009
Rufus Peebles	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

SHARED USE PATH COMMITTEE

Ebba Hierta	Peter Rodegast
David Stein	Robert Potts
Linda Sibley	Lisa Rogers*
Harriet Berstein*	Rex Williams

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Tom Osmers	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011
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DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Kenneth M. Jones	Term 3 Years, Expires 2010
Ray Gale	Term 3 Years, Expires 2011

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kenneth Francis	Peter Vann
Richard C. Karney	Jason Gale
Will Whiting	John G. Early, Ex Officio

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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TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Bea Phear	Kent Healey
Jim Osmundson	Ginny Jones
Chuck Hodgkinson	Bruce McNelly
Kathy Logue	

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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*resigned

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the voters and taxpayers:

This has been a year of change. The voters affirmed their commitment to the Town Hall building and voted to move forward with the renovation. Also, Richard Knabel was voted into office. He replaces Glenn Hearn who served the Town well for 6 years.

The town hall spent much of the fall hovering above the new foundation. The move out was an enormous undertaking for the town employees. Everyone pitched in to help, but special thanks should go to Tammi Sprague who was invaluable in helping staff plan where all their furniture and “stuff” would go, Kathy Logue and Bruce Stone for getting the computers back on line within moments of being unpacked and Ernie Mendenhall who unpacked his toolbox and went to work putting up, taking down and putting together everything.

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. A successful bid was completed for a company to provide the DAS service, and the project should be underway in the next year.

The Mill Pond continued to be a source of concern for residents of the town. The Board worked with the Conservation Committee to clarify the status of the ongoing water studies, and the steps to take once those studies are complete.

Public Restrooms became an issue once the town hall was closed to the public. The Board worked to find a resolution, and plans to open the new Town Hall restrooms to the public daily.

The Board created a new committee to study ways to get around town without a car. This was not to be limited to recreational trails, nor was meant to recreate the work done by Paths by the Road Committee, but instead was to look comprehensively at the town to find connections between various modes of transportation including foot paths, bike paths and bus stops. The Board also created guidelines for committees and

began to create terms of appointment so there would be no committees that exist in perpetuity without revisiting the Board.

Lastly, the Board is working closely with the Finance Committee to control costs while maintaining current service levels during a period of widespread economic contraction.

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:

J. Skipper Manter, Chair
Dianne E. Powers
Richard Knabel

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

2008

BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	February <u>Parents</u>
4	Haile Amazonas Barbosa	Alessandro Barbosa Julia Frances Bossio/ Bossio
23	Gwendolyn Love Jarrell	Rex B. Jarrell III Scarlet J. Jarrell/Snow
25	Natalie Elizabeth Larsen	Daniel Louis Larsen Jr Shannon E. Larsen/ Powell
March		
11	Isla Jane Solon	William Davis Solon Gina Solon/ Leonardi
15	Lily Reid Kerns	Richard James Kearns Skye MacDuff/ MacDuff
April		
8	Piper Lydia Oskan	George Robert Oskan Lauren L.W Oskan/ Withers
May		
21	Isabella Charlotte Bollin	Simon Bollin Robyn E. Bollin/ Maciel

June

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| 10 | Abigail Elizabeth Clark | William Reed Clark
Moir E. Clark/ Griffin |
| 18 | Gannon T.G. Magden
Lucy S.L Magden | Laura L. Denman-Magden
Lisa Magnavelli-Magden/
Magnavelli |

July

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| 9 | Eamon Martin Hawksbee | Matthew Wm Hawksbee
Nancy May Hawksbee/
Vincent |
| 12 | Jean Eleanor Flanders | Franklin Pierce Flanders
Caroline Read Flanders/
Locke |
| 24 | John Francis Hoff V | John Francis Hoff IV
Heather Lynn Hoff/Johnston |

August

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| 25 | Aki Weiner | Mark Rand Weiner
Michiko Weiner/Maekawa |
| 29 | Aiden Richard Olsen | Keith Edward Olsen
Tracey Amaral Olsen/ Amaral |

September

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|----|------------------------|---|
| 26 | Roan Davis Bettencourt | Mark Steven Bettencourt
Rebecca Jeanne Cournoyer/
Cournoyer |
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October

9	Madisyn Eve Maciel	Jesse Robert Maciel Amanda M. Maciel/ Hitchcock
18	Leo McEwen Napior	Jason Spencer Napior Jill Hobby Napior/Hobby

November

8	Luana Clara DosSantos	Luiz Antonio DosSantos Vera Lucia DosSantos/ Frankowoia
27	Ethan Henry Knight	Stefan Michael Knight Jennifer Lynn Knight/Sanders

DEATHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
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January

3	Ehrick Kilner Carragan	60	Woodstock, VT
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March

9	Herbert Nathan Putnam III	59	Tisbury, MA
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April

28	Norma F. Salop	87	West Tisbury, MA
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July

10	Stephen G. Murphy	86	West Tisbury, MA
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17	Wendy Weisman Jenkinson	45	Duxbury, MA
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23	Eileen Blake	73	Duxbury, MA
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27	Patricia Duff Moskow	77	Duxbury, MA
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August

23	Janice Margaret Asadoorian	68	Duxbury, MA
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September

3	Diane Lewis Greene	64	Duxbury, MA
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26	David Dunlap Willey	61	Tisbury, MA
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December

1	Rolando Arroyo	76	Duxbury, MA
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21	Mary Tocik	92	Alsip, IL
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24	Samuel P. Huntington	81	West Tisbury, MA
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MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Surname after Marriage</u>	<u>Residence</u>
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February

10	Michael Joseph Travers	Travers	Tisbury, MA
	Chirlei Garcia Rodridues	Travers	Tisbury, MA

March

3	Jaquiline Praseres Dias	Lima	West Tisbury, MA
	Mehaem Lucas DeFreitas Lima	Lima	West Tisbury, MA

April

25	Amelia Leah James Smith	Smith	West Tisbury, MA
	Michael Craughwell	Craughwell	Galway, Ireland

June

21	Nancy Clair Richard North Patterson	Clair Patterson	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
28	Dana Kathrine Carberry James Robert Hanlon	Hanlon Hanlon	Santa Monica, CA Santa Monica, CA
28	Jonathan Douglas Whittier Eleonora Maria Demaria	Whittier Demaria	Tucson, AZ Tucson, AZ

July

3	Cristin Heidebrecht Garett Robert Farwell	Farwell Farwell	Amissville, VA Culpeper, VA
12	Karyn Dolores Convey Maxwell Wayne Borella	Borella Borella	Aquinnah, MA Laguna Beach, CA
12	Alexander Wilson Nagi Carol Anne Jack	Nagi	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
26	Alex Brendan Webster Thomas Carroll Guiney	Webster Guiney Guiney	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY

August

2	Jennifer Leigh Kelley Thomas Mario Betsch	Betsch Betsch	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
16	Melanie Beth Sroka Robert Jonathan Chaunce	Sroka-Chaunce Chaunce	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
31	Ari Daniel Schaefer Simone Lara Levey	Schaefer Levey	New York, NY New York, NY

September

1	Julia Colby Barron David Alan Katz	Katz Katz	Newport Beach, CA Newport Beach, CA
6	Nicholas Eli Briggs Tracy Elizabeth Meyers	Briggs Briggs	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
13	Allison Seoyoung Lee Jonathan Pierce Stuart	Stuart Stuart	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA

14	Wendy Ann Wheeler David J. Kahl	Kahl Kahl	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
20	Victor Edward Rankin Michelle Lynn Costas	Rankin Costas-Rankin	Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas, NV
27	Charles Robert Greene Sarka Havlatkova	Greene Havlatkova-Greene	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
October			
18	John Paul Jones Irene Marques Selvino	Jones Marques-Jones	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
25	Brian Conway Smith Kristin Anne Buck	Smith Buck	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
November			
28	Lisa Lorraine Copenhaver Scott Crissman	Crissman Crissman	Newton Falls, OH Newton Falls, OH
December			
13	Mathea Witshire Levine Chioke R. Morais	Morais Morais	Chilmark, MA Chilmark, MA

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

8 APRIL 2008 – Annual Town Meeting

Attended by 291 qualified voters (13.5%) and on 9th of April (meeting cont.) there were 136 qualified voters (6%).

Passed:

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

Article 2 Reports from Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. Vote to amend the Personnel By-law.

Article 4, Vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw Salary plan.

Article 5. Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money to defray Town Expenses for FY09

Article 6. Vote to Authorize the Treasurer and Tax Collector into Compensating Balance Agreements.

Article 7, Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$24,000 to be used by the Board Of Assessors for a valuation update of real and personal property.

Article 8, Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$17,343.56 for additional hours in the Library.

Article 9. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$14,102.38 to maintain current hours of operation in the Library.

Article 10. Vote to expend \$2,624.46 surplus dog license fees for the support of the Library.

Article 11. Vote to establish a revolving fund for receiving filing fees by the Conservation Commission Wetlands Protection Bylaw to pay expenses of the Commission related to the Bylaw not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Article 12. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$33,650.00 for the Towns share of the expenses of the DCHA.

Article 13. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$12,485.00 for a brush chipper for the Highway Dept.

Article 14. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$200,000.00 to repair and resurface North Road.

Article 15. Vote to Appropriate \$62,007.00 for reconstruction work on Town roads.

Article 16. Vote to Appropriate \$5,000.00 to the Path's Beside the Road Committee for the completion of the Edgartown/West Tisbury Rd Path.

Article 17. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$5,000 for the Path's Beside the Roads Committee for pre-development work.

Failed.

Article 18. Vote to transfer \$15,000 to the Fire Dept. for personnel Service, shingling part of station 1 and purchasing plantings for station 2.

Article 19. Vote to raise and Appropriate \$20,000 and transfer \$1,550 from the Fire Hydrant Fund for maintenance of dry fire hydrants in town.

Article 20. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$30,000 to purchase SCBA Airpack for the Fire Dept.

Article 21. Vote to Appropriate from the SCBA Air Pack Stabilization Fund \$50,000 plus interest to purchase SCBA for the Fire Dept.

Article 22. Shall the Town require all retirees, spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare Part A be required at no cost to enroll in a medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the town.

Article 23. Vote to establish a new Stabilization Fund, the OPEB, for setting aside funds towards future obligations for Other Post Employment Benefits. And further to vote to transfer \$150,000 in Free Cash to the OPEB Fund.

the following amount based on the assumed 75% match from the State:

Article 24 Vote to act on recommendations of the Community Preservation committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from Community Preservation Fund the following amounts (based on assumed 75% State match) pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B FY2009:

- a. Open Space \$52,500
- b. Historical Resources \$52,500
- c. Community Housing \$52,500
- d. Undesignated Reserve \$341,250
- e. Administrative expense \$26,250

Article 25. Vote to Appropriate \$5,050,000 for the renovation and restoration of the Town Hall.

Article 26. Vote to Appropriate funds to obtain permits and developing site design for dredging and rehabilitation of Mill Pond.

Failed

Article 27. Vote to transfer fund toward construction of a path along the west side of Old County Rd.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

Article 28. Vote to Appropriate funds from the CPU reserve toward construction of a path on west side Old County Rd.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

Article 29. Vote to Appropriate \$45,000 from the CPH reserve fund for development costs for access and electricity rights for 3 affordable single family homes on Bailey Park Rd.

Article 30.Vote to appropriate funds from the CPCH and the CPU reserve funds toward construction of affordable housing at 200 State Rd.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

Article 31. Vote to appropriate funds from the CPCH and CPU reserve to fund Island Affordable Housing Fund to support second mortgage loans to qualified buyers of affordable housing.

Article 32. Vote to appropriate funds from the CPCH and the CPU reserve to construct three additional affordable rental units at Sepiessa Point Apartments.

Article 33. Vote to Appropriate from CPCH and the CPU reserve to provide rental subsidies for West Tisbury applicants eligible for the DCRHA's Rental Conversion Program.

Article 34. Vote to approve the following bylaw: by A vote by written ballot shall be taken on any Town Meeting Article approved by 20 voters. The results termed by aye, nay or abstain votes cast.

Failed.

Article 35. Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$29,000 to purchase a new police vehicle.

Article 36. Vote to establish a revolving fund for credited receipts from billing or reimbursements from Medicare insurance or other Health related services.

Article 37.Vote to pay the MV Resource Recovery District fees collected at the West Tisbury local drop off for expenses related to the W.T. drop off operation.

Article 38. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$16,500 to added to the Ambulance Replacement Stabilization Fund.

Article 39. Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,000 to construct a building on the W>T School grounds for the use of the Park and Recreation Summer Programs office.

Article 40. Vote to authorize the BOS to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the five other towns or with the County of Dukes County to provide a Vineyard Health Care Access Program.

Article 41. Vote to authorize the BOS to enter an inter-municipal agreement with the five other island towns or with the County of Dukes County to provide an integrated Pest Program.

Article 42. Vote to authorize the BOS to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the other five island towns or with the County of Duke County to provide an engineering program.

- Article 43.** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$1,624.53 to pay an unpaid bill to Mid Island Repair for a vehicle repair. (WTPD)
- Article 44.** Vote to hold Annual Town Meetings on Saturdays.
Failed.
- Article 45.** Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,000 to hire a consultant to prepare a Classification and Compensation Plan. (Personnel Board).
- Article 46.** Vote to amend the Personnel By-law (the Classification Plan) by adding the position of Head of Circulation on Grade 6.
- Article 47.** Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$250,000 to reduce the tax levy.
- Article 48.** Vote on a non-binding resolution dealing with the instillation of a wind turbine at the West Tisbury School.
- Article 49.** Vote to raise and appropriate \$4,641 for the purpose of staffing the high school music dept. (MVRHS School committee).
- Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.**
- Article 50.** Vote to Appropriate from free cash \$1,500 for funding West Tisbury’s share of the MV Cultural Council’s annual budget.
- Article 51.** Vote to communicate to all Island school administrations, committees and town governments that they see significant value in providing performing arts in Island schools.
- Article 52.** Shall the Town of West Tisbury Withdraw from the Up-Island School District? (By Petition.)
Failed.

ELECTIONS

Presidential Primary February 5, 2008

DEMOCRAT – 999 votes cast

Presidential preference:

Blanks	0
John R. Edwards	9
Hillary Clinton	320
Joseph R. Biden, Jr	1
Christopher J. Dodd	2
Mike Gravel	1
Barack Obama	659
Dennis J. Kucinich	3
Bill Richardson	1
No Preference	2
Write ins	1

State Committee Man

Blanks	934
Rufus Peebles	7
Pat Gregory	2
Stanley Schonbrun	2

State Committee Woman

Jane F. Fleming	268
Etta B. Goodstein	136
Blanks	591

Town Committee

Blanks	9875
John Alley	14
Rufus Peebles	18
Faith Runner	6

REPUBLICAN**Presidential Preference**

Blanks	0
John McCain	63
Fred Thompson	0
Tom Tancredo	0
Duncan Hunter	0
Mike Huckabee	8
Mitt Romney	91
Ron Paul	6
Rudy Giuliani	0
No Preference	1

State Committee Man

Blanks	58
Ricardo M. Barros	77
Donald F. Howell	37

State Committee Woman

Blanks	61
Cynthia E. Stead	60
Renee M. Sherwood	51

Town Committee

Blanks	1712
Write-Ins	
Jim Powell	2
Michael Hull	1
Skipper Manter	1

GREEN RAINBOW**Presidential Preference**

Blanks	0
Jared Ball	0
Ralph Nader	0
Elaine Brown	0
Kat Swift	0
Cynthia McKinney	0
Kent Mesplay	0
No Preference	0
Write – In	
Barak Obama	3

State Committee Man

Blanks	3
Ovals filled	0
Write-Ins	0

State Committee Woman

Blanks	3
Ovals filled	0
Write-ins	0

Town Committee

Blanks	30
Write-ins	0
Ovals filled	0

WORKING FAMILIES**Presidential Preference**

Blanks	0
No Preference	0
Write-ins	0

State Committee Man

Blanks	0
Write-ins	0
Ovals filled	0

State Committee Woman

Blanks	0
Write-ins	0
Oval filled	0

Town Committee

Blanks	0
Write-ins	0
Ovals filled	0

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 10, 2008

Reg. Voters – 2145

Turnout	33.75%	Total Ballots Cast	724
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Moderator Vote for One.

Blanks	110
F. Patrick Gregory	609
Write-ins	5

Selectman Vote for One

Blanks	12
Glenn R. Hearn	294
Richard R. Knabel	380
James R. Powell	35
Write-ins	3

Board of Health Vote for One

Blanks	144
Erik B. Lowe	579
Write-ins	1

Board of Assessors Vote for One

Blanks	149
Robert S. Mone	560
Write-ins	15
Jonathan Revere	10

Treasurer	Vote for One
Blanks	129
Katherine Logue	593
Write-ins	2

Tax Collector	Vote for One
Blanks	136
Brent B. Taylor	584
Write-ins	4

Town Clerk	Vote for One
Blanks	102
Prudence M. Whiting	620
Write-ins	2

Tree Warden	Vote for One
Blanks	156
Jeremiah A. Brown	567
Write-ins	1

Constable	Vote for One
Blanks	136
Timothy E. Maley	587
Write-ins	1

Finance Committee	Vote for Two
Blanks	383
Alexander R. DeVito	504
Brian H. Athearn	554
Write-ins	7

Library Trustee	Vote for Two
Blanks	124
Linda M. Hearn	347
Hermine Hull	354
Cynthia Riggs	339
Gregory Orcutt	283
Write-ins	1

Planning Board	Vote for One
Blanks	173

David Douglas	546
Write-ins	5

Park and Recreation	Vote for Two
Blanks	392
Cheryl Lowe	551
D. Bruce Keep	504
Write-ins	1

Land Bank Commission	Vote for One
Blanks	187
Glenn Hearn	520
Write-ins	17

Question 1 (Town Hall Debt Excl.)	
Blanks	54
YES	453
NO	217

STATE PRIMARY	SEPT.16, 2008
Ballots cast	588

DEMOCRAT
Senator in Congress

Blanks	18
John F. Kerry	498
Richard O'Reilly	50
Write-ins	1

Rep. in Congress

Blanks	88
William D. Delahunt	498
Write-ins	2

Councillor

Blanks	262
Carole A. Fiola	206
Oliver P. Cippoloni	119
Write-ins	1

Senator in General Court

Blanks	118
Robert O’Leary	470

Rep. In Gen’l Court

Blanks	6
Catherine E. O’Brian Bumpus	6
Daniel J. Larkosh	138
Timothy Lasker	366
David Moriarty	10
Roger Wey	50
Write-ins	
Timothy Madden	7
Melissa Freitag	4
Jacob Ferreira	1

Register of Probate

Blanks	539
Write-ins	48

County Treasurer

Blanks	544
Write-ins	43

County Commissioner

Blanks	742
John S. Alley	290
Leonard Jason , Jr.	324
Linda B. Sibley	363
Write-ins	45
Mimi Davidson	11
Thomas Hallahan	18
Dan Flynn	7

REPUBLICAN

Ballots Cast 37

Senator in Congress

Blanks	6
Jeffrey K. Beatty	30

Write-ins	1
Rep. in Congress	
Blanks	34
Write-ins	3

Councillor	
Blanks	37

Senator in General Court	
Blanks	35
Write-ins	2

Rep. In Gen. Court	
Blanks	28
Write-ins	9
Dan Larkosh	1
Timothy Lasker	6
Roger Wey	2

Register of Probate	
Blanks	6
Elizabeth J. Hermann	31

County Treasurer	
Blank	37

County Commissioner	
Blanks	104
Write-ins	7
Dan Flynn	1
Mimi Davidson	2
John Alley	1
Leonard Jason	1
Lesley Leland	1
Thomas Hallahan	1

GREEN RAINBOW	
Votes Cast	2
Senator in Congress	
Blanks	0

Write-ins	2
Rep. in Congress	
Blank	0
Write-ins	2

Councillor	
Blanks	2

Senator in General Court	
Blanks	0
Write-ins	2

Rep. in Gen’l Court	
Blanks	0
Write-ins	2

Register of Probate	
Blanks	2

County Treasurer	
Blanks	2

County Commissioner	
Blanks	4
Write-ins	2

WORKING FAMILIES	
Votes Cast	0

NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION
Reg. Voters 2260 Total Ballots Cast 1874 82.92%

President & Vice President	
Blanks	8
Baldwin and Castle	2
Barr and Root	6
McCain and Palin	299
McKinney and Clemente	7
Nader and Gonzalez	16
Obama and Biden	1531

Write-ins	7
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Senator in Congress

Blanks	50
John F. Kerry	1437
Jeffrey K. Beatty	336
Robert Underwood	50
Write-ins	2

Rep in Congress

Blanks	302
William D. Delahunt	1565
Write-ins	10

Councillor

Blanks	595
Carole A. Fiola	1275
Write-ins	8

Senator in General Court

Blanks	394
Robert A. O’Leary	1478
Write-ins	4

Rep in General Court

Blanks	114
Daniel James Larkosh	701
Jacob D. Ferreira	311
Melissa C. Freitag	83
Timothy R. Madden	662
Write-ins	5

Register of Probate

Blanks	757
Elizabeth J. Herrmann	1096
Write-ins	24
Eric Turkington	5

County Treasurer

Blanks	584
Noreen Mavro Flanders	1096

Write-ins	4
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County Commissioner

Blanks	2406
John S. Alley	945
Leonard Jason, Jr.	1017
Linda Bauer Sibley	987
Write-ins	724
Thomas Hallahan	136
James Athearn	30
Bob Mone	1
Dan Flynn	21

MV Commission

Blanks	9078
Christina Brown	869
Peter Cabana	591
Katherine Newman	696
E. Douglas Sederholm	743
Linda Bauer Sibley	922
Andrew Woodruff	1186
John Robert Breckenridge	541
Christopher Murphy	962
Holly Stephenson	599
Write-ins	684
James Athearn	612
Thomas Hallahan	21

Question 1. (State Income Tax)

Blanks	148
YES	570
NO	1156

Question 2. (Marijuana penalties)

Blanks	131
Yes	1473
NO	270

Question 3. (Dog racing)

Blanks	155
YES	1375

NO	344
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Question 4. (County Comm. Terms)

Blanks	452
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YES	1013
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NO	409
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Question 5. (Health care as right)

Blanks	339
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YES	1258
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NO	277
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REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The number of registered voters in		
December 2008 was:		in 1998:
Democrat	902	576
Green Party USA	2	0
Green Rainbow	9	0
Green	0	2
Libertarian	2	4
Rainbow Coalition	1	0
Republican	165	172
Unenrolled	1213	939
Working Families	2	0
Conservative	0	1
<hr/> Total		1644

The Street List of residents in January 2008 was :		
Voting Adults	2296	in 1998: 1644
Non-voter	611	797
<hr/> Total		2441

Respectfully submitted,

Antone H. Rezendes, JR
Rufus Peebles
Bernice Kirby
Prudence M. Whiting, Clerk

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

In 2008 the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) continued to focus its efforts on the goal of promoting and providing a supply of affordable housing for the residents of West Tisbury. Since the start of the AHC in West Tisbury, 24 home/home site lots have been created, thirty-three affordable accessory apartments are being rented and two rental facilities have been developed by Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA).

Partnering to bring affordable housing to West Tisbury

The AHC continues to negotiate with the Stoney Hill Farms Trust to complete a three lot project with finished homes which will be available to West Tisbury Residents.

The AHC has also been involved with the Island Housing Trust (IHT) project at 250 State Road to build eight affordable homes. One of the homes will be built by Habitat for Humanity; the West Tisbury AHC will have a member on its selection committee.

DCRHA has completed the design stage for new rental units in the Sepiessa apartment facility. Although they have had some financial setbacks, when completed, the project will add three more rental units to the affordable housing pool.

Working with other committees

The AHC is a member of the Island -wide Joint AHC which brings housing groups across the island together to share ideas. AHC is represented on the Community Preservation Committee by Glenn Hearn. Our Representative on the DCRHA is Ernest Mendenhall.

How you can help

The AHC encourages home owners with large lots to consider using the homesite lot creation bylaw by which you can create an affordable home on a smaller lot.

The committee extends a welcome to join the committee to anyone with ideas and a willingness to help create affordable housing. The committee continues to update its comprehensive handbook, which contains the AHC guidelines to assist prospective affordable homeowners and

developers seeking information on zoning issues and bylaws that affect affordable housing in West Tisbury. The book is available at the town hall.

This year the committee continues to search out opportunities to create and obtain affordable housing for West Tisbury. The committee, with the assistance of the DCRHA and many other affordable housing advocates, will continue to seek solutions to the affordable housing need in West Tisbury and the entire island. Many thanks go to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed and continue to give their time and expertise to helping the AHC.

Respectfully submitted by:
Michael Colaneri, Assessor's Rep. (Chairperson)
Catherine DeVito, At Large
Caroline Flanders, Alternate
Glenn Hearn, Selectmen's Rep.
Ernest Mendenhall, Bldg. Dept. Rep.
Jessica Miller, At Large
Vickie Thurber, Board of Health Rep.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Tisbury

Hello All

I am coming to my nineteenth year on the job. I have to say I still enjoy my job. No dresses and stockings and good shoes. The critters I work with don't care what I wear as long as I am comfortable. It has been a busy year for me and my assistant, Allen Healy. We have had the usual calls and a few unusual ones. A certain cat that loves to climb trees but does not love to come down was one of my favorites and many thanks to Vincent, Heather and Jesse Maciel for coming to the cat's many rescues. Missing dogs, found dogs, missing cats, found cats, cats found but no owner looking for them, lost house birds (cockatiels and parakeets), found chickens and roosters, loose livestock, loose horses, skunk and raccoon calls, animals hit by cars, barking dog complaints, dogs going to the beach alone complaints, dog bites, cat bites, quarantines, oh, another of my favorites this year is a lady who called me to say that a cat had been hanging around her house for several weeks and she did not really want to keep her. I went and got her and took her to the MSPCA and she was pregnant and after the kittens were born and ready for adoption, the lady who I picked the cat up from went to the MSPCA and adopted TWO of the kittens. I guess the lady changed her mind about having a cat or two. I feel as I must add the following tricks to anyone whose cat has gone for a day or two. 1. Put an item of clothing that you wore recently, nothing freshly laundered, on the door knob outside the house and 2. Put some tuna fish in very hot water and set it out on steps but bring it in before you retire (this will keep skunks and raccoons from coming to your steps and maybe saving a call to me regarding your dog getting skunked).

For the year 2008 we had the following calls:

1049 Dog calls

89 Cat calls

30 Loose livestock calls

28 Barking dog complaints

32 Quarantines (dog bites man, cat bites man, dog bites dog, cat bites cat, and cat comes home with a bite of unknown origin.)

- 25 Skunk and Raccoon calls
- 8 Cats hit by cars
- 5 Dogs hit by cars
- 3 Squirrels in chimney calls
- 3 Bird in chimney call
- 6 Deer hit by cars
- 4 Swan calls
- 5 Muskrat and otter calls
- 7 Turkey calls
- 7 Dogs in cars with windows rolled up (or only opened a couple of inches) in summer
- 4 Snake calls
- 5 Calls regarding turtles crossing the road by Whittings Pond and the Mill Pond
- 340 Miscellaneous calls

I would like to thank all the veterinarians on the island, all the Animal Control Officers, the West Tisbury Police Department, the Communications Center, West Tisbury Highway Department and Jesse Oliver, Cattrap and the MSPCA for making my job a little easier. And also a big thank you to Campbell Douglas, Cronigs and the Dump Boutique for donations to the pound. Also, a thanks to Jen Rand, the Exec Sec, who helps me a great deal especially when I have a problem but don't want to take up the Selectmen's time for a hearing. And last but not least, I would like to thank my bosses, the Selectmen, for appointing me to a job that is yet to be boring.

Sincerely,

Joan W. Jenkinson
West Tisbury Animal Control
Officer



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

This past September the Assessors office moved out of the Town Hall building. We are currently located in Trailer #2 on Music Street next to the old library.

During the previous year we completed an interim adjustment to value. This adjustment is based on analysis of the sales data from calendar year 2007 and resulted in a decrease of approximately 4% in the overall value of the Town. While values were relatively stable during that period we were able to reduce them slightly and still meet State mandated guidelines. Doing this enables us to keep values more in line with current market conditions. FY2009 property values are available in the Assessors office as well as online at www.visionappraisal.com.

This past year we also completed the current cyclical re-inspection program. We would like to thank the townspeople for there cooperation during these inspections. We realize that they can be an inconvenience; however they are necessary in order to meet the State standards for data quality and save the Town the expense of a full measure and list program.

We will be beginning our new cycle in February of 2009. The new cycle has been organized a little differently. If you recently had an inspection of your property you may be seeing our Data Collector again sooner, rather than later. In an effort to make the process more efficient and cost effective we have reorganized the cycle by geographic area. This will allow her to do more properties in less time and also save money on gas. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support.

The year was also marked by the Appeals Court decision in the Graham cases. In late November the Court found in favor of the Town of West Tisbury and the Board of Assessors. The department would like to especially thank Attorney Ellen Hutchinson for all her hard work. We also received 108 applications for abatement this year; of which 101 have been settled successfully to date. These include the Pease property, which required special permission from the State to abate, as well as the Harrowby/Milton Estates Appellate Tax Board cases for the current and all previous Fiscal years.

Our staff members will continue to take advantage of available educational programs with the goal of improving our knowledge and skills. This past year the Principal Assessor completed Department of Revenue Course 101, Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers course 200 and received her Certified Residential Appraisers license. In the year to come she will continue to take the necessary coursework towards obtaining her Massachusetts Accredited Assessors designation.

Our office is open 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday. We have hard copies of property record cards, maps and Taxpayer Informational Booklets. Unfortunately our taxpayer access terminal has been discontinued due to space constraints. We will be seeing its return once the newly renovated Town Hall opens for business. Please visit the office if you have any questions, concerns or would like to know more about what we do. We look forward to helping you.

Sincerely,

Michael Colaneri, Chairman
Cynthia E. Mitchell, Member
Robert Mone, Member
Kristina West, Principal Assessor
Pamela K. Thors, Administrative Assistant
Tammis Sprague, Data Collector

TAX RECAPITULATION**FY2008****FY2009**

(1/1/2007

(1/1/2008

Tax Date)

Tax Date)

TAXABLE VALUE BY CLASS

Residential	\$2,622,810,068	\$2,519,426,031
Commercial	\$59,881,732	\$58,877,969
Industrial	\$4,334,100	\$4,139,100
Personal Property	\$27,116,004	\$29,622,558
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$2,714,141,904	\$2,612,065,658

ANNUAL TAX LEVY

Appropriations	\$14,005,524.40	\$15,262,829.75
Other Local Expenditures	\$607,637.48	\$626,783.09
State & County Assessments	\$217,866.00	\$218,977.00
Overlay	\$183,592.10	\$96,086.32
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$15,014,619.98	\$16,204,676.16

Total Estimated Receipts &

Available Funds	\$3,886,638.17	\$5,025,035.14
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NET AMOUNT**TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION**

<u>(TOTAL LEVY)</u>	\$11,127,981.81	\$11,179,641.02
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TAX RATE ALL CLASSES*(Net Amount to be
raised divided by Total Taxable Value)***\$4.10****\$4.28**

January 1, 2009

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The BOH office is located in the Annex behind Town Hall on Music St.

To the Board of Selectmen:

2008 was another busy year for the BOH. The Board issued the following licenses and permits in 2008.

Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits.....	3
Bed & Breakfast Permits.....	5
Camp Permits.....	4
Food Establishment Permits.....	29*
Temporary Food Establishment Permits.....	54**
Motel Permit (Youth Hostel).....	1
Septic Hauler License.....	5
Septic Installer License.....	17
Tobacco Vendors License.....	3
Pool Permits.....	9

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

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

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. Again this year there were no violations in 2008.

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, Dukes County Emergency Management, and the other Town's Boards of Health. 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 on becoming a medical or non medical volunteer you can contact the MRC at their website www.mvmedicalreservecorps.org, by e-mail at admin@mvmedicalreservecorps.org, by phone at 508-696-3811, or by fax at 508-696-3841.

This year the flu clinic at the high school did over 1,800 combined vaccinations. This was the third year of conducting a large scale 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 seniors 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 60 volunteers, as well as the VNA, The Martha's Vineyard Hospital, All Island EMT's and Ambulance, Rotary Club and all who gave donations toward these clinics.

With the Community Services Visiting Nurse Services going out of business, The Board has contracted with The Martha's Vineyard Visiting Nurse Association and are pleased with there efforts during the transition period. We would like to remind residents that the Visiting Nurse Service (VNA) conducts clinics at the Howes House on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00. In addition, there is a blood pressure clinic the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11:30 to 1:30.

Beach and Public Building water testing was regular and effective. The MDPH beach testing web site is www.mass.gov/dph/topics/beaches.htm. Thanks to Joe Schroeder and his crew as well as the Wampanoag Testing Lab.

The Martha's Vineyard Refuse District processed and shipped over 12,110 tons in 2008 of waste and construction material. Our recycling efforts removed 950 tons of cardboard and mixed paper, 235 tons of various metals, 309 tons of clear glass, plastic and colored glass, over 350 batteries, 1000 tires and 1600 tons of leave/brush. We are proud that over 630 households participated in the District's Harmful Household Hazardous waste collection programs during 2008. After 20 years the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of Hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

The Local Drop-Off (LDO) provided convenience to Town residents. The Board would like to remind residents that dump stickers are required (purchase at attendant shack), loads in truck beds must be covered (or they will be turned away), and no mattresses or tires are taken at the LDO (take to the Edgartown transfer facility).

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 Ciano, 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

Permits Issued in 2008 Included,

5	New Single Family Residences
2	Permits to Demolish and Reconstruct Single Family Residences
1	Three Unit Affordable Apartment Conversion
25	Additions
17	Alterations
27	Sheds
8	Detached Garages
1	Detached Garage with a Detached Bedroom
2	Private swimming pools
1	Demolition (fire damaged restaurant)
1	Reconstruction (fire damaged restaurant)
1	Pool house
2	Studios
4	Barns
1	Barn addition
1	Barn reconstruction
14	Minor Work Permits
13	Wood or pellet stoves
3	Wind Turbines
1	Meteorological tower
2	Chicken coops
1	Bridge
1	Fence
1	Green house
1	Sign
152	Electrical
129	Gas fitting
76	Plumbing

Total Permit Fees Collected
\$73,759.90

Respectfully Submitted
Ernest P. Mendenhall
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY BYWAYS COMMITTEE

To the voters and taxpayers:

In our first full year of operation, the revised Byways Committee has moved forward with our mandate to protect the town's old paths and ancient ways for foot and hoof passage, especially in these times of increased traffic on the island's major roads. With help from Bill Venio, Senior Planner for the Martha's Vineyard Commission, we have identified and prioritized a list of unprotected trails, we continue to work on a Master Map for the town, and we are putting the final touches on a brochure of trails in West Tisbury.

We chose Stoney Hill Path and Chicamo Path (Chicama Path, Little Pond Road) as our initial project. The Board of Selectmen nominated these trails as a District of Critical Planning Concern to the M.V. Commission, and the DCPC was accepted in August. The Byways Committee invited the abutters to both paths to an informal meeting in August to discuss the process of protecting the trails and to address neighborhood concerns. A Public Hearing re: the DCPC was held at the Commission in September, and we now have a year to establish the regulations for the protection of the trails. These regulations will be presented and put to the vote at the Town Meeting in April 2009.

The Byways Committee meets at 5 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Library at the Howes House, and these meetings are open to the public. We welcome your questions, information, comments and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bassett, Chair

Committee Members:
Ann Bassett, Chair
Nina Meyer, Clerk
Cynthia Aguilar
Jeanne Barron

Harriet Bernstein
Ashley Hunter
Rez Williams

REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Board of Selectmen:

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

POWER SUPPLY

In 2008, 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*. Oil and natural gas prices were extremely volatile in 2008 with oil hitting its peak in July and then falling precipitously. Natural gas prices were also high earlier in the year but prices have fallen recently. Since natural gas is the fuel that sets electricity prices in New England, prices for electricity rose for the second half of the year. It is anticipated that electricity prices will be somewhat lower and more stable in 2009. In an environment of extreme price volatility, the Compact continues to work towards stable pricing for consumers.

As of December 2008, the Compact had 2,138 electric accounts in the Town of West Tisbury on its energy supply.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

From January to October 2008, rebates and other efficiency incentive programs provided to the town by the Compact totaled approximately \$18,744 and brought savings to 49 participants of \$6,251 or about 31,257 kilowatt-hours of energy saved for 2008.

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:

- Consulting services of a registered Professional Engineer specializing in energy efficiency were provided to the architect and committee overseeing the Town Hall project in anticipation of financial incentives to be awarded for energy efficient design and construction.
- The Cape Light Compact brought ongoing energy education support to students, parents, and teachers in school programs at both the West Tisbury School and the MV Charter School.
- Anna Cotton, science teacher from the MV Public Charter School was sponsored by the Compact’s energy education program to participate in the NEED national summer 2008 teacher training in Galveston, Texas.
- The Solarize Our Schools PV panel on the West Tisbury Library continues to function as an educational tool for school programs as well as providing electricity to the library building itself. The Cape Light Compact purchases the Renewable Energy Certificates produced as a result of the electric output of the library’s PV system and proceeds go to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

SHELTON BANK
West Tisbury Representative
Cape Light Compact Board of Governors

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. The following narrative and the chart at the end of this report outline the FY2010 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY2014.

Policy – New

Beginning with the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, all capital warrant items will be presented together in one capital budget article, immediately following the general operating budget article. The rationale for this change is for the Town as a whole to view and treat the capital budget as a cohesive plan with a clear bottom line, rather than as a series of random or competing choices. As with the general operating budget, individual items in the plan are still subject to discussion and amendment. This new Capital Budget article may contain information on items that will require separate warrant articles, for example those that require Community Preservation funding, appropriation from a Stabilization Fund, or new authorizations of debt. . These items will be included strictly to present an accurate overall picture of the Capital Budget.

Policy – Ongoing

- 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 do not fluctuate excessively due to capital spending.

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 begin the feasibility and planning phase of constructing a new police station, with a goal to make a progress report to the 2010 Annual Town Meeting, as also recommended by the Space Needs Committee.
- 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 FY2010 – FY2014

Following is a chart with accompanying notes below for the FY2010 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.

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

Animal Control. For FY2010, the Animal Control Officer will be testing the use of facilities at Animal Health Care as a pound. If this is successful, it may eliminate the need to develop an up-island pound facility.

Fire Department. The department anticipates the need to replace for a first line pumper truck. The last one was purchased in 1989 and these trucks generally have a life of approximately 20 years.

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. However, repairs to the Lambert's Cove Road bridge are needed now.

Howes House. It is likely that the roof will need to be replaced within the next four to five years; the figure in the accompanying chart is a rough estimate of the timing and amount required.

Library. The Library will submit a grant application to the state for planning/feasibility 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; it is hoped that the other 50% of funds will come from grants and/or fundraising. 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. An assessment and data collection study of the Mill Pond watershed is currently underway with staff assistance from the Martha's Vineyard Commission. It is hoped that this study will help inform the need for and direction of a maintenance plan for the pond.

Parks and Recreation. Planning and design is underway for a new/replacement playground associated with the renovated Town Hall in historic West Tisbury Center. The Town Hall Renovation budget includes funding for this project.

Planning is also underway for a new basketball court in a location to be determined, to replace the court removed from the Town Hall site.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle each year; however, there will be a one-year hiatus on that schedule this year. The Town's capital program calls for preliminary planning work to begin on a new station in FY2010, 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 Center Sidewalks. There are two brick sidewalks proposed for the historic town center, similar to that in front of the Congregational Church: one between the church and Alley's parking lot and another in front of the renovated Town Hall, using CPA historic preservation funds.

Town Hall. This is the projected cost through completion of the renovation of the Town Hall project, as well as estimated 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 FY2010 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$1,192,840 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed school debt), broken down as follows:

- \$891,340 in debt payments
- \$155,000 in CPA funds on Town projects
- \$146,500 in free cash and/or raised taxes

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hruby (At-Large)

Kathy Logue (Town Treasurer)

Dick Mezger (At-Large)

Cynthia Mitchell (Assessors)

Ann Nelson (Finance Committee)

Dianne Powers (Selectmen)

Leah Smith (Planning Board)

Bruce Stone (Town Accountant, Ex-Officio)

FY2010 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR FY2011-2014

Department.	Capital Item	Total Amount	Priority	Funding Method *	Voted FY2009	Proposed Capital Budget FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	PAYOFF
Projected Capital Program:											
Fire	Hydrant Fund	20,000		Taxes	20,000						
Fire	SCBA Equipment	100,000	1	Taxes	30,000						
Fire	New Pumper Truck	500,000	1	Taxes		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Highway	Road resurfacing	Ongoing	2	Taxes/St. Grant	200,000						
Highway	Chipper	12,485	2	Taxes	12,485						
Highway	Lambert's Cove Bridge	40,000	1	Taxes		30,000					
Howes House	Replace roof	20,000	3	Taxes							
Library **	Expand building	2,600,000	3	Bond					20,000	25,000	2037
Parks & Recreation	New shed for tennis/beach	15,000	2	Taxes	15,000						
Parks & Recreation	Basketball Court	65,000	3	Taxes/CPA			65,000				
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	29,000		30,000	32,000	30,000	32,000	
Police **	New station	2,000,000	2	Bond		Begin planning					2034
Town Hall/Paths	Brick Sidewalks	90,000	1	CPA							
TriTown Ambulance	Ambulance (W/T 1/3 share)	Ongoing	1	Taxes	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500	16,500	
Existing Projects:											
MVRHS ***	Constr./Expansion	3,797,000	1	Reg. Assess	101,756	88,504	75,099	59,573	26,944	13,684	2014
WT School ***	1995 Expansion	5,274,400	1	Reg. Assess	192,873	177,981	162,797	147,613	132,283	100,953	2014
Chilmark School ***	Construction	338,500	1	Reg. Assess	26,705	25,891	25,060	24,211	23,345	22,461	2019
Public Safety Bldg.	Construction	1,745,355	1	Bond	187,769	183,119	178,469	173,625	168,491	158,250	2015
Lambert's Cove	Land acquired	325,000	1	Bond	36,413	35,513	34,613	33,675	32,681	31,650	2015
Highway	Roads	1,090,000	1	Bond	224,675	218,225	0				2010
Town Hall	Design work to date	255,000	1	Bond	69,913	62,358	0				2010
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,900,000	1	Bond & CPA	270,501	199,750	506,734	493,416	480,097	466,779	2029
Total					1,433,588	1,192,840	1,229,271	1,280,613	1,230,341	1,167,277	

* 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.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

The Cemetery Commissioners heard the concerns raised about the maintenance of our cemeteries in 2008 and appropriated funding for more consistent mowing in all three cemeteries.

Work continued on the cemetery records update. When the work is done almost every cemetery lot's location and ownership information should be accessible to the public on the computer.

The town sold nine cemetery lots in 2008.

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 assistants Howard Wall and Glenn Hearn, Kevin McFarland, The Thurbers of Breezy Pines Nursery and Brian Athearn, the Veteran's Graves Officer.

Respectfully Submitted:

J. Skipper Manter, Chair
Dianne E. Powers
Richard Knabel

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To The Board of Selectmen:

We are very pleased that for the first time in several years, the Commission has a full slate of seven members and one associate. Binnie Ravitch and Hadden Blair were appointed as full members and Joanie Ames has joined us as an associate.

Data gathering on Tisbury Great Pond, including the two brooks (Mill Brook and Tiasquam River) that drain into it, has now been completed for the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP). A contract dispute between the Department of Environmental Protection and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth which put some MEP projects behind schedule has now been resolved through mediation. We are eagerly looking forward to a final report and detailed nitrogen loading computer model which will provide an important baseline assessment of the Pond, and be a valuable planning tool for the town in determining how to control sources of nitrogen and restore impaired water quality conditions.

In anticipation of this report, and in an effort to identify additional potential negative inputs to the Mill Brook and the Mill Pond, the Commission asked Bill Wilcox at the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to do some water quality sampling at five stations on the Mill Brook to assess the impact of stormwater runoff on the water quality of the stream. The money for this work will come out of West Tisbury's share of MVC dues.

In January, the Commission signed a new self renewing trail maintenance agreement with the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank for the Margaret K. Littlefield Greenlands property. Purchased by the town in 1982 to protect the island's sole source aquifer from development pressure, this 365 acre property is open to the public for passive recreation. Access to Greenlands is from Airport Road.

In 2009 we will be working on updating the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. An update of the plan is necessary to qualify for State reimbursement programs for the acquisition and protection of important open space. Part of this project includes a town wide survey in order to understand the needs and concerns of citizens regarding open space and recreational facilities. So keep your eyes on the mail or check the town website at www.westtisbury-ma.gov and give us your input.

In 2008 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 33 SE79- 281 (Dubin)

Map 1 Lot 50 SE79-270 (Sundin)

Map 6 Lots 7.2 & 8 SE79-283 (Harrowby/Milton)

Map 6 Lots 7. 2 & 8 SE79-284 (Harrowby/Milton)

Map 2 Lot 9.1 and Map 3 Lot 81 SE79-277 (Martha's Vineyard Land Bank)

Map 7 Lot 142 SE79-276 (Ferry)

Map 14 Lot 13 SE79- 285 (Verbeck)

Map 22 Lots 22 & 24 SE 79-278 (Berresford/Nelson)

Map 23 Lot 7 By-law only 2008-01 (Labunka)

Map 25 Lots 5.1 & 11 SE79-287 (Martha's Vineyard Land Bank)

Map 35 Lot 1.9 SE79- 286 (Blue Heron Properties/withdrawn)

Map 38 Lot 8 SE 79- 280 (Bagehot Backs LLC)

Map 42 Lot 1 SE 79- 282(The Trustees of Reservations)

Certificates of Compliance

Map 3 Lot 65.2 SE79-248(Case-Senchak)

Map 3 Lot 68 SE79-264 (Sweet)

Map 3 Lot 69.1 SE79-193 (Stien)

Map 7 Lot 87 SE79- 250 (Litter)

Map 7 Lot 92 SE79- 196 (Andrews/Harding)

Map 7 Lot 59.1 SE79-274 (French)

Map 7 Lot 150.2 SE79-245 (Rodrigues)

Map 7 Lot 70 SE79-268 (Smith)

Map 12 Lot 5.2 SE79-253 (Sheriff's Meadow Foundation)

Map 31 Lot 8 SE79-220 (McClellan)

Map 35 Lot 6. 132 SE79-201 & 238 (Fialkow)

Determinations of Applicability

Map 6 Lot 7.2 & 8 (Harrowby & Milton/withdrawn)

Map 3 Lot 9.13 (Abbott)

Map 7 Lot 170 (Smith)

Map 39 Lot 4 (Moore)

Map 32 Lot 102 (West Tisbury Board of Selectmen)

Lamberts Cove Road Bridge (West Tisbury Board of Selectmen)

Conservation Restrictions

Map 11 Lot 82.1 (Island Housing Trust/Martha's Vineyard Land Bank)

Enforcement Orders

Map 25 Lot 4 (Nelson)

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

The Commission will continue to hear applications under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw at its meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 P.M. The Open Space and Recreation Plan subcommittee meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 4:00 P.M. Our meetings are held at Howes House and are open to all. We welcome your presence and your participation.

Prudy Burt, Chair

Hadden Blair

Judy Crawford

Dan Pace

Binnie Ravitch

Peter Rodegast

Tara Whiting

Joanie Ames, Associate Member

Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

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 DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

During the early part of FY 2008, we completed the migration of all town hall workstations to the current MS Office software version. A great number of procedures related to software and security updates as well as duplicative backups were automated, which has saved on staff and consulting time doing routine work.

As we began to make use of the new digitized GIS maps with the appraisal and permitting software, it became clear that further refinement of these maps will be necessary before they can be used to their full potential. To that end, there is an article in the April 2009 Town Meeting warrant to complete this work.

We continue to implement a sustainable long-range maintenance and upgrade plan, funded by our annual budget. We have also been working with the Town Hall Renovation Committee to ensure smooth transitions out to temporary quarters and back to the renovated building, and to factor adequate provision for data processing needs in the renovation design.

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. This work has become increasingly time consuming as the technological needs of the town continue to grow and become more complicated, which has become a source of frustration both to the data processing “staff” and to the co-workers we try to assist. We had intended to institute stipends for this work in FY 2010, but have deferred this again due to the economic times. We do plan to explore a number of options for making more robust data processing assistance for all town departments available on-site during FY 2009 and 2010, so that we can have something in place for FY 2011.

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 affordable 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 and support needed to maintain our Island community.

The Housing Authority's support of affordable homeownership this past year included the administration of 4 **lotteries** of 15 homeownership opportunities offered by towns, the Island Housing Trust and a private developer. Assistance with lottery criteria, participant certification, lottery preparation and **Homebuyer Training** are currently being used in preparation for upcoming lotteries in West Tisbury, Chilmark, Tisbury, Edgartown and Oak Bluffs. An additional ownership opportunity was initiated through Edgartown's **Demolition Delay** by-law administered by the Housing Authority. Our office maintains 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. The Inventory continues to be used by town tax assessors in their assessment of affordable properties in their towns.

In support of the expansion of decent year-round rental options on Martha's Vineyard the Housing Authority worked with the advocate-owners of a home rented by Islanders with disabilities to purchase and preserve the 4 unit building bringing the total to 10 properties with 61 **rental units** in 4 towns. All 6 towns currently contribute Community Preservation Act funding to the Housing Authority's provision of **Rental Assistance** to working households renting year-round housing from Island landlords. CPA support additional to the annual commitment made by the Island Affordable Housing Fund currently provides for 75 Rental Assistance subsidies across the Island including a total of 11 current subsidies in West Tisbury. The Housing Authority also oversaw the **32 Accessory Apartment** program in West Tisbury; assisted Housing Committees in West Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Chilmark in their development of rental opportunities; maintained a **Rental Housing**

Waitlist numbering close to 300 applicants; and partnered with other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities and apartment rehabilitation to Island renters and their landlords.

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

The DCRHA Board of Directors:

ERNIE MENDENHALL, Chair, *West Tisbury*
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REPORT OF ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS INC.

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of elders and assisting them to maintain maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging and the Commonwealth's designated Aging Services Access Point for Martha's Vineyard. Elder Services also hosts the federal Corporation of National Services' Senior Service Corps. A complete list of publicly funded programs administered by Elder Services is attached to this report.

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. administers the state funded Home Care Program - providing eligible elders with supportive services they need to live safely at home. In FY 08 state funds totaling \$446,247 were obtained and used to purchase essential services for Island seniors. Although state funding increased only 3% in FY 08, funds expended for personal care homemaking services increased 23%; funds expended for supportive day care services increased 22% reflecting, no doubt, the increased frailty of elders eligible for this state program.

The Nutrition Program served 24,176 meals in 2008. Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered 17,103 meals to elders' homes; 7073 meals were served at the Island's senior centers and the Island Council on Aging Supportive Day Program.

In addition to in-house programs Elder Services distributes Older American Act funds to other community organizations to provide needed services. In October 2008 the following local organizations received community grants.

Dukes County Sheriff's Office (Project Lifesaver)
Island Councils on Aging, Inc. (transportation to medical services)
Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc. (Senior Services Program)
Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc. (Caregivers Support Group)
Vineyard Health Care Access Program (Senior Access Program)
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah (chore, companion and transportation services)

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jacque Cage
MV Director

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE

(Note: The Committee notes with great sadness that its former chairman, Shelton Bank, passed away on January 12, 2009.) The committee's members recognize that the majority of its accomplishments during the last several years have been, primarily, through the thoughts and energy of Shelton Bank. In fact, this report was written primarily by Shelton. He will be greatly missed.

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.

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 periods to gain insight into the impact of these alterations. The efforts at the West Tisbury School since 2000 provide outstanding evidence for the value of conservation.

At the urging of the Energy Committee, Cape Light Compact efforts to increase energy efficiency at the school include: audit work done in January 2002, May 2004, and December 2006. Retrofitting work included lighting fixture replacements, a reduction in lighting loads, installation of occupancy sensors, and vending machine controls. These measures have resulted in a 35,000 kWh average reduction since 2000, or 7.5%. At a current electrical rate of \$.20/kWh, that amounts to \$7,000 savings per year.

For the current year very substantial decreases were obtained in three buildings. Topping the list is the Police Department, which records a 24% decrease, followed by the Public Safety Building with an 11% decrease, and Fire Station #1 with a 9% decrease. Of significance here is that the decreases represent increased attention to energy conservation as there were no system modifications during this period. The members of

these departments merit kudos and thanks for a job well done.

Following the unanimously passed warrant article for the installation of setback/programmable thermostats in town buildings, the installation was completed in early 2007. Together with Bruce Stone, Town Accountant, we have been monitoring fuel use in these buildings. However, the interval since these units were installed is, as yet, insufficient to indicate any significant alteration in the rate of fuel consumption.

As a corollary to the Cape Light Compact evaluation, the committee has requested that the State Department of Energy Resources evaluate the heating apparatus of town buildings. Such a study may produce information that will facilitate planning for timely maintenance and replacement of heating and hot water equipment. This work should be completed during the current calendar year.

We now have two years of data since the library installed solar panels (at no cost to the town) to augment the electrical supply. The panels have provided over 2,500 kWh per year of electricity, or about 10% of the annual usage. This represents a savings of over \$500 per year at current rates.

For some time now 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 over \$70,000).

As the grant process for the installation of a wind turbine requires initiation by the Up Island Regional School District, the school committee has appointed the town energy committee, augmented by a member from Chilmark and Aquinnah, as its energy committee. We have met with and made presentations to the abutters of the school. In April a non-binding warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting was unanimously approved. Similar support was also recorded in the other towns. Currently, efforts are underway to seek support for a professional consultative evaluation of the projects economic merit.

The past year has seen a turnover in committee membership. We thank Art Nelson, Phil Larson, and Richard Knabel for their service and contributions, and welcome Nancy Cole and Sue Hruby as new members. Shelton Bank stepped aside as chair, continuing as an active committee member while Sander Shapiro assumed chair duties.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Cole
Warren Hollinshead
Sue Hruby
Sandy Shapiro



Photo by Ronnee Schultz

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Once more a member of the Finance Committee resigned to become a Selectman. Mr. Knabel was elected Selectman in April 2008. Mr. Manter became a Selectman in 2006. Both served the committee with distinction.

In May the Selectmen and Finance Committee jointly appointed Greg Orcutt to fill Mr. Knabel's unexpired term.

Seeking Your Input

The Finance Committee needs your input as to how fast our Town budget should grow. In March we and the Selectmen sponsored a forum at Howes House to solicit your opinion on such questions as: Is the budget growing too rapidly? Are enough services being provided? Is your tax money being well spent?

The forum was reasonably well attended and provided us with important information to guide our decisions. The forum was filmed for MVTU, as are all of our budget hearings. You will be invited to the 2009 version of the forum, which will be held before Town Meeting.

Working More Closely

We have begun to work more closely with the Selectmen and have had joint budget meetings with committee chairs to make better use of everyone's time and talents. Town departments have also turned in their budgets earlier this year, again to improve the budgeting process.

Up-Island Regional School District (UIRSD)

Since the cost of the school district is the largest item of the Town's budget we would be remiss if we did not address this issue.

The latest figures (FY2007) from the Department of Education (DOE) show that UIRSD has the highest per-pupil cost of all elementary schools in the Commonwealth and that cost is 12% above that of Edgartown, 22% above that of Tisbury and 37% above that of Oak Bluffs. Further, the DOE figures show foundation enrollment decreased 27% from FY1999 to FY2007. During that time period there has been a 94% increase in net school spending. As laymen, we find it very difficult to understand this relationship, i.e., fewer students but dramatically higher

total costs. We have asked the School Department to explain these figures.

We have also requested that the School Department provide budget information in a format that is less detail-oriented so that the budget will provide more information and less data.

Controlling Costs

We are all well aware of the difficult economic times in which we live. at Town Meeting, we, as citizens, decide how large or small our budget should be. However, on certain controversial issues some voters are reluctant to vote their true feelings. We believe that voters should have the opportunity to register their opinion in complete confidence. In fact, several of you have expressed to us your reluctance to be recognized as being opposed to your neighbor's position. Therefore, we urge you to approve an article at Town Meeting which will propose a bylaw that 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
Ann Nelson, Vice Chair

Brian Athearn
Sharon Estrella
Greg Orcutt

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT



*Gregory Pachico, Brynn Schaffner, Eric Medeiros,
John Cotterill III, Tony Cordray, Jesse Oliver,
Kenneth Mastromonaco.*

To the Board of Selectmen:

I would like to thank the West Tisbury Fireman Civic Association over the past 5 years they have given the Fire Department over \$60,000.00 for food baskets given out within our town, a donation to the Rod & Gun Club for their fishing tournament for the kids, girl scouts, good and welfare and try to help out our community any way we can.

Fire & Carbon monoxide Alarms-----		94
Smoke in Building----	2	Car Accidents-----30
Illegal Burns-----	1	Miscellaneous-----29
Brush Fires-----	3	Shed Fire-----1
House Fires-----	1	Chimney Fires----- 2
Stand By at Station----	2	Mutual Aid----- 8
Oil Spills-----	3	Plane Crash -----1
Gas Alarm -----	5	Smoke in Building-----2
Smoke Investigations ----	11	First Responder-----2
Gas Spill -----	1	House Hit By Lighting----2
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Inspections -----		84

L.P. Tank Inspections ----- 66

Oil Burner Inspections ----- 2

Oil Burner Tank Permit ----- 4

Fuel Tank Permit For Truck ----- 4

Oil Tank Removals -----2

Burning Permits ----- 123

Respectfully Submitted
Manuel Estrella III
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library has always been an important resource for all ages within this community but both attendance and circulation have increased significantly in 2008. Attendance in July was 15,000 and in August it was 18,000. For several months during 2008, usage was up over 30% and in December the increase was 37.8% and attendance has been up every month in 2008. Our library is the second smallest public library on the Vineyard but has the highest circulation and the largest collection. Use of the wireless network and internet access has increased especially during the summer months. The Friends of the West Tisbury Library provided funding for new outdoor furniture and a garden which has helped immensely to free up space inside during the good weather. Space is as always a problem but our staff seems to have innovative ways to work around these problems.

The Friends work all year to provide extra funding for the library needs. A membership drive was held in the spring, with new brochures designed by Dan Waters, which brought in many new Friends. Their annual Book Sale was very successful this year. The furniture they provided has created outdoor space for reading, talking, crafts and activities as well as computer use. The Friends also provide funding for activities, events, crafts, books and many of the extras, such as our new slipcovers, that make the library more comfortable and welcoming for the employees and patrons.

Beth Kramer completed a four month long program on Strategic Planning through Southeast Massachusetts Library System (SEMLS). Expanding on that, a joint Friends/Trustees training session was held with Cheryl Bryan from SEMLS. At that session, two community forums, one in April and one in August, were planned to discuss current and future needs/wants of the community. The information from these meetings gave the Trustees and Librarians a framework from which to make future plans. The three Service Responses chosen to be worked on by our staff during the next year are: Lifelong Learning, Library as Commons and Current Topics and Titles.

Hermine Hull, who had been Chairperson of the Trustees for 15 years, stepped down from that position after her reelection to spend her time working with Assistant Librarian Colleen Morris on programming and to

work with Leslie Baker on the 'Art Wall'. Hermine is to be commended for her years as Chairperson and will, I am sure, work just as hard with her new duties.

The library's 'Art Wall' continues to be popular. Leslie and Hermine are responsible for the planning and implementation of this each month. This year artists have included Martha Moore, Doug Kent, Carol Carrick, Carrie Smith, Ruth Kirchmeier, Ann Howes, Dan Waters, Linda Thompson, Deborah Silliman Wass, Max Decker and Hermine Hull. During the month of December a mostly blank mural entitled "Our Town" was put on the wall and the public was invited to add drawings and children's crafts to complete the picture of the town. It was a fun activity for all who participated.

While the Town Hall is being renovated, the art collection normally housed there has been loaned to the library. Our patrons have been enjoying it and many did not realize that the town owned such an extensive art collection.

Emily Smith and Phoenix Becker are the new faces you see working at our library.

We have new copper lamps that were donated and installed outside the library by Billy Hoff. These have helped immensely with lighting the outside of our front entrance.

Early in the spring, the basement of the library was reconfigured to make more space for shelving, better visibility and safety. The plan was conceived by Linda Hughes, Nelia Decker provided the book movement logistics, the shelving was installed by Mike Hull and Jesse Oliver and the books were moved by many volunteers.

The library received two federal grants. The first was a \$5,000.00 Equal Access Grant which will be used to increase the large print collection, assist the Council on Aging with the Books on Wheels program and increase and update our medical/health reference collection. The second was a \$7,500.00 Mother Goose on the Loose Grant. Nelia and Colleen received training to do outreach in the community through a structured musical program for the very youngest learners in the community.

The library's first Family Fun Groundhog Day Party was held with music, movies, and crafts and over 600 people attended. Popular programs throughout the year included the Winter Reading series in collaboration with the Fine Arts Workshop in Provincetown. This series will be continued in 2009. A Graphic Novel discussion with Jules Feiffer and Paul Karasik was very well attended. The new Winter concert series proved to be very popular with about 300 people attending the first one which featured Willie Mason. We also had Monday night movies, Saturday crafts, many workshops for all ages and interests, poetry readings, JC Trio, weekly storytimes on Monday and Wednesday mornings and occasional musical storytimes with Mark Lovewell, talks on a variety of subjects and book signings. Many adults and children participated in the summer Reading Program. A Kids Advisory Group began monthly meetings in October and has been very popular with the 9-14 age group. Our annual Halloween and Holiday parties were well attended and the April vacation sleepover was filled to capacity as usual. The West Tisbury and Charter Schools continue to schedule trips to the library on a regular basis.

During this past year the Trustees continued working to update and revise our Policy and Procedure Manual to bring it more in line with today's requirements.

We invite everyone to access our website, *www.westtisburylibrary.org*. You will find the library's monthly calendar and write-ups giving information about upcoming events. You can reserve or renew your materials and also access the entire library catalog.

The Trustees want to thank the director and staff for always managing in their calm and efficient manner and making the library a place where the entire community feels welcome at all times. We expect 2009 to be another busy and productive year bringing new programs and activities and we thank everyone for being so supportive.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Baker

Linda Hearn, Chairman

Hermine Hull

Virginia Jones

Elaine Pace, Secretary

Dan Waters, Vice-chairman



Fred Fisher and his team at the Halloween Party

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission has reviewed several applications this year and approved all of them. We always work with homeowners to achieve a design that fits in with the neighborhood.

We approved the final details of the Town Hall renovation. We hope that the citizens of West Tisbury will be proud of their new Town Hall.

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	

Alley's General Store

In times of yore, one humble store

Sustained our tiny town.

'Twas not the kind where one might find

A fancy evening gown.

Instead, our needs - from nails to seeds - Were modest as the dickens,

And Nancy Luce had little use For lipstick on her chickens.

These wooden walls held overalls

To fit most any size;

A length of rope, a pound of soap,

A swatter for the flies.

We stocked these shelves to suit ourselves, From cloth to cans of soup;

And if you'd heard the latest word, You heard it on this stoop.

This heavy door, this creaky floor,

Have long gone unadorned,

And those who seek a chic boutique

Are urgently forewarned:

The goods inside are cut-and-dried,

No frills, no doubt about it.

"If it ain't here," they say with cheer, "You're better off without it."

The months and years have churned like gears Within our church-clock

steeple, But time and taste have not erased This thread that binds our

people; For you can ride both far and wide Throughout these hills

and valleys And find no store a town loves more Than our own faithful

Alley's!

Daniel Waters

REPORT OF THE ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008

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.

ICOA seeks funding and supervises the use of grants and other 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 FY08, in addition to local municipal support, ICOA approximately \$20,000 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 concept of aging in place. 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 and services:

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 FY08 these clients donated \$4188 back to the program. These donations go to direct support for the continuance of the taxi program.

Supportive Day Program: This program continued to grow in FY208. 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. Looking ahead, and considering projected future growth and needs of the Supportive Day Program, Island Councils on Aging continues to work with the Town COAs and other avenues to seek an alternative and permanent site to house this vital regional program. The ICOA board of directors has made this both a short and long term priority.

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 FY2008, 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. It should be noted that this federal program has been level funded for many years and the amount contributed by Vineyard towns does not come close to covering the actual cost of this essential 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 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 between 30 and 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 FY08, over 4,000 pounds of food (canned goods, fresh and frozen) were brought to the Island and distributed monthly through the emergency food pantries. Much of this food is free; however, some is purchased at reduced cost. In FY08 approximately \$3000 was spent on the purchase of food. ICOA received a \$2000 grant from Project Bread through the Walk for Hunger and \$950 in donations 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 Emergency Food Pantry 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 FY08, \$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

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

In 2008, the Martha's Vineyard Commission – the Island's Regional Planning Agency – continued to support and improve planning efforts on the Island and to regulate developments of Island-wide impact.

Island-Wide Planning Activities

The Island Plan: The comprehensive effort continued to “chart 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”.

- **Work Groups:** Five Work Groups – Energy/Waste, Housing, Livelihood/Commerce, Natural Environment, and Water Resources – started working on implementation of the most Promising Initiatives as determined in 2007. Also in 2008, the Built Environment and Transportation Work Groups outlined draft objectives and strategies and received community feedback through discussion papers, a survey, and public forums. The Social Environment Work Group also started drafting objectives and strategies in preparation for a forum early in 2009.
- **Development and Growth:** In 2008, the Island Plan Steering Committee focused on outlining options for better managing development and growth on the Island. This was the topic of a public forum last summer and of a series of working sessions with all Planning Boards.
- **Public Involvement:** Over 550 Vineyarders have joined the Network of Planning Advisors to closely follow the planning process. An annual progress report summarizing key recommendations was distributed to all Island homes. A summary exhibit was installed in the Vineyard Haven ferry terminal and in all Island grocery stores. All Island Plan forums and many meetings are broadcast on MVTN and all meeting minutes and reports are available on the plan's website.

All Vineyarders are invited to get involved by signing up on the website – www.islandplan.org – 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 (TIP) funded by MassHighway. The 2008 TIP project is the four-year reconstruction of Lake and Oak Bluffs Avenues, featuring pedestrian safety improvements in downtown Oak Bluffs. West Tisbury's position on the Committee is presently vacant.
- **Shared-Use Path Study:** The MVC completed a pre-feasibility study identifying projects to fill the missing links in the 37-mile network of shared use paths (SUP, the newest term for bicycle paths) linking the three down-Island towns and the State Forest.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** This subcommittee of the JTC compiled a list of practices to improve the safety of bike path intersections with roads and driveways and had it vetted with town police chiefs; the JTC subsequently endorsed the policy. The subcommittee helped guide the SUP Study and worked with MassHighway on the resurfacing of New York Avenue in Oak Bluffs to create a wider shoulder within the same overall roadway width. The subcommittee's input was also sought by Chappaquiddickers interested in the prospects for a SUP on Chappy.
- **Trails Planning:** The Land Bank contracts with MVC staff to conduct trail planning to link public conservation lands and to assist town efforts to protect and extend the Island's network of trails.
- **Data Collection:** The MVC annually records traffic counts at 46 locations. The entire historical traffic count database is now available on the MVC website.
- **Drawbridge:** The MVC provides support to the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee, which in 2008 provided input into MassHighway design for both the temporary drawbridge, now under construction, and the permanent drawbridge.
- **Locally Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan:** The MVC, with the cooperation of the VTA, prepared this plan which makes Island entities eligible for grants to

fill the gap between regular public transit and paratransit service.

Emergency Planning: In the process of production of a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Dukes County, MVC staff completed data gathering and analysis, and met with town emergency personnel to devise strategies to reduce losses of life and property in the event of hurricanes, coastal storms, drought, or wildfire. 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 town. The Plan was approved by FEMA and MEMA in 2008.

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

- **Cost of Living Index:** The MVC prepared an updated Martha's Vineyard COLI in 2008, which will be published in early 2009. The study measures relative differences among urban areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, allowing comparison with national averages from all participating areas.
- **Martha's Vineyard Economic Profile:** A comprehensive profile was published in 2008, which outlines the Island's current economic situation, emerging trends, and main challenges for the future.
- **Farming and Fishing:** The Commission continues to help support efforts to promote locally grown agricultural and aqua-cultural products by facilitating quarterly meetings with agricultural-related organizations and non-profit groups.
- **Workshops:** The MVC worked with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED), the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, the Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE), and local banks in sponsoring free Entrepreneurial Workshops in April 2008.
- **2010 Census:** MVC staff will be participating in the US Census's Participant Statistical Areas Program PSAP Program, the second phase of preparations for the 2010 Census. The goal is to ensure that the Island population is properly counted in the upcoming Census, so towns are eligible for our fair share of future grants.
- **Construction Industry:** MVC staff worked on an extensive analysis of building permits to better understand the nature of recent building and the Island's construction industry.
- **H2B Visas:** In May 2008, the MVC, the Martha's Vineyard Chamber

of Commerce, and the New Bedford Economic Development Council facilitated a workshop to discuss how the new H2B Visa regulations have impacted the seasonal workforce needs of Island businesses.

- **Information:** The MVC annually responds to more than 400 requests for economic and demographic information pertaining to the Island. More than half of the requests are from town boards, individuals or non-profit organizations that are creating business plans or are filing grant applications.

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

- **Comprehensive Wastewater Management Study:** The Commission has contracted with a consultant to work with Island stakeholders in order to make a preliminary identification and evaluation of potentially viable methods to address both Title 5 requirements as well as the nitrogen-loading reductions that are expected to be necessary as a result of the Mass Estuaries Project study. The first stage – a framework for action – was completed by the end of 2008, and the remainder will be completed in the first half of 2009.
- **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 improvement measures would be.
- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project:** The Mass Estuaries Project presented its draft report for the Edgartown Great Pond, using water testing data supplied by the MVC. The Commission also supplied extensive land use data for the Estuaries Project to produce nitrogen loading computer models. The MVC provided extensive editorial comments on the draft Edgartown Great Pond Massachusetts Estuaries Project report to help make the final report, released in December 2008, a better document.
- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The Commission is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance and all Island pond advisory committees. The MVC Water Resource Planner 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: In October, the MVC hosted a listening session for the preparation of the Oceans Act of 2008 by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) a first-in-the-nation effort to develop a comprehensive plan to manage development in state ocean waters. MVC Coastal Planner Jo-Ann Taylor was named to the Advisory Commission which will oversee EEA's planning efforts.

Affordable Housing: The Affordable Housing staff continues to assist the towns in providing legislative updates, in addition to updates regarding federal and state programs, grant opportunities, and workshops. Staff continues to host quarterly meetings with the town housing committees, the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, and other public and private non-profit housing groups. Staff prepared a study of current zoning regulations related to affordable zoning in all six Island Towns.

Streamlined Permitting: The MVC published *Development Permitting Processes on Martha's Vineyard*, a study that addresses how the permitting process could be made more transparent and efficient, without compromising the standards that towns and the MVC are mandated to uphold. The study is the result of a comprehensive review of Island land use permitting practices and procedures.

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

- **All-Island Board Meetings:** The MVC coordinated regular meetings of all Island Conservation Commissions, public and private non-profit affordable housing groups, and Planning Boards, promoting the exchange of issues and ideas across town boundaries and providing informational opportunities with the use of guest speakers. The MVC also hosted meetings on specific topics of common interest: local regulation of portable storage units, and regulation of wind towers.
- **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: *Renewable Local Energy, Zoning Exemptions, Ethics*

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 2008, 45 projects were referred to or reviewed by the MVC, of which: 17 were approved with conditions, none were denied, 12 were remanded back to their town without DRI review, 1 was sent back to its town because it did not trigger the DRI Checklist, 6 were previously approved DRIs with aspects approved by the Land Use Planning Committee, 2 were withdrawn, 1 was granted an extension, 2 are on hold and 4 are still under review.
- **DRI Policies:** The MVC adopted a new *Energy and Environmental Building Policy* for DRI review that includes a graduated standard based on project scope (broader for larger projects while minimizing the administrative burden on small projects) and incorporates a wide range of environmental building considerations.
- **DRI Checklist:** In December, the Commission adopted revisions to the standards and criteria that define which projects must, or may, be referred to the MVC for review as Developments of Regional Impact. Once approved by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, previous DRIs which had not been implemented would no longer trigger the “Once a DRI, always a DRI” provision, more triggers would have optional MVC review, and the year-round residential component of a mixed-use building would no longer be calculated in the building’s floor space.

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

- **Island Road District – Special Ways:** The MVC approved the designation of Stoney Hill Path and Chicamo Path in West Tisbury as Special Ways. Commission staff worked closely with the Edgartown Planning Board and the Edgartown Byways Committee to tailor town Special Way regulations to address portions of such ways that are routinely traveled by motor vehicles; this also involved modifying the Commission’s DCPC development guidelines. At year’s end, staff was again working with Edgartown and West Tisbury town boards on potentially nominating four additional ways for Special Way designation.

- **Aquinnah Energy District:** The MVC rescinded the designation of the Aquinnah Energy District after the draft regulations prepared by the Town failed to receive two-thirds approval at Town Meeting. The Town intends to renew its effort to adopt regulations in 2009.

General:

- **Building Renovations:** A major energy upgrade was completed of the MVC offices, the Stone Building in Oak Bluffs, including roof insulation, new roofing, replacing all windows with high performance windows, sealing leaky walls, and installing gutters.
- **Charles Clifford:** Longtime MVC Executive Director Charles “Chuck” Clifford died in May. As director for seventeen years, Chuck led the Commission in a wide variety of initiatives, and helped guide the MVC through some complex DRI reviews such as Herring Creek Farm and three golf course proposals. He retired in 2002.

Specific Activities for the Town of West Tisbury

Water Resources

- MVC received a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act for intensive water quality sampling in Tisbury Great Pond targeted to the time period before and after an inlet is opened to the ocean. Unfortunately, during 2008, no inlets were cut during the sampling season and we anticipate sampling will begin with the spring 2009 inlet. A total of over 50 samples will be collected from the Pond during six sampling rounds to assess changes in nitrogen concentration and salinity that will be used by the Massachusetts Estuaries Project to determine the flushing characteristics of the system.
- With funding from the West Tisbury Conservation Commission, staff sampled Mill Brook at 5 stations on two dates during rain events to assess the impact of stormwater runoff on the water quality of the stream.
- MVC staff has prepared a draft report that summarizes the relationship between Tisbury Great Pond summer water quality data over the years and factors that may influence water quality such as precipitation, lifetime of the summer inlet and the total number of days the system is tidal during the entire year.

- Monthly groundwater elevation readings are collected from two wells in Town.

Transportation

- **Trails Planning:** MVC staff aided the West Tisbury Byways Committee's efforts to protect ancient ways, providing assistance with mapping and bylaw language for expanding and modifying the town's Special Ways DCPC. Staff has also held discussions with the Town's shared Use Path Committee regarding bicycle as well as pedestrian circulation.

Affordable Housing

- MVC staff assisted the Planning Board in updating the state's Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing Inventory for the Department of Housing and Community Development

Geographic Information Systems

- **Aerial Photo Software:** The MVC installed new Pictometry software for Town's use which allows town staff to use a new series of aerial photos of the town.
- **Mapping:** MVC staff provided the following maps to various town boards: Assessor's Neighborhood Code Maps, Mill Pond Area Map for the Dredge Committee, Trail Maps for West Tisbury for the Shared Use Path Committee.

Regulatory Activities

- **DRI Review:** Of the 5 projects in West Tisbury 2 were full DRI's approved with conditions (1 of those being a modification to a previously approved DRI's and the other being primarily a new building but tied to an old DRI); 0 were denied; 2 were remanded back to the town as a Minor Modification to a previously approved DRI; and 1 was sent back to the town as a Non-Concurrence. The 2 DRI's Approved by the MVC were the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society's new barn (DRI 374-M) and the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank new building (DRI 454-M). The remands were Ferry Tennis (DRI 598-M) and Options in Education (DRI 423-M6), and the non-concurrence was Up-Island Paint (C.R. 4 – 2008).
- **Districts of Critical Planning Concern:** The MVC designated two new Special Ways in West Tisbury, as part of the Island-wide Island Road District. Stoney Hill Path and Checamo Path were

nominated by the Board of Selectmen. The MVC concurred with the Selectmen that these two ways are an important part of the network of interconnecting trails that link all the Island towns. Regulations are under development which should protect these ways from inappropriate development that could otherwise adversely impact their value as trails.

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,

JIM POWELL

Member appointed by the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen

LINDA SIBLEY

West Tisbury elected Member-at-Large

ANDREW WOODRUFF

West Tisbury elected Member-at-Large

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 almost thirty years 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.

The Council believes that the arts, sciences and humanities have the power to build healthier, more livable, more vital communities. They enrich, exalt and provoke. They are an essential part of a strong education system. They contribute enormously to our Island economy. They build bridges across cultures. They can be used to address – or even prevent – some of our most stubborn social problems. They help us interpret our past and shape our futures. Above all, they help us understand what it means to be human.

Each year the Council meets on the first Sunday of November to vote on the distribution of grants for the current fiscal cycle. Grant applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth and work on projects in the arts, humanities or interpretative sciences. Those interested 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 the fall of 2008 the Council was assigned \$25,800 by the Commonwealth for local re-granting. As of the date of this writing – December 31, 2008 – that figure stands. However, should the State reduce the allocation at the time of certification in February, the awards listed below will be reduced accordingly.

In addition, the Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury donated \$1,000, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$1,500, respectively. Together with unclaimed grant funds from the 2007-08 cycle, the total awarded was \$39,165.

In 2008 the MVCC received 49 applications requesting a total of \$82,444. The Council rejected six of them outright due to failure to meet the submission deadline; to off-Islanders’ having no local sponsors; or to a project’s being submitted that belonged on a municipal budget. Of the 43 applications considered at the grant award meeting, four received full funding; 37, partial funding; and two, no funding. 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, as voted in their 2008 Annual Meeting and in a Special Meeting two weeks later, are listed. Note that State budget certification in 2009 may lower these amounts.

History/Natural History

Marine & Paleobiological Institute, <i>2009 MVCC Lecture</i>	\$ 580
Mass Audubon, Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, <i>Fall Festival</i>	\$ 810
Polly Hill Aboretum, <i>Curriculum Development Project</i>	\$ 625
Ashley Medowski, <i>Island History: People and Places</i>	\$ 80
Chilmark Public Library, <i>Preserving Chilmark’s Deaf History</i>	\$ 1,010

Cultural Festivals

Native Earth Teaching Farm, <i>Popcorn Festival</i>	\$ 500
Aquinnah Public Library, <i>Community Celebration</i>	\$ 625

Aquinnah Cultural Center, <i>Native American Artisans Festival</i>	\$ 1,050
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Language/Literature/Life Stories

Martha's Vineyard Museum, <i>Brazilian Voices</i>	\$ 2,125
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Susan Klein, <i>Spice of Life: Memoir Organizing and Writing</i>	\$ 1,000
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Elaine Pace, <i>Wisdom in Words</i>	\$ 675
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West Tisbury Free Public Library, <i>Winter Reading Series</i>	\$ 1,000
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M.V. Library Association, <i>Early Literacy for Newborns</i>	\$ 1,050
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Art Therapy

Martha Abbott, <i>Moving Through the Steps</i>	\$ 805
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Music

Mark Lovewell, <i>Folksongs & Stories of Martha's Vineyard</i>	\$ 435
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KCT Concerts, <i>Traditional Music Concert Series</i>	\$ 1,130
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Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society, <i>Off-Season Concerts</i>	\$ 1,020
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Colin Ruel, <i>Recording Initiative</i>	\$ 1,325
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Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Center, <i>Alicia Svigal's Klezmer Fiddle Express</i>	\$ 1,100
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Island Community Chorus, <i>Music Library System (Capital Expense)</i>	\$ 1,000
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Crafts

Lindsey Scott, *The Quilt Workshop* \$ 465

Dance

Kathy Joyce Costanza,
Creative Movement for Family Day Care \$ 835

The Yard, Inc.,
School Multi-Cultural & Creative Residencies \$ 1,405

The Tisbury School, *Nutcracker Ballet* \$ 750

Children in the Arts of Martha's Vineyard,
Nutcracker Gala \$ 1,125

Abby Bender for Built on Stilts M.V.,
Built on Stilts \$ 2,045

Theater/Puppetry

Art Farm Enterprises, *Kim and Delia* \$ 1,675

The Vineyard Playhouse,
Shakespeare for the Masses \$ 1,640

April Thanhauser/Spindrift Marionettes,
3rd Annual M.V. Puppet Festival \$ 745

Film/Video

Martha's Vineyard Film Festival,
2nd Annual M.V. Film Festival for Kids \$ 1,455

Victoria Campbell, *House of Bones* \$ 1,175

Ken Wentworth, *A Home for Us All* \$ 1,275
Silver Screen Film Society,
Film and Event Planning \$ 935

Silver Screen Film Society, <i>4th Annual M.V. International Film Festival</i>	\$ 1,175
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Elizabeth Witham, <i>Two Episodes of "The Vineyard Scene"</i>	\$ 1,145
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Visual Arts

Martha's Vineyard Art Association, <i>Permanent Collection Restoration and Exhibit</i>	\$ 810
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Sense of Wonder Creations, Inc., <i>Americans Who Tell the Truth</i>	\$ 380
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PASS Grants

Chilmark Public Library, <i>Fabulists at The Vineyard Playhouse</i>	\$ 350
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M.V. Public Charter School, <i>Plimoth Plantation</i>	\$ 615
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The Tisbury School, <i>Big Apple Circus</i>	\$ 720
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The Edgartown School, <i>Concord Museum and Walden Pond Tour</i>	\$ 500
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In September the MVCC hosted a grant workshop attended by 25 would-be applicants, many of them fresh faces. In fact, a dozen of our 2008 grant recipients were first-time applicants. *It is worth noting a grant applicant with a qualified project will get all the help with the form and project budget that he or she needs from our volunteers.* The workshop is an annual event, and we urge Vineyard artists, historians and interpretative scientists interested in project funding to attend in September 2009. Check the MCC Web Site (previous page) in August for the workshop date and location.

We wish to acknowledge the special contributions from the Town of West Tisbury. Town Treasurer Katherine Logue and Town Accountant Bruce Stone have processed the financial transactions of the Council since its regionalization in 2003; and the Up-Island Council on Aging has

provided the Howes House as a handicapped-accessible, centrally located and very welcoming meeting place.

Lastly, we pay our respects to three of our members who departed this world in 2008: former Chair Dawn Greeley of Chilmark; former Chair Joanne Horgan of Tisbury; and John Walter of Edgartown. The cultural life of our Island is far richer for their contributions, and for this we are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

PIA WEBSTER, Exec. Secretary

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council
2008 Membership**

Aquinnah

NANCY BENOIT
JOAN LE LACHEUR
MOLLY PURVES

Oak Bluffs

SANDRA GRYMES
FRANCINE KELLY
CK WOLFSON

Chilmark

CHRIS DREYER, Chair
BONNIE GEORGE
DAWN GREELEY*
DEBORAH SILLIMANWASS

Tisbury

WIET BACHELLER, Treas.
DEBRA CONROY
JEAN HAY
JOANNE HORGAN*

Edgartown

NIS KILDEGAARD
NELSON W. SMITH
JOHN WALTER*
PIA WEBSTER, Exec. Sec.

West Tisbury

LESLIE BAKER
SHELTON BANK*
ANN MILLER MALEY

Ex-Officio

DAN WATERS (*emeritus*), Sec.

* Deceased

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

2985 acres, representing 4.9% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the land bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries.

Acquisitions

Ten preserves and reservations were created or expanded in 2008:

- (1.) West Tisbury Road in Edgartown is one of the island's most scenic; an addition to the ***Ben Toms Preserve*** will help to keep it so.
- (2.) Ponds always attract the land bank's attention. As a result of this year's addition to the ***Little Duarte's Pond Preserve*** the land bank has now conserved 60% of the pond's shoreline.
- (3.) The ***Quammox Preserve*** was created with the acquisition of 22.8 acres on Chappaquiddick Island along the Katama Bay. The land slopes from the Washaqua Hill down to a small salt-pond braced by a 550'-long beach. Clearly visible in the distance is the breach in the North Point Beach between the bay and the sea.
- (4.) One fewer house will perch along the edge of the Tisbury Great Pond as a result of the creation of the ***Quansoo Preserve***. Easterly views across the belly of the great-pond are expansive; more intimate is the northerly view of a cove with Indian Hill rising above it. Included in the transaction is a circumferential trail around the Sheriff Meadow Foundation's abutting 150-acre Quansoo Farm.
- (5.) A patch of farmland abutting the ***Peaked Hill Reservation*** was acquired; a farm lease has already been issued, to keep the land productive.

- (6.) Seldom, but gratefully, the land bank receives gifts of land, such as the 3-acre lot donated to it abutting the *Poucha Pond Reservation*. The only expense to the institution here was the reimbursement to the donors of the \$11,600 transfer fee which they had paid to the land bank in 2007 when they originally acquired the lot from its previous owner.
- (7.) *Ripley's Field Preserve*, one of the land bank's earliest acquisitions, grew by 20% with the purchase of 12 abutting rolling acres.
- (8.) The land bank completed its conservation plan at *Square Field* with the purchase of a permanent restriction over a final 8.2 acres here.
- (9.) Three acres were purchased outright which include 290 feet of Cape Pogue Bay beach and 49 acres were protected via conservation restriction along Jeffers Lane on Chappaquiddick Island in Edgartown. They were added to the *Three Ponds Reservation* which, with 312 acres, is the land bank's largest property.
- (10) A pondside sheep pasture, fronting on the Middle Road in Chilmark and West Tisbury, was purchased. It has been added to the *Tiasquam Valley Reservation*.

Additional details about the above acquisitions follow:

<u>property</u>	<u>seller</u>	<u>town</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>price</u>
(1.) Ben Toms Preserve	Robin Gonzalo	Edgartown	4.4	\$ 640,500
(2.) Little Duarte's Pond Preserve	Gregory Drake	Oak Bluffs	2.6	\$ 725,000
(3.) Quammox Preserve	Laura Chasi	Edgartown	22.8	\$1,850,000
(4.) Quansoo Preserve	SMF	Chilmark	5.8	\$3,000,000

<u>property</u>	<u>seller</u>	<u>town</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>price</u>
(5.) Peaked Hill Reservation	Kerry Elkin	Chilmark	12.3	\$ 825,000
(6.) Poucha Pond Reservation	Vincent Constantini	Edgartown	3.0	\$ 11,600
(7.) Ripley's Field Preserve	Elizabeth Luce	Tisbury	11.8	\$ 814,200
(8.) Square Field	Harriet Hickie	West Tisbury	8.2	\$ 200,000
(9.) Three Ponds Reservation	Robert Knight	Edgartown	52.2	\$3,400,000
(10.) Tiasquam Valley Reservation	Polly Murphy	Chilmark & West Tisbury	11.2	\$1,650,000
			134.3	\$13,116,300

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, Gay Head Moraine (expansion), Moshup Beach, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation (expansion), Quammox Preserve, Quansoo Preserve, Three Ponds Reservation, Toad Rock Preserve and Wapatequa Woods Reservation (expansion).

Management plans for the Tiasquam Valley Reservation and the expanded Wilfrid's Pond Preserve were finalized. Pending before the commonwealth

for final approval is the plan for the expanded Three Ponds Reservation. The Manaquayak Preserve was opened. It provides the first public access to the Ice House Pond, a great-pond, and includes a woodland hiking loop. Also opened were (1.) a section of the John Presbury Norton Farm; (2.) the Little Duarte s Pond Preserve, with its trail link to the Greenlands Preserve; and (3.) the Tiasquam Valley Reservation, with its two miles of trails (including a link to the Waskosim s Rock Reservation) and its long-distance views east to Tuckernuck Island.

In addition, the former land bank workshop at the Blackwater Pond Reservation was recycled: a request-for-bids was issued and the winning bidder dismantled the building and moved it off-site for use there. Oaks at the Tiasquam Valley Reservation which had succumbed to the canker moth and winter moth were removed as part of a community cordwood program; 34 cords were distributed. Ongoing maintenance continued on various land bank properties across the island.

Cross-island hike

The land bank's sixteenth 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 Blackwater Pond Reservation in West Tisbury and finished mid-afternoon at the Great Rock Bight Preserve in Chilmark, a distance of 15.2 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:

	<i>fiscal year 2008 budgeted</i>	<i>fiscal year 2008 actual</i>	<i>fiscal year 2009 budgeted</i>
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
administrative expenses	\$ 428,246 4.5%	\$ 411,095 3.8%	\$ 442,699 4.8%
land management expenses	\$ 694,302 7.2%	\$ 626,934 5.8%	\$ 776,662 8.9%
debt service expenses	\$ 5,698,581 59.4%	\$ 4,994,761 46.4%	\$ 7,267,244 83.2%
reserve expenses	\$ 30,000 0.3%	\$ 30,000 0.3%	
surplus revenues	\$ 2,741,370 28.6%	\$ 4,727,307 43.9%	\$ 233,896 2.7%

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

In these difficult economic times, some comfort can be taken in the knowledge of our Island's bountiful shellfish resources. The shellfish that populate our ponds are at the heart of a true economy based on the production of real goods with honest value. Our shellfisheries provide traditional livelihoods for commercial shellfish harvesters, new employment opportunities for Islanders in the "green" industry of shellfish aquaculture, and healthful, economic meals for recreational harvesters. At the same time, they provide the natural filtering that keeps our coastal waters clean and clear insuring prosperity for those in the tourist industry. Our mission is to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and through our programs we hope to play a part in a recovered economy rooted in real, sustainable production.

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, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Martha's Vineyard Permanent Endowment Fund, the Philip Evans Scholarship Foundation, and the Edey Foundation, the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its program to promote the well being of the Island's shellfish and the clean water they require. Highlights of our 2008 program follow:

Solar Shellfish Hatchery - In 2008, we produced over 5.5 million seed quahogs, over 10 million seeds scallops, over 6 million eyed oyster larvae and more than 400,000 seed oysters. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted into the Island's ponds in an ongoing restoration effort.

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/Tetraploid Shellfish – With funding from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and the US Department of Agriculture, we continued our cutting edge research to produce 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. This year under a project headed by Amandine Surier, we successfully produced the first-ever tetraploid bay scallops! This is the first step in the development of marketable triploid scallops.

Offshore Mussel Culture Initiative – With continued funding from the MV Permanent Endowment Fund and new funds from a NOAA Marine Aquaculture Program grant, we are spearheading a project to develop a Martha’s Vineyard cultured mussel industry. Field trials conducted at selected offshore sites in 2007, provided promising results with experimental mussels reaching market size in less than a year. Encouraged by the results, we have helped to site and permit offshore aquaculture zones in the three Up-Island towns. Pending state and federal approval of the offshore sites, two demonstration farms will be deployed in the summer of 2009. These demonstration farms will be tended by Vineyard fishers in an on the job training opportunity that promises to jumpstart an industry producing Martha’s Vineyard cultured mussels.

Oyster Restoration – Following several years of investigations, it is clear that dermo disease-resistant strains of oysters are developing in several of the great ponds. With support from the Philip Evans Scholarship Foundation, Emma Green-Beach is studying this phenomenon as her Masters thesis. These resistant oysters are being used as broodstock in our hatchery to produce seed for stocking in Island great ponds where oyster populations have been depleted by dermo disease. In addition to an ongoing oyster restoration effort in Tisbury Great Pond, in 2008 a restoration program was begun in Edgartown Great Pond with funding from the Jewish Communal Fund.

Outreach - In an effort to better educate the community about our program, Amandine Surier produced a movie about our efforts to develop a local cultured mussel industry that was broadcast on MVTN and is available on

DVD at several Island libraries. Under funding from the Edey foundation, we sponsored another project that provided DVD's about shellfish and water quality to the Island's libraries. We also post reports of our work on our website, www.mvshellfishgroup.org.

Think Locally and Act Globally - I continued 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 a member of the MV Water Alliance and the Joint Sengekontacket Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Karney
Shellfish Biologist/Director

SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2008

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Quahogs</u>	Aquinnah	1,100,000
	Chilmark	1,100,000
	Edgartown	1,100,000
	Oak Bluffs	1,100,000
	Tisbury	<u>1,100,000</u>
	Total Quahog Seed	5,500,000
<u>Scallops</u>	<u>Seed On Burlap</u> <u>(estimated)</u>	<u>Fertilized eggs</u>
	Aquinnah	2,000,000
	Chilmark	2,000,000
	Edgartown	2,000,000
	Oak Bluffs	2,000,000
	Tisbury	2,000,000
	Wampanoag Tribe**	<u>200,000</u>
Total Scallop Seed & Eggs	10,200,000	2,600,000***
<u>Oysters (disease-resistant)</u>	<u>Eyed Setting Larvae</u> <u>(Remote Setting</u> <u>Systems)</u>	<u>Fertilized Eggs</u> <u>(Released in</u> <u>Great Ponds)</u>
	Edgartown*	2,985,000
	West Tisbury	<u>3,150,000</u>
Total Oyster Larvae & Eggs	6,135,000	18,000,000
	<u>Single Oyster Seed</u>	<u>18,000,000</u>
	Edgartown*	338,059
West Tisbury	95,854	
Total Single Oysters	433,913	

* Supplied under private grant funding

**Supplied under contract

*** Produced with Edgartown-funded personnel

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Fiscal Year 2008

Advisory Board

Alice Butler, Chairman/Oak Bluffs

John Alley, West Tisbury

Leonard Jason, Chilmark

June Manning, Aquinnah

Connie Teixeira, Tisbury

Ken Johnson, Edgartown

Marybeth Grady (Non-Voting), Disabled Commuters Representative

Greetings from the Administrator:

Fiscal Year 2008 showed increased ridership for both the in-season and off-season, allowing for the VTA to meet and exceed their one million passengers milestone. At the close of FY 2008, the VTA had logged 1,031,197 passenger boardings! The rising cost of fuel contributed to this increase.

Fiscal Year 2008 brought an overall increase of 12% in passenger boardings over FY 2007. Passenger boarding analysis shows a 22% increase in the FY08 off-season ridership from FY07.

As always, I would like to extend my gratitude to our operating company, Transit Connection, Inc., and their staff for their continued devotion as we go into our seventh year of operation together. 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 commitment to providing quality public service. Last, but not least, I must thank the community and our passengers for their continued support of the VTA.

Truly,

Angela E. Grant
Administrator

Passenger Boardings by Fiscal Year

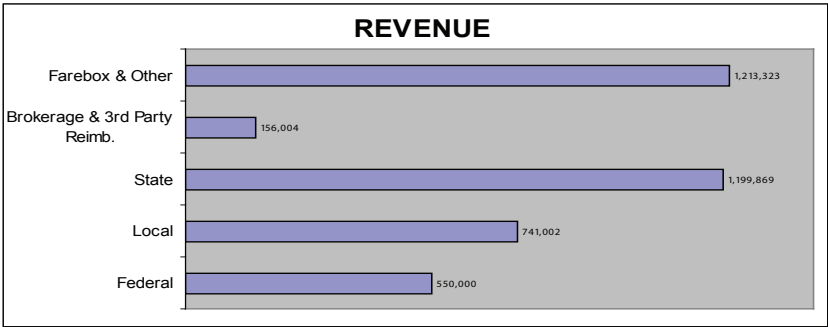
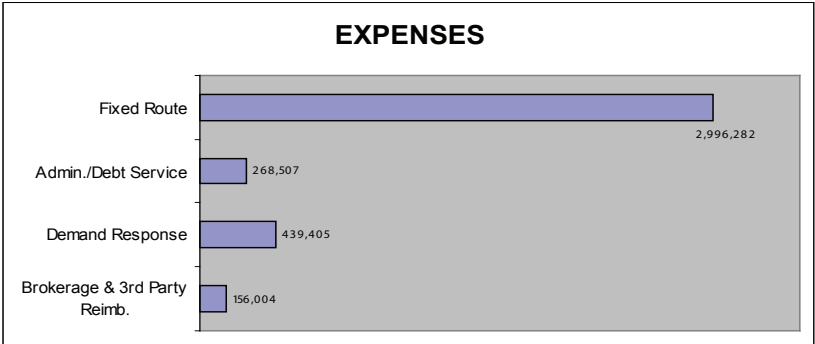
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
July	200,671	210,985	218,789	228,006
August	214,511	235,088	235,105	254,856
September	89,664	103,252	98,051	118,503
October	44,558	39,553	51,790	62,250
November	12,894	14,846	20,081	24,920
December	9,173	11,121	16,424	18,739
January	7,008	9,954	14,605	18,827
February	8,013	9,471	12,987	18,980
March	10,741	12,450	18,050	23,792
April	17,843	21,832	25,265	34,355
May	43,891	53,129	69,461	78,874
June	110,243	99,557	133,831	149,095
Total	769,210	821,238	914,439	1,031,197

“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	3,812
Nutrition	640
Social / Recreational	9,496
<u>Shopping/Other</u>	<u>1,317</u>
Total Trips	15,265

Fiscal Year 2008 Audit Report



REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dear Board of Selectmen,

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

In mid March we sponsored our seventh annual Family Skate at the ice arena. The community brought an abundance of snacks and dessert to share. Our committee provided drinks and hot chocolate. In late March we brought in performer David Coffin, of the Nantucket Coffin family. He entertained the entire school population at an assembly on a Friday afternoon. He shared the history of the whaling through the stories and sea shanties which was enjoyable for all as well as tying in nicely with the curriculum of Elaine Barnett's 1st grade. Many of her student's were excited to offer answers to Mr. Coffin's questions! The following Saturday performance was equally enjoyable but not heavily attended. The Parks and Recreation Committee continue to try offer quality family entertainment at a reasonable price.

In the spring and summer, both ball fields continue to see a lot of use from the school league, Little League, Men's and Women's softball league, MV Youth Soccer as well as many other private groups. The fields have been maintained in cooperation with MV Little League. We appreciate the support of the community and would like to remind people 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. Due to the Town Hall Renovation project the playground was dismantled in September. We will be working closely with the TH Renovation Committee in developing the new playground. There will be a public forum to get community input regarding the playground sometime after the town Meeting in April.

Our summer season was again successful. We sold our permits this year for a new multi purpose shed at the Tennis courts that was built in June by Salt Spray Sheds. The dog permit program has been working well to control the dog population at the beach in early evening when people are enjoying a picnic supper. The permits brought in \$775. We had 22 students enrolled in four levels of Red Cross certified swim instruction at Uncle Seth's pond. The parking is still a challenge, but the community has been cooperative with the limited space. There were no high bacteria

posting at Seth's this year, however the BOH did post the warnings for July and August at Lambert's Cove for the Coca Cola stream. Beach Sticker sales were \$51,000. The beach wheelchair continues to be a helpful tool to anyone needing assistance to get to the beach. The key system for tennis seems to be working comfortably. The tennis courts brought in \$2000.

The Annual Halloween Party has become sought after destination for the island community. The attendance numbers continue to grow. Children and adults enjoyed pizza, cider, games, prizes and costume ribbons. The spooky hayride is still the most popular attraction. Many West Tisbury School 8th graders brought their cultural exchange students from England to experience this island tradition. Fred Fisher brought his horses as well as a truck to pull wagons of over 100 people through the cemetery. The Committee would like to thank all those who make this a special event every year.

Our three sessions of Yoga were filled to capacity. This year's receipts were \$1200. 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. 31 students enjoyed sports and art/theater activities at the West Tisbury School. Our Chess club begins every January after the holiday break. This year 30 students enrolled in the eight week session that finished with a tournament and awards party. All participants receive trophies as well as awards for the top three finishers in each level.

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

We look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Reinharsden, Co-chair

Bruce Keep Co-Chair

Doug Bardwell

Bob Holt

Cheryl Lowe

Peggy Stone, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

In 2008 the board accepted the resignation of Nancy-Alyce Abbott after ten years of service to the town. We will miss Nancy for her insight and institutional memory of the Board's history. John Durfee also resigned this year after serving for two years. The board was sad to lose John as he brought many years of experience in human resources to the table. Thanks to you both.

Over the past year it has been difficult to find volunteers to serve on the Personnel Board. If you are looking for a way to participate in town government, please consider volunteering your time to this board.

This year did not bring any major personnel changes in town staff. Hadden Blair has moved from town hall to the police station. At the library, Paula Black was promoted to Head of Circulation and Martha Flanders and Emily Smith joined the staff as Circulation Assistants.

A review of the town's classification plan started in December of 2008 will be complete by the time the annual report comes out. This scope of this project includes a review of all town job descriptions to determine if the classification plan needs to be updated. Any recommendations that result from this study will be considered for implementation by the Board and put before the voters at the 2009 annual town meeting.

For FY 2009 the Personnel Board recommended, and the voters approved, a 3.0% 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
Ernie Mendenhall,
Employee Representative
Maeve Sheehan

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2008 was yet another busy year on many fronts for the Planning Board.

During 2008, the Board reviewed and endorsed four Form A (Approval Not Required) divisions of land. Two of the applications resulted in the creation of new buildable lots; the other two were changes to lot lines. The Board approved a Form C subdivision that had been stalled in litigation for ten years.

The Planning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority under several sections of the zoning bylaw. During 2008, the Board received five applications for multi-family affordable housing; three of the applications were approved with conditions, one was denied, and the fifth is still being reviewed. The largest of the approved projects will contain eight affordable houses clustered on an eight-acre parcel at 250 State Road. The Board also reviewed two applications for second driveways.

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 2008 we reviewed one such house (down from nine in 2007).

Other Site Plan Review duties this year included amending a decision within the Light Industrial District for the parking of refuse trucks; and the amendment of a tennis/racquetball facility within the Mixed Business District to include a yoga studio instead of second floor office space. A mixed-use building with a hardware store, plumbing business, and two apartments was approved on Indian Hill Road within the Mixed Business District.

The Board spent several months researching wind turbines and possible mechanisms for adequately reviewing them (West Tisbury is currently the only town on the Island that allows them by right, without a special permit). Following several joint meetings with the Chilmark Planning Board and two public hearings, the Board has drafted a bylaw allowing wind turbines in all zoning districts via special permit from the ZBA. We feel the language balances the need to allow alternative energy sources in Town with the need to provide neighbors the opportunity to comment on proposals.

The Board spent considerable time and energy attempting to work with a property owner within the Light Industrial District who clear cut his land and allowed the storage of heavy equipment without seeking required Town approvals. While meeting with the applicant and concerned neighbors, the scope of the proposal grew to such an extent as to require referral to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) for review as a Development of Regional Impact.

At the request of the Byways Committee, the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen began the process of designating two new Special Ways in Town, Stoney Hill Path and Checamo Path. The Boards jointly referred these paths to the MVC for that group's review. The paths' designation, as well as proposed amendments to the bylaw regulating them, will appear on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

In June, Board members accepted, with extreme regret, Mark Yale's resignation. During his six years on the Board, Mark's thoughtful, analytical approach to issues was invaluable. He is already missed. We wish him and his wife Kendra all the best as they build a new life off the Island. We were also sorry to lose Associate Member Erik Hammarlund, who resigned after a year of participation, citing too many conflicts of interest with his law practice. We are fortunate, however, to have long-time administrator and Board member Eileen Maley back as our Associate Member. We are still short one full member, and urge anyone interested in serving to contact us.

Board members continue to serve the Town in other capacities. Susan represents us on the Land Bank's Town advisory Board. 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.

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 C. JONES
LEAH J. SMITH
EILEEN MALEY, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE POETRY DEPARTMENT

For many years, of course, there was Dionis Coffin Riggs, whose vast outpouring of verse and literary gatherings at the Cleaveland House made it clear that West Tisbury not only inspires poets but is home to an extraordinary number of them. Without Dionis, would it have seemed so natural, at the annual town meeting in 2006, to create the position of Poet Laureate? I doubt it. Still, when I became the first to hold this honor, I knew I'd be shaping the role for those who followed. As I step down after the three-year maximum term, here is what insight I've gained:

The position offers absolutely no resources toward its goal of "raising the town's awareness of poetry," other than the attention-getting title of Poet Laureate itself. This title impresses some people and makes others giggle. Left to improvise, I found myself doing pretty much what would have come naturally to me had I not been appointed: I worked one-on-one as a mentor to high school kids from the charter school and the regional high school. With Dan Sharkovitz of the MVRHS I helped to organize Poetry Slams at Che's Lounge in Vineyard Haven, which drew gratifying numbers of young people. I helped Shelton Bank perpetuate his twice-yearly community poetry readings at the West Tisbury Free Public Library. (Shelton, we miss you something awful.) I gave public readings of my own, published whenever I could, and was featured on the local NPR station.

Being Poet Laureate carries only one specific duty, which is to write a yearly poem to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting and printed in the Town Report. At first it was a welcome challenge, being put in the novel position of addressing my fellow townspeople - not the audience I usually have in mind when I sit down to write a poem. In 2007 I solved the problem by speaking in the voice of the town itself. In 2008 I spoke for myself. Approaching my third and final deadline, I am plum out of ideas and growing increasingly suicidal. Future PL's may want to consider quitting while they're ahead.

From time to time there arose a special opportunity in town: the retirement of a longtime selectman, the anniversary of the founding of Alley's Store, the town holiday party. I wrote commemorative poems for

these occasions, but here again I caution up-and-coming municipal bards: Do not raise people's expectations. Otherwise, you cannot so much as attend a birthday party without some person giddily saying "Did you write a poem?" The guilt is nearly crushing.

I worked with the West Tisbury Library to nail down a workable procedure for nominating and selecting future Poets Laureate. We hope this process, which spans several months and encourages public involvement, will inspire community-wide discussion of poetry and its role in the life of a town. In addition, there is now a Poet Laureate page on the library's website, featuring poems by me and by Dionis. With luck this will become an ever-growing portrait of our town, added to by the poets chosen to speak for it, and will give the world an intimate firsthand glimpse of what it truly means to live in West Tisbury.

One final, urgent word of advice to all future Poets Laureate: For your own survival at the Annual Town Meeting, insist on presenting your poem BEFORE the Town Moderator reads the list of all the loved ones who passed away during the year. Your audience will be far easier to please.

Good luck!
Daniel Waters

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To Serve, Protect and Educate

To the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen:

As chief of police of our town what I remember most about this past year was it always felt like we were waiting for something to happen. Were the many financial issues in this county going to improve or were drastic changes in store for us? Gas prices, stock market challenges and increases in unemployment caused great hardships for residents and islanders. Our state and federal government agencies announced that we would be experiencing reductions in services and funding. We had no idea what that meant and how it would change the Town of West Tisbury's future.

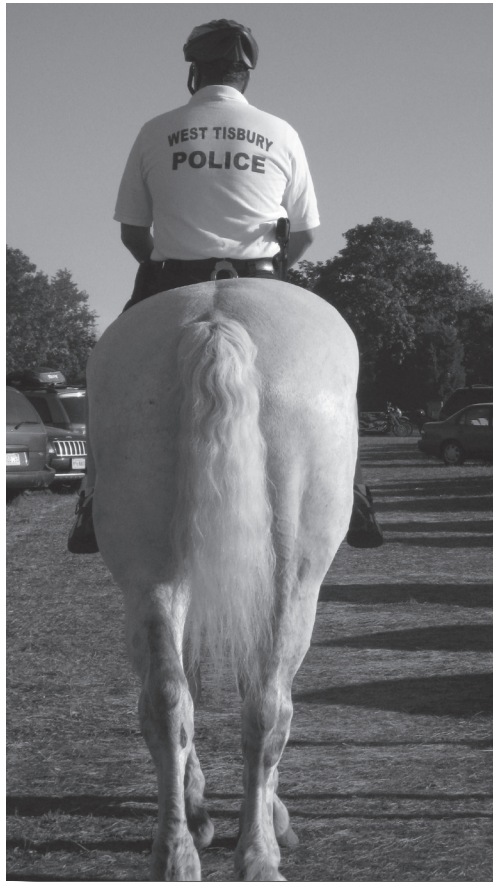
The police department has planned to move through this potential financial crisis with great care and concern for those in our midst that may struggle. We plan on continuing to practice our Community Policing philosophy of working with and educating our town residents and island friends. We feel it is vitally important to present a common sense, calm and informed approach to our town's future challenges. When ever possible please encourage residents to contact the police department with any thoughts and ideas they may have regarding how we may face these challenges together.

Departmental updates in 2008 include Hadden Blair now serves as our Administrative Assistant, Sgt. Skipper Manter continued as our Senior Citizen Liaison, Officer Garrison Vieira served as our Drug Task Force member, Det. Daniel Gouldrup managed our firearms permits and Sgt. Daniel Rossi continued as our records management, CORI and SO (sex offender) representative and as well as our lead rape investigator. Sgt. Matt Mincone supervised the night shifts, conducted summer officer training and managed the evidence room. Officer Jennifer Kelley served as a rape investigator and Officer Sean Slavin joined our island Tactical Team in 2008. Officer Leo DeOlivera worked closely with TSA at the airport and continued to assist with Portuguese speaking residents that needed assistance communicating with island police departments on criminal cases. Public Safety agencies during any type of crisis may need to relay information to our residents; I am respectfully requesting that the Board of Selectmen encourage the town's road associations and residents to sign up at the police station as members of the **Safety Net Program**.

It has truly been an honor to serve the town of West Tisbury. It does not seem possible but as of March of 2009 I will have completed my 15th year as chief of police and 26 years as an police officer. As I said in 1994 I will say again, as many of you already know my door is always open.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Toomey
Chief of Police



2008 Statistics

911 misdial	50
Accident - moped	1
aircraft	1
bicycle	3
<i>Alarm: General.</i>	230
<i>Fire</i>	53
Alarm: Total	283
Ambulance run	221
Animal complaint	54
Arrest:	
OUI	9
Other	35
Criminal summons	57
Warrant	11
Assault and battery	10
Assist the public	780
Breaking and entering /larceny	13
By-law violation: noise	24
By-law violation: non-noise	3
Child abuse and neglect	1
Death notification	2
Unattended deaths	2
Domestic disturbance	13
Domestic related activity	350
Erratic MV operator report	55
Fireworks complaint	4
Harassing phone call	14
Hit and run motor vehicle report	1
Landlord /tenant dispute	6
Larceny and larceny by check	36
Littering-dumping trash	5
Lock out (assist to motorists)	39
Malicious destruction/ vandalism	36
Medical assist (non ambulance)	15
Missing person	4
Motor vehicle –abandoned	4
Motor vehicle –accident	101
Motor vehicle –citation	251

Motor vehicle –stop (no citation issued)	668
Motor vehicle –disabled	37
Motor vehicle –recovered stolen	2
Motor vehicle –stolen	2
Motor vehicle –towed	42
Noise complaint	46
Parking violation ticket	166
Power outage	6
Property –found	68
Property –lost	88
Protective custody	5
Restraining orders served	6
School bus incident	3
Service of court documents	52
Sex crime reported	2
Shots fired	6
Smoke investigation	3
Suspicious motor vehicle	22
Suspicious person	11
Suspicious activity	15
Trespass	18
Welfare check	22
(Some estimation of calls due to change in records management software)	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Dan Cabot, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Mr. Cabot:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am very pleased to submit my fourth 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). Working in education on the Vineyard is truly a pleasure for me, and I continue to find my position as the Island's Superintendent a challenging and rewarding one.

As the year began, the All Island School Committee (AISC) set five very broad goals for me. These included continued work on our mathematics and writing initiatives, a revamping of our teacher evaluation process now called the Professional Growth System, increasing our efforts at recruiting and retaining the best teachers and other employees, and continued outreach to the broader community. A final goal focused upon the continued implementation of the Martha's Vineyard Public School's strategic plan. I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress in all of these areas.

The Superintendent's Office remains a very busy place providing general educational leadership for 2100 students as well as handling many of the financial and operational details required for running a \$40 million business with 600 employees. Just the development of the six individual budgets this year was an interesting endeavor as we tried to balance our ever-increasing educational needs with the pressure provided by the nation-wide economic downturn. Additionally, two new principals – at the High School and the Tisbury School – completed the process for the first time.

While we did not propose any new or enlarged shared services this budget cycle, our office continues to provide services in an efficient, cost-effective manner to students, age 3 to 21, with a wide range of educational challenges. Our Project Headway Pre-School was relocated from the

Edgartown School to the West Tisbury School as the year began, making room for the Bridge Program classroom at the Edgartown School. The staffs at both buildings were especially welcoming to these children and their dedicated teachers and assistants. Special thanks go to Dan Seklecki, Ann Palches, Hope MacLeod and the program staff for making this transition so successful. In addition to these and several other special education classes, we provide the services of school psychologists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physical therapists to all island public schools as well as to pre-schoolers. The shared services portion of our office also provides an island-wide elementary strings program, assists with the Grade 8 algebra program and coordinates many specialized service for the five elementary schools.

Under the direction of Lynn Ditchfield, the MVPS has reinvigorated the programs offered to adults in our community by starting Adult and Community Education of Martha's Vineyard (ACE – MV) in partnership with many other Island organizations. The program is dedicated to offering classes that bridge the generations and cultures of the Island to provide quality of life lessons for all members of the community. Thus far, it has offered dozens of classes in everything from creative writing to Wampanoag culture to cooking Indian and Thai food to learning how to edit home movies on your computer.

While our primary focus is the education of young people, this year saw significant efforts in facilities management, energy conservation and a major bus purchase. Several school buildings required renovations including boilers and burners at West Tisbury and a roofing project at Edgartown to list a few. Business Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer Amy Tierney devoted many hours to the replacement of our bus fleet with new up-to-date buses of various sizes and the procurement of three small Toyota Prius for off-island use. Additionally, we devoted countless hours to working with the members of the Up-Island Energy Committee as they sought to install a wind turbine at the West Tisbury School to drastically reduce the cost of energy at the school. We continue to work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program to install a piping system that will connect the High School to the Oak Bluffs Wastewater Treatment Plant in an effort to solve the school's wastewater issues and reduce the nitrogen that finds its way to the area ponds.

Under the direction of Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt, we continue to coordinate a curriculum that is becoming more planned, on-going and systematic and that assists our students in making sufficient progress on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing. While the Island can be pleased with student progress on these important measures of academic success, we did see some of our sub-groups at individual schools fail to make adequate yearly progress as required by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. This was the case at the Oak Bluffs School, which became a school in need of improvement in English/Language Arts (ELA). Students in some sub-groups at the Tisbury School showed weakness in both mathematics and ELA for the first time, as did students at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in ELA only. In comparison to schools from across the Commonwealth, we remain in excellent standing on these tests and have demonstrated outstanding success on other measures used locally such as the GRADE, the DIAL and the SAT's.

Before I close this report, I would like to extend my sincere best wishes to those eight members of our school community, who have already retired or will be retiring over the next few months. Two elementary teachers – Elaine Barnett from West Tisbury and Betsy Gately from Oak Bluffs – lead the way with 36 and 35 years of service respectively. Family and Consumer Science teacher Marci Nichols will complete her career at the Tisbury School in June after serving for 30 years, and Julie Hitchings from West Tisbury will have completed 28 years as she concludes the year. At the High School, Social Studies teacher John Tirrell and PAC Director James Novack both retired during the year with 11 and 10 years of service. Leonard Schoenfeld will be leaving Oak Bluffs after 13 years. And finally, Head of School Diane Gandy will retire from the Chilmark School at the end of the year. She has provided outstanding leadership for the school for five years and will be missed by the entire community.

While this year has not been without its challenges, I know I speak for every MVPS staff member when I indicate that we take great pride in working with the young people of the Vineyard and will strive to continually provide a quality education for every student. We truly understand that students will only make progress when the entire community – educators, parents, civic leaders and regular citizens – work together to teach them. Thank you for your continued support for the public schools on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,
James H. Weiss, EdD
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

Dear Dr. Weiss:

In recognition of the generous support, which we at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School receive from the towns, I would like to report on some of the great things that have occurred here at the high school over the last year. It is through the support of our community that all of these wonderful things are made possible.

MVRHS is very proud of its art department and this year 9 out of our 10 student entries received visual arts awards from the Boston Globe. The art department has also been crucial in redesigning our entryway so that what we are as a school becomes the focus as you enter our building. Our students are also working on the "Gateway to the Island" mural project set to be displayed in downtown Tisbury.

In the area of athletics, we won the Mayflower title in cross-country, both boys and girls, and in football, with the football team going on to the Superbowl. Our field hockey team also qualified for the State Tournament this year. We are also beginning the preparations to move into the Eastern Athletic Conference next year. Securing an athletic league for our young athletes has been a priority for our school for many years and that will come to fruition next fall.

The History department has transitioned their offerings into a full four-year requirement, the only other department other the English to do so. They have purchased new textbooks as they add a second year of American History for the Freshmen class. This year the science department has gone "green" with not only working with our wind turbine, but also filing a grant for renewable energy to convert a car to electricity. We will also be hosting our 10th annual Science Fair this year. In our math department the robotics

course has grown into two sections. They have also added a practical math course that enables our young people to deal with home and car loans, investing, and credit cards. Math has added a statistics AP course due to the demand of our students and has continued to score well on MCAS, SAT and AP tests. 80% of our students who took the Calculus BC AP test scored 4 or higher. 82% of our students scored Advanced or Proficient on their MCAS tests.

The English department has begun a Students to Students project that allows our students, and students elsewhere, to write books for younger children. Our high school student journalists won 10 major scholastic awards in 2008, at the annual New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) conference held at Boston University. The ten journalism awards tied a school record. The NESPA program offers awards for excellence in scholastic writing, editing, and publishing, and is open to all New England secondary schools. The students in the English department's Advanced Placement program, which allows students the opportunity to take college courses while still in high school, continue to perform exceptionally well on both the Language and Composition, and Literature and Composition exams. In 2008, 54 students combined took an AP English exam. The tests are scored on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest possible score. Nationally about 60 percent pass with a score of 3, 4, or 5. At our school, 90 percent of the students who took the exam earned those scores. Furthermore, 70 percent of our students earned a 4 or 5, an incredible accomplishment considering the fact that nationally only about 28 percent earn such high scores.

77 percent of our 2008 graduates went on to post secondary programs. Seniors were accepted to over 151 different schools and colleges throughout the nation. At this year's June 2008 MVRHS Class Night Award Ceremony, 631 scholarships valuing \$952,900 were awarded to graduating seniors and post graduates. This is a demonstration of the community's overwhelming support for our students who receive a post-secondary education. Guidance will again facilitate the 3rd annual Peer Outreach Retreat in December. 48 new students have been nominated by their peers to attend this 12-hour training to learn how to be more effective helpers to their friends. The program now has 80 students trained. In November, the MV Center for Dispute Resolution conducted a workshop for the current members of the program. Students learned about communication styles and effective

ways to mediate conflicts among their peers. The Race Culture Retreat for student leaders and teachers discussing the culture issues in the school community continues to help nurture a positive, open educational and social environment in the school.

As our school faces a time of financial difficulty, we are proud of what we have accomplished here at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. We will strive to work with the community in order to ensure that we continue to offer a diverse and comprehensive education to all of our young people.

Sincerely,

Stephen Nixon
Principal, MVRHS

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

January 29, 2009

To the Citizens of West Tisbury:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

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, 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Bus Purchase</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,365,954	\$	\$ 1,231,775	\$ 3,597,729
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
Intergovernmental	5,482,535		-	5,482,535
Due from Agency Funds	309,471		-	309,471
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,301,150		1,301,150
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,157,960</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,775</u>	<u>\$ 10,690,885</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants Payable	\$ 627,463	\$	\$ 129,501	\$ 756,964
Accrued payroll	1,042,617		81,646	1,124,263
Other liabilities	705		-	705
Abandoned property	38,349		-	38,349
Deferred revenues	5,372,817		-	5,372,817
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>7,081,951</u>		<u>211,147</u>	<u>7,293,098</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Reserved for:				
Employee benefits	3,408		-	3,408
Student Activities	-		43,273	43,273
Other specific purposes	-		104,846	104,846
Unreserved:				
Designated for subsequent years' expenditures	250,000		-	250,000
Undesignated, reported in:				
General Fund	822,601		-	822,601
Special revenue funds	-		200,210	200,210
Capital projects funds	-	1,301,150	672,299	1,973,449
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,076,009</u>	<u>1,301,150</u>	<u>1,020,628</u>	<u>3,397,787</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 8,157,960</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,775</u>	<u>\$ 10,690,885</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, 2008

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Supplemental Appropriations</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Positive/ (Negative)</u>
REVENUES					
Member town assessments	\$ 11,338,319	\$ -	\$ 11,338,319	\$ 11,338,319	\$ -
User fees	648,594		648,594	659,435	10,841
Intergovernmental:					-
State Aid-foundation	2,820,735		2,820,735	2,861,785	41,050
State Aid-transportation	196,000		196,000	210,270	14,270
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	871,201		871,201	871,201	-
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	150,914		150,914	182,301	31,387
State Aid - circuit breaker	421,040		421,040	391,853	(29,187)
Departmental Receipts	13,000		13,000	75,727	62,727
Investment income	90,000		90,000	96,553	6,553
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>16,549,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,549,803</u>	<u>16,687,444</u>	<u>137,641</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular	4,429,254	-	4,429,254	4,404,746	24,508
Special Education	1,795,161	-	1,795,161	1,921,657	(126,496)
Vocational	381,313	-	381,313	378,797	2,516
Other	142,869	-	142,869	125,439	17,430
Support Services:					
Pupil	1,409,055	1,254	1,410,309	1,398,558	11,751
Instructional	295,754	-	295,754	261,980	33,774
Administration	1,550,849	1,918	1,552,767	1,498,802	53,965
Business	86,181	-	86,181	70,751	15,430
Building and grounds	1,194,351	-	1,194,351	1,098,627	95,724
Transportation	1,160,224	-	1,160,224	937,373	222,851
Pension benefits	240,950	-	240,950	188,604	52,346
Employee benefits	1,992,664	-	1,992,664	1,909,257	83,407
Property and liability insurance	207,261	-	207,261	207,261	-
State Assessment					
Charter school	418,049	-	418,049	519,031	(100,982)
Capital Outlay	51,000	-	51,000	52,622	(1,622)
Debt service-principal	1,080,000	-	1,080,000	1,080,000	-
Debt service-interest	364,868	-	364,868	364,699	169
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>16,799,803</u>	<u>3,172</u>	<u>16,802,975</u>	<u>16,418,204</u>	<u>384,771</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(3,172)</u>	<u>(253,172)</u>	<u>269,240</u>	<u>522,412</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Premium of issuance of bonds				\$9,449	\$9,449
Transfers out	-	(247,853)	(247,853)	(247,853)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(247,853)</u>	<u>(247,853)</u>	<u>(238,404)</u>	<u>9,449</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>(251,025)</u>	<u>(501,025)</u>	<u>30,836</u>	<u>531,861</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	<u>1,041,765</u>	<u>1,041,765</u>	<u>1,041,765</u>	<u>1,041,765</u>	<u>-</u>
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of year	<u>\$ 791,765</u>	<u>\$ 790,740</u>	<u>\$ 540,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,072,601</u>	<u>\$ 531,861</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Primary Government
	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,597,729
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,301,150
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	772,912
Due from Agency Funds	309,471
Total Current Assets	<u>5,981,262</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts:	
Intergovernmental	4,709,623
Capital assets not being depreciated	179,744
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	16,004,279
Total noncurrent assets	<u>20,893,646</u>
Total assets	<u>26,874,908</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	756,964
Accrued payroll	1,124,263
Other liabilities	705
Abandoned property	38,349
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,325,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,245,281</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Long-term bonds and notes payable	6,430,000
Total Liabilities	<u>9,675,281</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	15,102,990
Restricted for:	
Student Activities	43,273
Other specific purposes	104,846
Unrestricted	1,948,518
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 17,199,627</u>

REPORT OF THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fellow Up-Island Citizens,

Laboring under the watchful eyes of the up-island town's finance committees, boards of selectmen, and, ultimately, individual voters participating in the annual town meetings, the UIRSC, during the calendar year 2008, provided the financial support and the programmatic oversight required to maintain the excellent academic programs in the two elementary schools which serve the three towns that constitute our school district.

That our district comprises three more-or-less distinct towns, each with its unique concerns (some would say unique *cultures*) sometimes generates tensions between regional and parochial thinking. Yet, throughout the year, the UIRSC deliberations consistently resulted in majority support for regional solutions, even when one, or another, committee member, felt compelled to reiterate vociferous support for a particular town's interests, embedded in the rhetoric of fiscal fairness to that particular town's taxpayers. Patient, collegial airing of such views characterized our frequent meetings, particularly those during the budget-building-and-paring season, and, in the end, there emerged a 2009 budget (consistent with the values of our regional agreement) which the UIRSC certified and which the three towns overwhelmingly supported.

That budget ensured a continuation of virtually all the programs and services provided by the faculty and staffs of our two schools, as advocated by West Tisbury School principal Michael Halt and Chilmark School head-of-school Diane Gandy. Both provided noteworthy leadership and management in their respective buildings, aided by Assistant Principal Bob Lane in West Tisbury, and an able staff of custodial, clerical and information-technology personnel, some of whom served both buildings. In addition, in both schools, active participation by faculty, parents, and other interested citizens in the West Tisbury and Chilmark SACs led to input that was influential in the deliberations of the UIRSC.

School leadership during 2008 merits special attention. At West Tisbury, Michael Halt was, to the delight of students and faculty, back from Iraq, where he served with distinction, and able again to play a fully active role in managing, guiding, and inspiring the West Tisbury school community.

At Chilmark, where Diane Gandy's multi-faceted role, which includes even more than one might imagine is required of a leader of a small school housed in a building, the plumbing and heating systems of which are seemingly veiled in intrigue and mystery, announced her reluctant decision to see it through for only one more academic year.

A consequence of Ms. Gandy's unwelcome decision was the need to organize a search for a new head of school. Late in 2008, an open meeting was held in Chilmark, and a plan was generated to establish a search committee, and an advertising, interviewing, and selection program, all designed to put in place a new head-of-school in a timely fashion. That person will also assume responsibilities for reading instruction, an aspect of the leadership role that incidentally but not insignificantly has a positive impact on the budget.

Our 2009 budget, approved in 2008 as noted above, benefited mightily from suggestions, complaints, and pleadings from various town officials, as well as concerned taxpayers, to make the budget more transparent than it historically has been. In its fulsome version, numbering hundreds of line items, and existing in several successive iterations as the UIRSC deliberated it over a period of months, all the details are painstakingly revealed. While the devil may be in those details, they constitute more than most would wish to have presented at an annual town meeting. In contrast, a summarized version, designed to attract real scrutiny by the public, might well leave out details that some would wish to examine for themselves. Most tellingly, the format of a summary budget just might not make sense to all readers. So, at several meetings, the UIRSC struggled to come up with a budget format that is, to put it simply, both comprehensive and readable. Thanks to Fin Com input, most notably from Al DeVito, we may have gotten closer to that desirable state of affairs.

New buses came on line, new ways to supplement school activities budgets (e.g. hosting the erstwhile Chilmark flea market on the West Tisbury school grounds) were experimented with, and new initiatives were hatched at the two schools (as recounted elsewhere in the school reports).

Bad things happened in 2008, too. Allegations of improper conduct within the faculty emerged that required forceful but judicious handling by school administrators and the Superintendent. Maintenance and repair needs in the two buildings (e.g., leaking roofs, malfunctioning boilers in West Tisbury and numerous building repairs in Chilmark) required considerable

attention from the UIRSC and resulted in unanticipated expenditures that placed strains on the budget. While some significant energy savings in our schools occurred in 2008, some of our earlier plans to increase their energy efficiency were stalled as a potential donor disappeared and the proposal for support of a feasibility project for an energy turbine on the West Tisbury school site did not succeed. And, we had to absorb the sad news of the untimely death of Shelton Bank, who had over many years provided leadership to the energy-saving efforts of our schools and communities and who had long been a contributor to our energy related deliberations.

Yet, we continued, in ongoing deliberations with our able Superintendent Jim Weiss, and his competent staff, including Laurie Halt, Amy Tierney and others, to support a school district that provides education to our children in which we can all take pride. By most measures, our children are provided an excellent education in an environment in which they are all treated as unique and deserving, and we support that excellence with the recognition that there is no better, no more important, investment. In that spirit, the members of the UIRSC thank the communities we serve for their continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Ackerman
Dan Cabot
Jeffrey “Skipper” Manter
Susan Parker
Marshall Segall, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear Dr. Weiss:

The 2007-2008 academic year at the Chilmark School covered quite a bit of ground, right from opening day, to the last bell, signaling the close of school for the summer. The wide-eyed wonder of children entering a new grade, with new classmates to meet, and the rekindling of old friendships certainly sets a positive tone. Adding a solid curriculum to the mix is a great indicator that it will be an outstanding year. The enthusiasm and positive energy that students and teachers alike bring to the multi-age classroom is certainly evidence of this.

A plentiful supply of creatively designed lessons is also detected in each learning experience. With project-based learning as the driving force of our academic program, our young scholars settle in immediately and become seriously engaged in their learning. Chilmark students know the importance, as well as the rewards, of being the best that they can be. While the Chilmark School offers a curriculum that is academically and artistically challenging, at the same time, we encourage and support students in the development of 21st Century Skills. Our goals for well-rounded students remains to be a focal point; Ensure children will love to learn, and in the process, help them attain a strong sense of self-esteem, while providing them with life-long skills that will enable them to live responsibly in an ever changing world.

Professional Development:

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

Specifically, staff became more knowledgeable about:

- * Using formal and informal assessment to better inform their instruction in reading, math and Special Education

* Math, as it pertains to the Chilmark School, by participating in a Mathematics Self Study, examining curriculum, the scope and sequence, as well as our assessment practices and the materials and supplements we use.

* The key elements of being an involved and collaborative member of our school community

* The Responsive Classroom curriculum as it applies to student academic success

* Analyzing MCAS test results in Math and Language Arts and using that data to inform instruction, as it applies to the tenets of differentiated instruction

* Using technology in the classroom as a tool for enhancing instruction and reinforcing learning, using high interest software to motivate students.

* “Taking a Closer Look”. Teachers had the opportunity to attend a workshop at The New England Aquarium. We explored the sea and the creatures of the sea through close observation. The workshop taught the staff how to apply the strategies of close observation, in order to help students become more observant of the things around them in everyday life. The staff then created a lesson plan that was implemented as a year end activity with all K-5 students.

Curriculum/ Instruction/ Assessment:

Our K/1 class started the year off learning how to be a good friend and learning how to live by the “Golden Rule”, while living and working in a learning environment. K/1 students broadened their science studies learning about seeds and how these seeds grow into plants that we use in our everyday lives. Further exploration of this study brought about a visit to the Polly Hill Arboretum for additional hands on opportunities. While observing the outer and inner coverings of seeds, students recorded their observations by drawing field pictures of their findings. K/1 Science classes also included the study of stars and water. And while studying about animals and their different habitats, their learning carried over into social studies discussions that paralleled the theme of habitats, while engaging in conversations using comparisons and contrasts, when talking about their own homes and what they look like. Math classes had students thinking about how numbers are used, and successfully applied themselves while they learned number formations, matching sets and applications of addition and subtraction. Students further perfected their math skills learning how to properly use place value, in addition to understanding how to solve challenging word problems.

The 2/3 class has had a very successful relationship with Windemere and its residents over the past few years. As a result of this intergenerational project, students have become more aware of the importance of building

relationships outside of their own peer groups. Practicing patience, and learning how to become better listeners has taught students the value of being a good friend. Their photographs, taken of familiar places on the island, which perhaps have not otherwise been seen in years, has been a useful and worthwhile tool to help initiate conversations with seniors as they recall fond memories of times past. This experience will leave a lasting impression on these children and their special “Windemere Buddies”.

* The use of technology in language arts classes allowed students to become seriously engaged in their research projects, as they transformed themselves into various celestial bodies, for a one of a kind project on planets. Students reported news anchor style, as their individual presentations were being recorded on to DVD’s for their parents. The DVD’s have been saved for future prosperity, along with the students’ weekly journals of observations, thoughts and questions they compiled during their research.

* As part of their ongoing science and math lessons, students collaborated with Trustees of Reservations on a Weather Station project, learning about the water cycle. The children collected and measured rainfall over a period of time and tested for acidity in the water. They determined that our rain water tends to have a bit of acidity in it, which needs to be neutralized.

The fourth and fifth graders started the year off with the annual Shenandoah Outing Program week-long excursion. Students in both grades, along with parent chaperones were taught how to swab the deck, jump off the rails and tie sailor’s knots. The students also learned the names of each part of the schooner. In addition, everyone enjoyed fishing, good food, and a surprise sail on the Alabama. All of this was accomplished in addition to daily study time set aside for reading, math lessons and reflective journal writing.

* Social studies classes engaged students in the exploration of Vikings. They practiced using persuasive writing styles for a project called “Viking Want Ads”. Using what they learned about Vikings and exploration helped guide them in writing letters to Leif Ericsson, convincingly persuading him to take them on his last voyage. Students then made colorful shields to take to their interviews with Leif Ericson to hopefully seal the deal.

* **Math** was a major focal point this year for all staff and students to reflect on. During the school year, K-5 children presented a challenging student directed Math Madness evening for their parents. This helped parents with taking an in depth look at the Everyday Math program, which provided them with an opportunity to learn more about the math concepts and processes children learn in each grade level. Students created word problems, materials and games for parents to try their hand

at, which provided them with a greater understanding of this program.

MCAS:

Student Performance - MCAS 2008 - Results:

Student performance on the 2008 MCAS test showed the following:

- Results of the 2008 MCAS Reading/LA scores for **Gr. 3** showed an overall scaled score of proficient.
- Results for the 2008 MCAS Math scores for **Gr. 3** showed an overall scaled score of proficient.
- Results of the 2008 **Gr. 4** MCAS Reading /LA test showed an overall scaled score of advanced.
- Results of the 2008 **Gr. 4** MCAS Math test showed an overall scaled score of proficient.
- Results of the 2008 **Gr. 5** MCAS Reading/LA test showed an overall scaled score of proficient.
- Results of the 2008 **Gr. 5** MCAS Math test showed an overall scaled score of proficient.
- Results of the 2008 Gr. 5 MCAS Science/technology test showed an overall scaled score of proficient.

* The Chilmark School met Adequate Yearly Progress for 2008.

Performance rating for ELA = High (Slight decline from our own improvement rating of Very High in 2007).

* Performance rating for Math = High (No change from 2007).

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 may 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 Liz Bradley, Music and ELL Teacher, and Bud Perkins, Reading Teacher, we also welcome the following new staff members to our school community: Carol Baldwin, K/1- 1:1 Special Education Teacher, Channon Capra, Physical Education Teacher, and Spanish Teacher, Elizabeth Straton. It is a pleasure working with these committed and talented individuals that have joined our Chilmark School family.

I thank our school community, the UIRSD School Committee and our local businesses. Your continuous support for our school and our students is truly appreciated. Whether it is in the form of volunteering your time working 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 their future.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Gandy
Principal

**Chilmark School Students
2007- 2008**

Kindergarten

Madia Bellebuono	Dashiell Christy	Kieran Karabees
Thea Keene	Adam Knight	Cameron Soulagnet

First Grade

Jacob Bazzay	Henry Driesen	Quinn Keefe
Kelly Klaren	Liam McCarthy	Levi Mories
Cabot Thurber		

Second Grade

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

Third Grade

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

Fourth Grade

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

Fifth Grade

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

**Chilmark School Staff
2007-2008**

Full Time Staff:

Principal Diane H. Gandy

Teachers:

K/1	Robin Smith
K/1 (1:1) SpEd	Carol Baldwin
K/1 (1:1) SpEd TA	Channon Capra
2-3	Jack Regan
4-5	Jackie Guzalak

Assistants:

K-1	Eleanor Neubert
2-3	Celeste Drouin
4-5	Holly Bellebuono

Head Custodian: Lisa Nichols

Part Time Staff:

School Secretary (85%) Orlaith McCarthy-Estes

Specialists:

Special Education (80%)	Jill Rosenkranz
Long Term Reading Sub (40%)	Bud Perkins
General Music (20%)	Liz Bradley
Instrumental Music (10%)	Ruth Scudere-Chapman
Physical Education (20%)	Channon Capra
SpEd 1:1 Teacher's Assistant (50%)	Channon Capra
Art (20%)	Kathleen Cameron
Spanish (30%)	Elizabeth Straton
ELL (50%)	Liz Bradley
School Nurse (20%)	Janice Brown
Guidance Counselor (20%)	Barbara Bernstein

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL

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

Dear Dr. Weiss:

I am honored to be able to continue to serve our students and community as the Principal of the West Tisbury School. It is truly a privilege to be able to work each day with such an experienced and dedicated faculty and staff. This year we are very fortunate to have Kate McCormick join our teaching staff. Kate was hired this summer to teach 3rd Grade. In just a short time period she has established herself as a passionate and energetic educator who is deeply committed to our students and our school. Sadly, this will be the last school year for Elaine Barnett and Julie Hitchings who will both be retiring at the end of this school year. During their tenure at the West Tisbury School, they have helped shape the lives of hundreds of students who were fortunate enough to have had them as their teacher. I hope you will join me in celebrating their incredible accomplishments all year long.

The Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation requires schools to test and track student performance with great specificity. We are proud that our students continue to perform well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. Of special note has been the performance of our middle school students. Our students continue to greatly exceed the state average for their performance in English Language Arts, Math, and Science in grades 5th through 8th. In 2008 our 8th grade class ranked in the top 20 of the state for the sixth 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 has once again earned performance levels of Very High in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

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

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

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

The School Advisory Council (SAC): The Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 called for the formation of a School Council for each school in an effort to give parents, teachers and community members a forum for sharing ideas and decision making in order to improve the schools and strengthen their support. The West Tisbury School Council consists of the principal, two staff members, two parents of children attending the school, chosen by election; and a community members who reside in the town, but does not have children attending the school.

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

The School Improvement Plan is designed to provide information about our school's 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.

2008 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, 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
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Marylee Schroeder

Treasurer

February 2, 2009

To the Citizens of West Tisbury:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Up-Island Regional School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

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

Marylee Schroeder

UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Total Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Budget</u>			<u>and</u>	<u>Positive/</u>
			<u>and Transfers</u>				<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUES								
Member town assessments	\$	\$ 7,547,953	\$ (12,743)	\$ 7,535,210	\$ 7,535,210	\$	\$ 7,535,210	\$ -
Intergovernmental								
State aid-foundation		787,574		787,574	824,474		824,474	36,900
State aid-transportation		250,000		250,000	307,534		307,534	57,534
State aid-school choice tuition		155,000		155,000	196,210		196,210	41,210
State aid - charter school assessment reimbursement		54,245		54,245	88,329		88,329	34,084
Federal aid - impact aid		-	12,743	12,743	12,743		12,743	-
Investment Income		45,000		45,000	66,884		66,884	21,884
Other		3,500		3,500	1,768		1,768	(1,732)
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>8,843,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,843,272</u>	<u>9,033,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,033,152</u>	<u>189,880</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	310	2,366,650		2,366,960	2,343,295	1,213	2,344,508	22,452
Special Education		882,585		882,585	863,639		863,639	18,946
Other		40,913		40,913	34,832	716	35,548	5,365
Support Services:								
Pupil		613,211		613,211	603,431	8	603,439	9,772
Instructional		150,177		150,177	148,028	5,633	153,661	(3,484)
Administrative		998,385		998,385	949,266		949,266	49,119
Business		44,535		44,535	38,435		38,435	6,100
Building and grounds		713,859		713,859	686,403		686,403	27,456
Transportation		385,209		385,209	385,261		385,261	(52)

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Primary Government
	Government Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,782,986
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	64,633
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Total current assets	1,847,619
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Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	500,754
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Total Assets	2,348,373
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LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Warrants Payable	399,456
Accrued payroll	493,690
Abandoned property	17,527
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Total current liabilities	910,673
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NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	500,754
Restricted for:	
Student Activities	64,181
Other specific purposes	28,769
Unrestricted	843,996
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Total net assets	1,437,700
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UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

ASSETS	General	Bus Purchases	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,265,993	\$ 250,000	\$ 266,993	\$ 1,782,986
Restricted assets:				
cash and cash equivalents	-		64,633	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,265,993	\$ 250,000	\$ 331,626	\$ 1,847,619
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants Payable	\$ 264,524	\$ -	\$ 134,932	\$ 399,456
Accrued payroll	493,690	-	-	493,690
Abandoned property	17,527	-	-	17,527
TOTAL LIABILITIES	775,741	-	134,932	910,673
FUND BALANCES:				
Reserved for:				
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	7,570		-	7,570
Student Activities	-		64,181	64,181
Other specific purposed	-		28,769	28,769

Unreserved:					
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	158,000				-
Undesignated, reported in:					158,000
General fund	324,682			-	-
Special Revenue funds				6,245	324,682
Capital project funds	-			97,499	6,245
			250,000		347,499
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	490,252		250,000	196,694	936,946
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,265,993	\$	250,000	\$ 331,626	\$ 1,847,619

REPORT OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL

The Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School is pleased with the two-year Site Visit Report it received this spring. The visit and report helped the school community identify and discuss the school's strengths and accomplishments, and the areas that warrant attention. The school acknowledges the wonderful community of parents, students and teachers that have supported the school's mission during its first twelve years, and looks forward to continuing to move forward in its mission to serve the students and parents to the best of our abilities.

The MVPCS graduated its fortieth student from our High School on June 7, 2008. The graduates' college placements include Centenary College, Rice University and Sarah Lawrence College. The MVPCS 8th graduating class was a part of the largest high school enrollment in the school's history and we anticipate continued growth for the 2008-2009 school year.

Accomplishments this year included Katrina assistance in Mississippi by our high school students, the 8th grade trip to Italy, revisions to the graduation requirements, the Response to Intervention (RTI) process adopted by our Grades K-4 faculty, social skills development in our middle school, the new and expanded school website that includes class assignments and school to home communications, and the teachers' work on centralizing the curriculum using the Understanding By Design template.

The progress the school has seen in the school wide student exhibitions throughout the year reflects the high level of pride the students have in their work, and their willingness to show and discuss their work publicly. The exhibitions are special moments during the school year when parents, students and faculty can visit and discuss the students' work.

The school community is blessed with a caring and supportive parent body. Their contributions and assistance are many and varied, and include fundraising through our International Dinners and Rock Auction, helping with book fairs, theater productions, hiring committees, field trips, and support in the classrooms.

The school continues to be a good match for the Island of Martha's Vineyard as indicated by continued interest in the school and a significant increase of students on the waiting list. The MVPCS commits to a caring, supportive and flexible environment in order to serve the needs of all the students and families of our school community.

Robert M. Moore, Director

REPORT OF THE TOWN SHELLFISH WARDEN

The Shellfish Department remains committed to recovery and restoration of oyster populations throughout their former range within the Great Pond. This effort depends on the release of the larger, over-four inch brood-stock oysters by both commercial and family harvesters. Addition of shell for oyster setting culch and bed foundation continues and is expected to expand in partnership with Chilmark under the guidance of Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group biologist Rick Karney.

The Town has received a great benefit in the form of an oyster research project conducted by a very promising shellfish biologist named Emma Green-Beach, a master's candidate at Rutgers. It was a privilege to accompany her on the six month sampling and meet her professor, Dr. Dave Bushek. Resistance to the protozoan parasite *pekrinsus marinus* can be evidenced, and declining rates of mortality in the standing stock are indicative of that level of developing resistance. The presence and strength of infestation rates were lower this year, and at peak season (Sept.-Oct.) for the disease, showed a less than 5% continuous mortality compared to rates of 40-50% five years ago.

Under the supervision of Amandine Surier, the shellfish group did the remote set of millions of baby oysters that were then grown and released at former oyster areas, some in Deep Bottom, some in front of the cove. The openings to the ocean were longer lived this year, one from late February lasted 'til April 20. There were scant few herring seen or reported, either flipping in a fin or flying thru the sky in the osprey's claw. The State moratorium has been re- extended for 3 years on both river herrings - alewife and blue-back. The silversides seemed to have had a strong year for spawning in the pond, though they were well harried by snapper blues and birds until the cut was opened in the fall. Adult menhaden were reported and observed. Clams were a disappointment, but the blue-claw crabs provided excitement through late summer and fall.

In the big picture, including the government, and the directives that will be prompted by the results of the Mass. Estuaries Project, we have arrived at such a time regarding water quality issues that our very own state senator has spoken the truth so oft-denied, though well suspected by the fishermen for many years. In our sandy soils, the

impacts of our water use in conjunction with the Title 5 state regulations may put some watershed communities in violation of federal clean water act standards. The fix is not promised to be either simple or inexpensive. It will neither overthrow the (porcelain) throne or likely allow an outhouse revival in West Tisbury. A special hundred million dollar bond bill has been designed to help affected communities.

Thank you all very much for both the trust and the doubt, and the great honor of being part of the continuing effort. And thanks to the many volunteers including Indaia Whitcomb, Steve Costa, Laura Kelty, Michelle and Marcianna Jones, Arno Ewing, Jeffrey Lynch of Chilmark, and Nicole Asselin of Minnesota (a migratory farm worker), who all helped.

Tom Osmers
Shellfish Warden

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

Collected 2008

Fiscal 2009 Real Estate	5,244,049.99
Fiscal 2008 Real Estate	5,714,131.97
Fiscal 2008 Personal Property	108,234.95
Other Years Real Estate & Personal Property	148,310.35
2008 Motor Vehicle Excise	420,547.61
2007 Motor Vehicle Excise	72,135.20
Other Years Motor Vehicle Excise	65,707.68
 TOTAL	 \$11,773,117.75

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

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, 2008
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2008
- 3) Payments to Vendors and Employees in excess of \$3,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008
- 4) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2008
- 5) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2008
- 6) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2008
- 7) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2008
- 8) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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, 2007 - June 30, 2008

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
REVENUE			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	10,785,016.71	10,833,214.09	48,197.38
Personal Property Tax	107,213.44	111,175.62	3,962.18
Tax Liens Redeemed	31,111.72	0.00	(31,111.72)
Vessel Excise	1,692.01	1,000.00	(692.01)
Penalties & Interest	124,556.93	70,000.00	(54,556.93)
Motor Vehicle Excise	375,367.82	435,000.00	59,632.18
In Lieu of Taxes	1,020.50	1,000.00	(20.50)
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	11,425,979.13	11,451,389.71	25,410.58
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	5,825.36	6,000.00	174.64
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	5,825.36	6,000.00	174.64
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	193,605.04	190,000.00	(3,605.04)
Park & Recreation	54,910.00	55,000.00	90.00
Inspections	47,644.00	50,000.00	2,356.00
Rentals	5,164.05	4,200.00	(964.05)
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	301,323.09	299,200.00	(2,123.09)
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	6,237.50	7,000.00	762.50
Permits	69,391.25	55,000.00	(14,391.25)
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	75,628.75	62,000.00	(13,628.75)
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	769,210.00	767,460.00	(1,750.00)
School Construction	236,921.00	236,921.00	0.00
CMVI	2,902.50	0.00	(2,902.50)
Miscellaneous	58,174.00	58,000.00	(174.00)
Veterans Benefits	6,224.00	4,815.00	(1,409.00)
Sub-total : State Revenue	1,073,431.50	1,067,196.00	(6,235.50)
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	109,382.06	108,160.00	(1,222.06)
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	109,382.06	108,160.00	(1,222.06)
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	4,384.17	0.00	(4,384.17)
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	4,384.17	0.00	(4,384.17)
Investment			
Investment	85,652.67	90,000.00	4,347.33
Sub-total : Investment	85,652.67	90,000.00	4,347.33
Transfers In			
From Special Revenues (+)	2,624.46	0.00	(2,624.46)
From Trust Funds	51,676.23	0.00	(51,676.23)
Sub-total : Transfers In	54,300.69	0.00	(54,300.69)
Total : REVENUE	13,135,907.42	13,083,945.71	(51,961.71)
EXPENDITURES			
FY 2007			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	370.00	0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	0.00	120.00	120.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	8,629.16	10,000.00	1,370.84
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	1,031.00	2,200.00	1,169.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	75,044.96	75,059.04	14.08
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	717.23	2,141.52	1,424.29
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,270.90	1,590.00	319.10
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	17,012.90	17,012.90
133-5300 Annual Audit	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	60,096.96	60,096.96	0.00
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,476.68	1,845.00	368.32
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	2,916.67	3,000.00	83.33
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	120,905.75	136,380.37	15,474.62
141-5305 Assessors Legal	31,316.47	31,316.47	0.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	14,814.86	20,250.00	5,435.14
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	59,121.72	59,121.72	0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,089.99	3,090.00	0.01
146-5110 Collector Salaries	58,108.25	58,108.25	0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	13,051.83	16,385.00	3,333.17
151-5300 Legal	43,082.50	45,000.00	1,917.50
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	2,032.12	6,016.67	3,984.55
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	641.15	1,325.00	683.85
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	46,219.18	46,340.00	120.82
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	12,950.00	12,950.00	0.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	149.95	150.00	0.05
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	44,787.34	44,787.34	0.00
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	1,731.52	2,500.00	768.48
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	512.37	1,025.00	512.63
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	915.50	2,300.00	1,384.50
162-5700 Elections Expenses	2,265.95	4,550.00	2,284.05
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	250.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	495.00	600.00	105.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	31,379.73	31,988.13	608.40
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	2,853.32	3,400.00	546.68
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	43,031.96	44,586.90	1,554.94
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	2,535.83	4,830.00	2,294.17
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	48,726.45	48,796.56	70.11
176-5305 ZBA Legal	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	1,862.14	3,915.00	2,052.86
177-5600 MV Commission	108,389.00	108,389.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	2,832.08	3,500.00	667.92
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	200.00	200.00	0.00
179-5305 AH Com Legal	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,412.96	1,600.00	187.04
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	62,222.92	117,600.00	55,377.08
193-5700 Property Insurance	50,117.86	52,000.00	1,882.14
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	3,475.50	4,500.00	1,024.50
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
Sub-total : General Government	973,034.76	1,112,436.83	139,402.07
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	716,913.97	743,455.07	26,541.10
210-5700 Police Expenses	105,105.40	105,500.00	394.60
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	68,000.00	80,200.00	12,200.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	126,113.04	146,500.00	20,386.96
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	124,861.99	124,861.99	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	84,466.38	90,866.24	6,399.86
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	3,242.58	3,950.00	707.42
291-5120 Emer Mgmnt Pers Serv	2,453.35	6,000.00	3,546.65
291-5700 Emergency Management	619.50	915.00	295.50

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	45,137.16	47,411.59	2,274.43
292-5700 ACO Expenses	4,773.01	7,200.00	2,426.99
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	0.00	640.00	640.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	4,800.00	5,000.00	200.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,295.00	1,750.00	455.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	4,800.00	6,500.00	1,700.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	528.23	925.00	396.77
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,328,209.61	1,406,774.89	78,565.28
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	5,513,822.68	5,513,822.68	0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,321,919.00	2,321,919.00	0.00
Sub-total : Education	7,835,741.68	7,835,741.68	0.00
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	5,125.00	5,125.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	45,425.77	48,470.58	3,044.81
422-5700 Highway Expenses	56,220.01	56,400.00	179.99
423-5700 Snow & Ice	34,738.22	34,738.22	0.00
424-5700 Street Lights	6,371.70	7,000.00	628.30
Sub-total : Public Works	147,880.70	151,733.80	3,853.10
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	44,566.47	45,000.00	433.53
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	113,947.25	113,947.25	0.00
Sub-total : Sanitation	161,713.72	162,197.25	483.53
Health & Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	1,998.10	2,000.00	1.90
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	6,615.93	9,600.00	2,984.07
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	78,223.43	81,272.46	3,049.03
510-5700 BOH Expenses	6,323.07	8,690.00	2,366.93
522-5700 Health Services	14,291.50	20,780.00	6,488.50
540-5700 Island COA	21,824.94	21,824.94	0.00
541-5120 Upland COA Per Serv	164,146.98	164,628.13	481.15
541-5700 Upland COA Expense	7,490.68	11,715.00	4,224.32
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	303,914.63	334,510.53	30,595.90
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	200,531.57	200,534.81	3.24
610-5700 Library Expenses	125,369.85	125,375.84	5.99
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	830.00	0.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	11,205.81	11,338.99	133.18
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,195.57	1,250.00	54.43
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	3,730.30	4,199.04	468.74
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	158.18	200.00	41.82
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	52,766.24	57,982.45	5,216.21
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	7,983.84	8,000.00	16.16
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	1,661.92	2,910.33	1,248.41
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	51.48	150.00	98.52
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	1,307.36	3,355.30	2,047.94
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	5,332.93	7,000.00	1,667.07
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,659.70	5,700.00	40.30
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	50.00	50.00

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
690-5700 Historic District	302.00	500.00	198.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	418,086.75	429,376.76	11,290.01
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	575,658.50	620,286.50	44,628.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	199,407.63	199,407.63	0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	775,066.13	824,694.13	49,628.00
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	219,370.00	219,370.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	7,417.05	7,500.00	82.95
913-5170 Unemployment	1,721.62	5,500.00	3,778.38
914-5170 Health Insurance	339,338.88	371,000.00	31,661.12
915-5170 Life Insurance	1,834.05	2,350.00	515.95
916-5170 Employers Medicare	25,331.15	25,331.15	0.00
945-5740 Public Official Liability	6,050.00	6,050.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	601,062.75	637,101.15	36,038.40
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	2,687.00	2,687.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	100,371.00	102,880.00	2,509.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	1,060.00	300.00	(760.00)
830-5600 County Assessment	111,999.00	111,999.00	0.00
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	216,117.00	217,866.00	1,749.00
FY2008 Warrant Articles			
ATM 4-10-07 Ambulance Stab Fund	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
ATM 4-10-07 SCBA Stab Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-10-07 Assessors 2011 Cert	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM 4-10-07 Estuary Study Yr 3	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
ATM 4-10-07 TH Renovation Design	140,551.00	150,000.00	9,449.00
ATM 4-10-07 DCRHA	31,346.00	31,346.00	0.00
ATM 4-10-07 FY2008 MVDTF Match	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
ATM 4-10-07 Tri-Town Copier	0.00	1,626.67	1,626.67
ATM 4-8-08 Brush Chipper	12,000.00	12,485.00	485.00
ATM 4-8-08 North Road	0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
ATM 4-8-08 Edg Rd Path	1,168.88	5,000.00	3,831.12
ATM 4-8-08 Library (Dog Funds)	0.00	2,624.46	2,624.46
ATM 4-8-08 P & R Building	1,841.00	15,000.00	13,159.00
ATM 4-8-08 Police Sedan	23,414.00	29,000.00	5,586.00
ATM 4-8-08 OPEB Stab Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
ATN 4-8-08 Police PY Bill	1,624.53	1,624.53	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 TH Project Transfer	32,766.76	32,766.76	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 SCBA Equip	50,090.00	51,598.25	1,508.25
ATM 4-8-08 TH Capital Project	117,233.24	0.00	(117,233.24)
Sub-total : FY2007 Warrant Articles	628,535.41	788,071.67	159,536.26
Total : FY 2008	13,389,363.14	13,900,504.69	511,141.55
PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD			
FY2007 Warrant Articles			
ATM 2006/STM 11-06 Paths by the Road	193,848.83	193,848.83	0.00
STM 11-06 Set-back Thermostats	0.00	500.00	500.00
STM 11-06 Cemetery Maintenance	1,205.59	8,582.61	7,377.02
STM 11-06 TH Professional Development	0.00	381.21	381.21
STM 11-06 Library/HH Lot	1,155.85	4,156.03	3,000.18
ATM 2007 Business Property Revaluation	2,400.00	7,440.00	5,040.00
ATM 2007 Insect Control	0.00	1,340.00	1,340.00
ATM 2007 Library (Dog Funds)	8,798.44	16,237.20	7,438.76
ATM 2007 MS Office Updgrade	5,125.52	5,125.52	0.00
ATM 2007 Police 4WD Vehicle	1,282.00	2,059.01	777.01

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
ATM 2007 Police Emerg Trg	1,805.68	3,500.00	1,694.32
ATM 2007 Police Server	2,631.24	3,200.00	568.76
STM 6-07 Town Hall Renovation	4,415.93	4,516.37	100.44
STM 6-07 DAS RFP Development	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Sub-total : FY2007 Warrant Articles	222,669.08	253,386.78	30,717.70
FY2007 Encumbrances			
Fire Station Painting (-)	17,940.00	17,940.00	0.00
Data Processing Order (-)	2,716.00	2,716.00	0.00
Compensation Study (-)	4,750.00	4,750.00	0.00
Assessors Legal (Appraisal) (-)	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 : FY2007 Encumbrances/Reserved	38,484.84	38,484.84	0.00
FY2007 Warrant Articles			
ATM 2006/STM 11-06 Paths by the Road	193,848.83	193,848.83	0.00
STM 11-06 Set-back Thermostats	0.00	500.00	500.00
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FY2006 Warrant Articles			
ATM 2006 Recertification FY2008	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM 2006 Estuary Study 2	0.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
ATM 2006 Howes House Trim	0.00	8,518.00	8,518.00
ATM 2006 Police Station Repair	8,936.86	8,936.86	0.00
ATM 2006 Police AWD Vehicle	0.00	461.29	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	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
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 P&R Bldg Repair	0.00	944.10	944.10
FY2005 Estuary Project	0.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
FY2005 School District Consultant	0.00	500.00	500.00
FY2005 Recertification-FY2008	15,938.00	15,938.00	0.00
FY2005 Fire Hydrant Maintenance	0.00	910.26	910.26
FY2005 Tennis Courts	0.00	1,458.15	1,458.15
FY2005 Cemetery Shed	0.00	171.63	171.63
FY2004 Recertification-FY2005	0.00	2,570.00	2,570.00
FY2004 Bond Issues Fees	1,525.00	15,346.06	13,821.06
FY2004 Stephens Cross Appraisal	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FY2004 Res Homesite (fr Trust)	6,775.65	6,944.05	168.40
FY2004 Land Acquisition Exp	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
FY2004 Town Hall Repair	1,062.86	1,062.86	0.00
FY2004 Police DTF Match 2005	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
FY2003 Police DTF Match	396.60	666.94	270.34
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	61,934.97	207,883.15	145,948.18

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Total : PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD	323,088.89	499,754.77	176,665.88
Total : EXPENDITURES	13,712,452.03	14,400,259.46	687,807.43

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Domestic Violence Grant

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	20,859.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	(15,780.00)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	5,079.00

Community Policing Grant

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	24,865.62
FY 2008 Receipts	11,299.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	(17,738.66)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	18,425.96

Islandwide DTF (Forfeitures)

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	1,646.39
FY 2008 Receipts	292.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	(910.64)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	1,027.75

Homeland Security Grant

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	19,800.00
FY 2008 Receipts	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	(16,160.97)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	3,639.03

Watch Your Car Grant

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	675.00
FY 2008 Receipts	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	675.00

Chapter 90 Old Stage Rd Paving

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	(38,611.73)
FY 2008 Receipts	38,190.13
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	(421.60)

State Aid to Libraries

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	9,077.34
FY 2008 Receipts	7,217.56
FY 2008 Expenditures	(16,223.19)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	71.71

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	30,889.53
FY 2008 Receipts	30,100.25
Transfers from General Fund	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	(27,045.93)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	33,943.85

Fire Department Equipment Grant

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	3,822.06
FY 2008 Receipts	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	(3,668.00)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	154.06

State Aid to the Elderly

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	3,300.00

FY 2008 Expenditures	(2,453.29)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	846.71
State Shellfish Grant	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	319.16
FY 2008 Receipts	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	319.16
Sale of Real Estate	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	2,600.00
FY 2008 Receipts	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	2,600.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	29,950.00
FY 2008 Receipts	3,000.00
FY 2008 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	32,950.00
Fire Hydrant Fund	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	1,550.00
FY 2008 Receipts	0.00
FY 2008 Transfer to GF	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	1,550.00
Reserved for Appropriation: County Dog Funds	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	2,624.46
FY 2008 Transfer to General Fund	(2,624.46)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	0.00
Wetlands Protection Fund	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	17,563.02
FY 2008 Receipts	2,995.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	20,558.02
Septic System Repair Fund	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	78,036.28
FY 2008 Receipts	1,512.30
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	79,548.58
Insurance Proceeds less than \$20,000	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	1,081.39
FY 2008 Expenditures	(1,081.39)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	0.00
Gifts and Donations	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	5,542.61
FY 2008 Receipts	2,017.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	7,559.61
Library Class Action Settlement	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	325.86
FY 2008 Expenditures	0.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	325.86
Revolving Fund/Refuse District	

07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	78,027.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(78,027.00)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	0.00
Revolving Fund/BOH Health Services	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	1,406.50
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	1,406.50
Community Preservation Fund	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	860,433.46
FY 2008 Receipts/Surcharge	298,397.14
FY 2008 Receipts/State Match	289,224.00
FY 2008 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,894.60
FY 2008 Receipts/Investment	45,127.89
FY 2008 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	68.78
FY 2008 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	4.11
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(52,078.31)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	1,443,071.67

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Town Hall Renovation	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Transfer from General Fund	150,000.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(13,373.25)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	136,626.75

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		49,790.00
FY 2008 Receipts		<u>600.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		50,390.00
F.E. Mayhew Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		1,000.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		1,000.00
W.J. Rotch Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		4,000.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		4,000.00
J.C. Martin Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		200.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		200.00
P. Hancock Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		5,343.45
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		5,343.45
E. Whiting Trust Fund	Non-Expendable	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		1,160.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		1,160.00

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care Fund	Cemetery	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		1,257.92
FY 2008 Interest Earned		2,279.06
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>(688.10)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		2,848.88

F.E. Mayhew Trust Fund	Cemetery	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		55.03
FY 2008 Interest Earned		47.29
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		102.32
W.J. Rotch Trust Fund	Cemetery	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		218.72
FY 2008 Interest Earned		189.15
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		407.87
J.C. Martin Trust Fund	Library	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		59.16
FY 2008 Interest Earned		4.37
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		63.53
P. Hancock Trust Fund	Library	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		1,430.91
FY 2008 Interest Earned		265.01
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		1,695.92
Library Gift Fund	Library	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		22,573.78
FY 2008 Additions		7,370.92
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>(9,746.35)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		20,198.35
E. Whiting Trust Fund	Other	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		2,268.36
FY 2008 Interest Earned		<u>134.12</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		2,402.48
Conservation Fund	Conservation	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		59,211.81
FY 2008 Interest Earned		<u>2,312.36</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		61,524.17
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Affordable Housing	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		106,255.64
FY 2008 Receipts		0.00
FY 2008 Interest Earned		4,123.17
FY 2008 Expenditures		<u>(13,658.57)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		96,720.24
Stabilization Fund	Stabilization	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		457,939.05
FY 2008 Interest Earned		18,472.64
FY 2008 Transfer from General Fund		<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		476,411.69
Stabilization Fund-Ambulance	Stabilization	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		17,385.39
FY 2008 Interest Earned		1,360.39
FY 2008 Transfer from General Fund		<u>16,500.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance		35,245.78
Stabilization Fund-SCBA Equipment	Stabilization	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance		0.00
FY 2008 Interest Earned		1,676.23
FY 2008 Transfer from General Fund		50,000.00

FY 2008 Transfer to General Fund	(51,676.23)
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	<u>0.00</u>
Stabilization Fund-OPEB	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Interest Earned	277.08
FY 2008 Transfer from General Fund	150,000.00
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	<u>150,277.08</u>

AGENCY FUNDS

Retiree Benefits Contribution	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	(949.81)
FY 2008 Receipts	30,385.38
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(30,715.90)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	(1,280.33)

Due to County Dog License Collections	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	16.00
FY 2008 Receipts	3,563.75
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(3,464.75)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	115.00

Police Special Details	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2008 Receipts	36,560.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(36,560.00)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	0.00

Due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Firearm Permits)	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	100.00
FY 2008 Receipts	3,797.50
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(3,637.50)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	260.00

Due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Fish & Wildlife)	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	16.55
FY 2008 Receipts	4,188.75
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(4,188.75)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	16.55

Consultant Funds (MGL Chapter 44 Section 53G)	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	6.72
FY 2008 Interest	28.38
FY 2008 Receipts	5,000.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>(4,905.84)</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	129.26

Miscellaneous Escrow	
07/01/2007 Opening Balance	8.29
FY 2008 Interest	0.23
FY 2008 Additions	0.00
FY 2008 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
06/30/2008 Closing Balance	8.52

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
PAYMENTS TO VENDORS AND EMPLOYEES
OVER \$3,000
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

Name	Amount
VENDORS	
Up-Island Regional School Dist	5,513,822.68
MV Regional High School Dist	2,321,919.00
US Bank	961,940.63
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	469,690.00
Town of West Tisbury	390,985.27
Dukes County Contributory Retirement	373,899.17
EFTPS (Federal Withholding)	251,651.37
MV RDRRD	240,250.94
Lawrence Lynch Corp	190,856.04
Town of Chilmark	126,291.67
Keenan & Kenny Architects Ltd	126,226.79
County of Dukes County	116,942.87
MV Insurance Agency-VH	116,574.86
MV Commission	108,389.00
Comm of Mass (Withholding)	89,726.67
Edgartown National Bank	72,467.00
Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan	69,115.27
Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	67,221.45
Industrial Protection Services	52,078.56
Vision Appraisal Technology Inc	48,538.00
Comm of Mass / ING	47,745.90
Richard T Olsen & Son Inc	35,720.00
Baker & Taylor	33,765.91
Ellen M Hutchinson, Law office of	31,667.75
MV Shellfish Group	30,000.00
NSTAR	28,719.69
Educomp Inc	27,614.61
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	25,723.15
Great-West Retirement Services	22,436.79
Island Councils On Aging Inc	21,824.94
A-1 MV Cleaning Service LLC	21,325.00
Tom Barlosky Painting & Sanding LLC	20,051.72
Maciel Land And Tree	19,975.00
ASAP Software	17,767.65
Ron Burson D/B/A RDA SoftNet	16,053.72
Fleet Services (PD)	15,849.60
MV Community Services / WSS	15,780.00

Name	Amount
Doyle Construction	15,551.00
MV Community Services / VNS	14,593.25
Verizon (MA)	14,305.42
David A Merry & Sons	13,842.75
Unifund LLC	13,482.20
Coppola & Coppola	13,252.04
Hollinshead LP (Limited Partnership)	13,075.67
Baseline Engineering & Associates Inc	12,385.75
RM Packer Co Inc	12,014.50
Vermeer Northeast	12,000.00
Bardwell Electronics	11,341.50
W S Darley & Co	11,140.52
Howard Wall	10,665.00
Neutrocrete Systems Inc	10,376.00
Des Lauriers Municipal Solutions Inc	9,538.26
Ge Money Bank/Amazon	8,322.13
Schofield Barbini & Hoehn Inc	8,265.00
Cafeteria Plan Advisors, Inc.	8,216.00
Ropes & Gray Llp	7,915.00
Fort Dearborn Life	7,584.18
Miia Property & Casualty Group Inc	7,417.05
Hewlett-Packard Co	7,385.00
Vineyard Scuba	7,279.13
Richard M Hull	7,202.65
Kaeka, Dennis K D/B/A	7,100.00
MV Preservation Trust Inc	6,993.02
New England Reprographics Inc	6,848.25
MV Museum	6,820.00
Brian W Holmes D/B/A Jones River Tractor	6,800.00
R L Fullin & Daughters	6,725.00
Darosa Corporation	6,676.70
Mccarron Murphy & Vukota Llp	6,608.50
Town of Chilmark / Pd	6,460.00
Btu Control Inc	6,343.80
Recorded Books LLC	6,175.22
Roundabout LLC	5,987.50
Mark Altman & Associates	5,925.27
Fire Tech & Safety	5,766.00
Ingram Library Services	5,751.50
Neptune Inc	5,588.15
MV Times	5,426.67
Reserve Account	5,000.00
Up-Island Automotive	4,973.54

Name	Amount
Bro-Dart Co	4,931.59
Gall'S Inc	4,898.11
Human Resources Inc	4,750.00
Vineyard Land Surveying	4,716.75
Amazoncom Credit	4,704.93
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co	4,605.12
Amazon	4,597.17
Broadcast Signal Lab	4,511.00
Nextel Communications (II)	4,506.68
Vineyard Propane & Oil / D & R	4,316.39
Comm of Mass / Div F & W	4,188.75
Fleet Services (Hwy)	4,153.80
Beth Toomey	4,108.11
Steamship Authority	3,865.25
Mid-Island Repair Inc	3,856.18
Beth Kramer	3,776.88
Random House Inc	3,751.90
Vineyard Gardens Inc	3,673.26
Firearms Record Bureau	3,637.50
Vineyard Gazette	3,544.08
Commonwealth Printing Inc	3,475.50
Rita E Spence	3,450.00
William C Haynes D/B/A	3,445.61
Ec Cottle Inc	3,373.12
John J Powers	3,323.31
R E Brown & Company	3,300.00
Rebellos Island Hydroseed, Inc.	3,044.00
Moore Mary C	3,015.64
Eva Subscription Service	3,014.61

EMPLOYEES

Toomey, Beth A.	101,874.68
Mincone, Matthew L.	88,445.79
Rossi, Daniel R.	86,054.96
Gouldrup, Daniel S.	84,081.39
Rand, Jennifer	75,044.96
Vieira, Garrison G.	74,726.60
Manter, Jeffrey S.	74,541.26
Bowker, Joyce A.	63,943.97
Powers, John J.	63,943.97
Kelley, Jennifer L.	60,781.68
Stone, Bruce K.	60,096.96
Logue, Katherine	59,121.72

Name	Amount
Taylor, Brent B.	58,108.25
Kramer, Beth A.	54,914.58
Mendenhall, Ernest P.	53,212.68
Slavin, Sean R.	52,956.55
Decker, Cornelia H.	50,750.01
Reynolds, Ellen S.	49,508.59
De Oliveira, Leomar Jose	49,136.36
Keefe, Julie L.	48,726.45
Whiting, Prudence M.	44,887.34
Oliver, Jesse J. IV	43,128.25
DeSorcy, Simone A.	43,031.96
West, Kristina M	37,974.30
Thors, Pamela K.	37,173.16
Savage, David D	34,965.76
McFarland, Maria G.	33,411.85
Jenkinson, Joan W.	33,074.12
Morris, Colleen E.	31,629.95
Black, Paula	30,403.24
Sprague, Tammis F.	28,646.48
Brady, Kathleen D.	24,822.68
Estrella, Manuel III	24,630.00
Klebs, Stephen F.	23,876.16
Blair, Hadden S.	18,855.66
Atchue, Christopher J.	15,611.37
Resendes, Jo-Ann	14,906.35
Brown, Helen L.	13,587.43
Luis, Kevin C	12,377.62
Healy, Allen K.	12,238.72
Stone, Margaret H.	11,211.36
Schroeder, Joseph C.	10,424.24
Cotnoir, Charles J.	9,575.28
Stone, Barry	9,052.50
Hughes, Spencer W.	8,988.22
Flanders, Martha	8,225.28
Ciancio, Michael	7,862.50
Maciel, Kaitlyn L.	7,192.95
Amabile, David D	6,795.78
Gross, Nicholas H	6,101.64
Broscheit, Hans T.	5,512.38
Perry, Nicole A.	5,484.82
Tseng, Jennifer C.	5,363.41
Olsen, Richard T.	5,125.00
Powers, Dianne E	5,000.00

Name	Amount
Nevin, John A.	4,874.58
Haynes, William C.	4,547.50
Colligan, Thomas H.	4,207.50
Stone, Brittany N.	3,815.70
Cortez, Bradley C	3,555.72
Cusack, Robert B	3,469.04
Rogers, Jeremie D	3,317.50

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2007	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2008	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL FUND					
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00		370.00		0.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	120.00		0.00		120.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00		8,629.16		1,370.84
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	2,200.00		1,031.00		1,169.00
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	75,059.04		75,044.96		14.08
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,141.52		717.23		1,424.29
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,590.00		1,270.90		319.10
132-5700 Reserve Fund	46,000.00	(28,987.10)	0.00	11,000.00	17,012.90
133-5300 Annual Audit	11,000.00		0.00		0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	60,096.96		60,096.96		0.00
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,845.00		1,476.68		368.32
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00		2,916.67		83.33
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	124,060.58	12,319.79	120,905.75		15,474.62
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	1,316.47	31,316.47		0.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	17,000.00	3,250.00	14,814.86		5,435.14
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	59,121.72		59,121.72		0.00
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,090.00		3,089.99		0.01
146-5110 Collector Salaries	58,108.25		58,108.25		0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	16,385.00		13,051.83		3,333.17
151-5300 Legal	45,000.00		43,082.50	1,917.50	0.00
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	6,016.67		2,032.12		3,984.55
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	1,325.00		641.15		683.85
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	46,340.00		46,219.18		120.82
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	12,950.00		12,950.00		0.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		149.95		0.05
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	44,787.34		44,787.34		(0.00)
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	2,500.00		1,731.52		768.48
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,025.00		512.37		512.63
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,300.00		915.50		1,384.50
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,550.00		2,265.95		2,284.05
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00		250.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	600.00		495.00		105.00

171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	31,988.13	31,379.73	608.40
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,400.00	2,853.32	546.68
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	44,586.90	43,031.96	1,554.94
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,830.00	2,535.83	2,294.17
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	48,796.56	48,726.45	70.11
176-53050 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,915.00	1,862.14	2,052.86
177-5600 MV Commission	108,389.00	108,389.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	3,500.00	2,832.08	667.92
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
185-5700 Public Restrooms	200.00	200.00	0.00
192-5120 Town Hall Salaries	1,600.00	1,412.96	187.04
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	117,600.00	62,222.92	55,377.08
193-5700 Property Insurance	52,000.00	50,117.86	1,882.14
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	4,500.00	3,475.50	1,024.50
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	743,455.07	716,913.97	26,541.10
210-5700 Police Expenses	105,500.00	105,105.40	394.60
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	95,200.00	68,000.00	12,200.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	131,500.00	126,113.04	7,856.96
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	124,861.99	124,861.99	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	90,866.24	84,466.38	6,399.86
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	3,950.00	3,242.58	707.42
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	6,000.00	2,453.35	3,546.65
291-5700 Emergency Managment	915.00	619.50	295.50
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	47,411.59	45,137.16	2,274.43
292-5700 ACO Expenses	7,200.00	4,773.01	2,426.99
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	640.00	0.00	640.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	5,000.00	4,800.00	200.00
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,750.00	1,295.00	455.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	6,500.00	4,800.00	1,700.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00

(15,000.00)
12,530.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2007	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2008	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2008
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	925.00		528.23		396.77
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	30,000.00		30,000.00		0.00
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	5,513,822.68		5,513,822.68		0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,321,919.00		2,321,919.00		0.00
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	5,125.00		5,125.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	48,470.58		45,425.77		3,044.81
422-5700 Highway Expenses	56,400.00		56,220.01		179.99
423-5700 Snow & Ice	30,000.00	4,738.22	34,738.22		0.00
424-5700 Street Lights	7,000.00		6,371.70		628.30
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00		0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	45,000.00		44,566.47		433.53
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,200.00		3,200.00		0.00
439-5600 MVRDRD Intergov	113,947.25		113,947.25		0.00
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,000.00		1,998.10		1.90
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	9,600.00		6,615.93		2,984.07
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	81,272.46		78,223.43		3,049.03
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,690.00		6,323.07		2,366.93
522-5700 Health Services	20,780.00		14,291.50		6,488.50
540-5700 Island COA	21,824.94		21,824.94		0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	164,628.13		164,146.98		481.15
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	11,715.00		7,490.68		4,224.32
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	11,000.00		0.00		11,000.00
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	193,503.34	7,031.47	200,531.57		3.24
610-5700 Library Expenses	125,375.84		125,369.85		5.99
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00		0.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	11,338.99		11,205.81		133.18
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,250.00		1,195.57		54.43
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	4,199.04		3,730.30		468.74
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	200.00		158.18		41.82
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	57,982.45		52,766.24		5,216.21

632-5700 Beaches Expenses	8,000.00	7,983.84	16.16
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	2,910.33	1,661.92	1,248.41
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00	51.48	98.52
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,355.30	1,307.36	2,047.94
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	7,000.00	5,332.93	1,667.07
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,700.00	5,659.70	40.30
691-5700 Historical Commission	500.00	302.00	198.00
690-5700 Historic District	50.00	0.00	50.00
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	620,286.50	575,658.50	44,628.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	199,407.63	199,407.63	0.00
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
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	1,721.62	3,778.38
914-5170 Health Insurance	371,000.00	339,338.88	31,661.12
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,350.00	1,834.05	515.95
916-5170 Employers Medicare	25,000.00	331.15	25,331.15
945-5740 Public Official Liability	6,050.00	6,050.00	0.00
TOTAL FY 2008 BUDGET	12,894,567.02	0.00 12,544,710.73	324,408.79

WARRANT ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES

ATM 2007 DCRHA	31,346.00	31,346.00	0.00
ATM 2007 Estuary Study 3	12,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM 2007 Assessors 2011 Recertification	24,000.00	0.00	0.00
ATM 2007 Tri-Town Ambulance Copier	1,626.67	0.00	1,626.67
ATM 2007 Drug Task Force	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
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	150,000.00	140,551.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 Brush Chipper (+)		12,485.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 North Road (+)		200,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 Edg Rd Path (+)		5,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 Library (Dog Funds) (+)		2,624.46	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 P & R Building (+)		15,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 Police Sedan (+)		29,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 Trans to OPEB Stab Fund		150,000.00	0.00
		9,449.00	0.00
		485.00	0.00
		200,000.00	0.00
		3,831.12	0.00
		2,624.46	0.00
		13,159.00	0.00
		5,586.00	0.00
		25,447.50	0.00
		25,447.50	0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2007	Appropriations/ Transfers/	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Carried Forward 06/30/2008	Balance Closed To Surplus Revenue 06/30/2008
ATM 4-8-08 Police PY Bill (+)		1,624.53	1,624.53		0.00
ATM 4-8-08 TH Project Transfers (+)		32,766.76	32,766.76		0.00
ATM 4-8-08 TH Project Trans to Capital Project		117,233.24	117,233.24		0.00
ATM 4-8-08 SCBA Equipment (+)		51,676.23	50,090.00	1,586.23	0.00
Fire Station Painting	17,940.00		17,940.00		0.00
Data Processing	2,716.00		2,716.00		0.00
Compensation Study	4,750.00		4,750.00		0.00
Assessors Legal	3,450.00		3,450.00		0.00
Highway Paving	6,681.24		6,681.24		0.00
LDO Inspector/Monitor	2,947.60		2,947.60		0.00
STM 04-11-06 Paths by the Road	5,663.08		5,663.08		0.00
STM 11-28-06 Path on Edgartown Road	188,185.75		188,185.75		0.00
STM 11-28-06 Programmable Thermostats	500.00		0.00	500.00	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Cemetery Improvements	8,582.61		1,205.59	7,377.02	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Town Staff Development	381.21		0.00	381.21	0.00
STM 11-28-06 Library/HH Lot Maintenance	4,156.03		1,155.85	3,000.18	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Insect Control	1,340.00		0.00	1,340.00	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Bus Prop Reval	7,440.00		2,400.00	5,040.00	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Library (from Dog Funds)	16,237.20		8,798.44	7,438.76	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police 4WD Vehicle	2,059.01		1,282.00	777.01	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police Emer Trg/Equip	3,500.00		1,805.68	1,694.32	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 Police Server	3,200.00		2,631.24	568.76	0.00
ATM 04-10-07 MS Office Upgrade	5,125.52		5,125.52		0.00
STM 06-05-07 TH Renovation Committee	4,516.37		4,415.93	100.44	(0.00)
STM 06-05-07 DAS RFP Development	2,500.00		0.00	2,500.00	0.00
FY2006-EMS EMT Coverage	2,614.49		0.00	2,614.49	0.00
FY2006-Recertification FY2008	24,000.00		24,000.00		0.00
FY2006-Estuary Study 2	13,750.00		0.00	13,750.00	0.00
FY2006-Howes House Trim	8,518.00		0.00	8,518.00	0.00
FY2006-Police Station Repair	8,936.86		8,936.86		0.00
FY2006-Police AWD Vehicle	461.29		0.00	461.29	0.00
FY2006-Police Computers	5,200.00		0.00	5,200.00	0.00
FY2006-MVDTF Match	2,500.00		0.00	2,500.00	0.00

FY2006-FY2006-Audit	3,300.00			3,300.00			0.00
FY2006-Dropoff Improvements	47,840.46			0.00		47,840.46	0.00
FY2006-P&R Bldg Repair	944.10			0.00		944.10	0.00
FY2005-School District Consultant	500.00			0.00		500.00	0.00
FY2005-Recertification-FY2008	15,938.00			15,938.00			0.00
FY2005-Fire Hydrant Maintenance	910.26			0.00		910.26	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-Cemetery Shed	171.63			0.00		171.63	0.00
FY2004-Certification	2,570.00			0.00		2,570.00	0.00
FY2004-Bond Issues Fees	15,346.06			1,525.00		13,821.06	0.00
FY2004-Stephens Cross Appraisal	2,000.00			0.00		2,000.00	0.00
FY2004-Res Homesite (fr Trust)	6,944.05			6,775.65		168.40	0.00
FY2004-Land Acquisition Exp	25,000.00			0.00		25,000.00	0.00
FY2004-Town Hall Repair	28,644.16			(27,581.30)		1,062.86	0.00
FY2004-Police DTF Match 2005	3,500.00			0.00		3,500.00	0.00
FY2003-Police DTF Match	666.94			396.60		270.34	0.00
FY2000-Howes House Construct	227.53			(227.53)		0.00	0.00
FY2000-School Construct	2,509.17			(2,509.17)		0.00	0.00
FY2000-Library Construct	30.08			(30.08)		0.00	0.00
FY2000-Public Safety Building	67.19			(67.19)		0.00	0.00
FY2005-Town Hall Renovation	2,351.49			(2,351.49)		0.00	0.00
TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	820,494.20	584,643.46	951,624.30	451,886.69	1,626.67		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	13,715,061.22	584,643.46	13,496,335.03	477,334.19	326,035.46		

Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of 30 June 2008

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long-term Obligations	
Assets & Other Debits						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,608,658	1,653,477	136,627	922,020		4,320,782
Property Tax Receivable:						
Current Year	254,395	9,736				264,132
Prior Year	308,021	9,738				317,758
Allowance for A/E	(398,888)					(398,888)
Other Receivables						
Motor Vehicle Excise	346,937					346,937
Boat Excise	5,616					5,616
Tax Liens	152,585	1,099				153,685
Other		422				
Other Assets (Foreclosures)	19,846					19,846
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long term obligations						
Total Assets & Other Debits	2,297,170	1,674,472	136,627	922,020	4,150,000	4,150,000
					4,150,000	9,179,867
Liabilities & Fund Equity						
Warrants Payable	63,830	146		12,780		76,756
Other Liabilities	34,190			(751)		33,439
Deferred Revenue						
Property Tax	163,528	19,474				183,002
Motor Vehicle Excise	346,937					346,937
Boat Excise	5,616					5,616
Tax Liens	152,585	1,099				153,685

	Foreclosures	19,846	422		19,846
	Other				
Notes Payable					0
Landfill Closure & post closure cost				140,000	140,000
Bonds Payable				4,010,000	4,010,000
Total Liabilities		786,532	21,141	12,028	4,969,280
Fund Balances					
Bonds Authorized Unissued(Memo)				4,900,000	4,900,000
Bonds Authorized-Offset (Memo)				(4,900,000)	(4,900,000)
Reserved					
Encumbrances & Continuing Articles		477,334	864,469		1,478,430
Endowments				62,093	62,093
Unreserved					
Designated		250,000	788,862	371,487	1,410,349
Undesignated		783,304		476,412	1,259,715
Total Fund Equity		1,510,638	1,653,331	909,992	4,210,587
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		2,297,170	1,674,472	922,020	9,179,867

BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
June 30, 2008

GENERAL FUND

	Debit	Credit
001.000.1040	1,608,657.74	
Cash on Deposit--General Fund		
001.000.1210.2008	6,647.77	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'08		
001.000.1210.2007	3,149.11	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'07		
001.000.1210.2006	5,154.76	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'06		
001.000.1210.2005	4,197.22	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'05		
001.000.1210.2004	5,459.59	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'04		
001.000.1210.2003	3,330.91	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'03		
001.000.1210.2002	3,314.12	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'02		
001.000.1210.2001	2,926.21	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'01		
001.000.1210.2000	2,964.98	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'00		
001.000.1210.1999	1,715.38	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'99		
001.000.1210.1998	1,932.35	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'98		
001.000.1210.1997	911.48	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'97		
001.000.1210.1996	96.46	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'96		
001.000.1210.1995	49.04	
Personal Property Tax Receivable FY'95		
001.000.1220.2009		148.40
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'09		
001.000.1220.2008	247,747.56	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'08		
001.000.1220.2007	98,527.97	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'07		
001.000.1220.2006	70,897.55	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'06		
001.000.1220.2005	5,281.99	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'05		
001.000.1220.2004	6,441.77	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'04		
001.000.1220.2003	4,034.62	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'03		
001.000.1220.2002	5,771.56	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'02		
001.000.1220.2001	2,908.80	
Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'01		

001.000.1220.2000	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'00	3,074.32	141,073.60
001.000.1220.1999	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'99	4,080.33	110,997.23
001.000.1220.1998	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'98	8,723.37	225.02
001.000.1220.1997	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'97	8,844.27	49,219.61
001.000.1220.1996	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'96	8,015.13	19,241.13
001.000.1220.1995	Real Estate Tax Receivable FY'95	6,229.05	3,469.72
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	
001.000.1230.2008	Allowance for A/E FY'08	35,785.17	
001.000.1230.2007	Allowance for A/E FY'07		
001.000.1230.2006	Allowance for A/E FY'06		
001.000.1230.2005	Allowance for A/E FY'05		
001.000.1230.2004	Allowance for A/E FY'04		
001.000.1230.2003	Allowance for A/E FY'03		
001.000.1230.2001	Allowance for A/E FY'01		

001.000.1260.1994	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Receivable FY'94	955.30	
001.000.1270.2007	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'07	745.98	
001.000.1270.2006	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'06	978.00	
001.000.1270.2005	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'05	605.82	
001.000.1270.2004	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'04	547.00	
001.000.1270.2003	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'03	685.00	
001.000.1270.2002	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'02	715.00	
001.000.1270.2001	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'01	886.00	
001.000.1270.2000	Vessel Excise Tax Rec FY'00	453.00	
001.000.1880	Tax Foreclosures	19,846.29	
001.000.2010	Warrants Payable		57,000.16
001.000.2015	Payroll Warrant Payable		6,829.46
001.000.2520	Unclaimed Checks		34,190.27
001.000.2610	Deferred Revenue Property Taxes		163,527.53
001.000.2622	Deferred Revenue Tax Liens		152,585.48
001.000.2623	Deferred Revenue Tax Foreclosures		19,846.29
001.000.2630	Deferred Revenue MV Excise		346,937.20
001.000.2641	Deferred Revenue Vessel Excise		5,615.80
001.000.3212	Fund Balance Reserved for Prior Year Encumbrances		25,447.50
001.000.3240	Fund Balance Reserved Expenditures		250,000.00
001.000.3295	Fund Balance Reserved for Continued Appropriations		451,886.69
001.000.3590	Undesignated Fund Balance		819,088.83
Totals		<u>2,731,991.91</u>	<u>2,731,991.91</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

		Debit	Credit
200.000.1040	Cash-Special Revenue		
246.000.1250.2008	Community Preservation Surcharge Receivable FY'08	1,653,477.13	
246.000.1250.2007	Community Preservation Surcharge Receivable FY'07	9,736.30	
246.000.1250.2006	Community Preservation Surcharge Receivable FY'06	3,533.42	
246.000.1240.0000	CPA Surcharge Tax Liens	6,204.51	
240.000.1720.0000	Chapter 90 Highway Receivable	1,099.04	
200.000.2010	Warrants Payable	421.60	146.26
246.000.2625	Deferred Revenue Community Preservation Surcharge		19,474.23
246.000.2622	Deferred Revenue Community Preservation Liens		1,099.04
240.000.2670	Deferred Revenue Chapter 90 Highway		421.60
210.211.3580	Fund Balance/Domestic Violence Grant		5,079.00
212.210.3580	" /Community Policing		18,425.96
214.210.3580	" /Island DTF (Forfeitures)		1,027.75
215.210.3580	" /Homeland Security		3,639.03
216.210.3580	" /Watch Your Car		675.00
230.000.3580	" /Arts Council		33,943.85
231.220.3580	" /Fire Department - Equipment		154.06
232.220.3580	" /Fire Hydrant Fund		1,550.00
246.000.3295	" /CPA Reserved for Appropriations		864,468.75
246.000.3241	" /CPA Reserved for Open Space		150,493.00
246.000.3242	" /CPA Reserved for Housing		7,993.00
246.000.3243	" /CPA Reserved for Historic Preservation		150,493.00
246.000.3580	" /CPA Undesignated Fund Balance		269,623.92
251.000.3580	" /Sale of Real Estate		2,600.00
250.000.3580	" /State Aid to Elderly		846.71
260.610.3580	" /State Aid to Libraries		71.71

263.000.3580	"	"	/Library Class Action Funds		325.86
240.000.3580	"	"	/Chapter 90 Highway	421.60	
270.491.3580	"	"	/Sale of Cemetery Lots		32,950.00
275.510.3580	"	"	/Septic System Repairs		79,548.58
262.522.3590	"	"	/Revolving Fund BOH Health Services		1,406.50
280.171.3580	"	"	/Wetlands Protection		20,558.02
285.298.3580	"	"	/Shellfish Grant		319.16
290.000.3580	"	"	/Gifts		7,559.61
Totals				1,674,893.60	1,674,893.60

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

				Debit	Credit
820.000.1050	Cash - Non-expendable Trusts			62,093.45	
821.491.3010	Fund Balance/Perpetual Care				50,390.00
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				62,093.45	62,093.45

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Debit	Credit
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Debit	Credit
198,743.53	
	12,779.77
	2,848.88
	102.32
	407.87
	63.53
	1,695.92
	2,402.48
	20,198.35
	61,524.17
	96,720.24
198,743.53	198,743.53

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STABILIZATION FUNDS

Debit	Credit
661,934.55	476,411.69
	35,245.78
	150,277.08
Debit	Credit
	751.30
1,280.63	115.00
	276.55
	8.52
	129.26
1,280.63	1,280.63

AGENCY FUNDS

Debit	Credit
	751.30
1,280.63	
	115.00
	276.55
	8.52
	129.26
1,280.63	1,280.63

LONG TERM DEBT

	Debit	Credit
050.000.1996	4,010,000.00	
050.000.1997	140,000.00	
050.000.2900		4,010,000.00
050.000.2901		140,000.00
050.000.3760	4,900,000.00	

SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

<u>Long Term Debt</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/2007</u>	<u>Issued FY 2008</u>	<u>Retired FY 2008</u>	<u>Balance 06/30/2008</u>	<u>Interest Paid FY 2008</u>
Public Safety Building	1,230,000.00	0.00	155,000.00	1,075,000.00	37,321.88
Land Purchase (H.Goethals)	240,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	210,000.00	7,293.75
Road Resurfacing	650,000.00	0.00	220,000.00	430,000.00	16,062.50
Town Hal Renovation	190,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	125,000.00	7,467.00
School Addition	2,535,000.00	0.00	365,000.00 *	2,170,000.00	131,262.50 *
TOTALS - LONG TERM DEBT	5,680,000.00	0.00	835,000.00	4,010,000.00	199,407.63

*West Tisbury paid a total of \$236,921.00 (the amount of the State Reimbursement) towards principal and interest; balance reimbursed by the Up-Island Regional School District.

Bonds Authorized and Unissued
Town Hall Renovation - ATM 04/08/2009

4,900,000.00

Landfill Closure & Post Closure Obligations

147,000.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

FY 2007 BUDGET	Appropriation/		Appropriation
	Balance Forward	Year To Date	Balance
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	11,050.00	5,000.00	6,050.00
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	2,000.00	140.00	1,860.00
123-5120 Exec Sec Pers Serv	81,242.24	39,849.48	41,392.76
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	1,934.85	0.00	1,934.85
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	3,150.00	262.00	2,888.00
132-5700 Reserve Fund	25,020.00	0.00	25,020.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	65,047.29	31,988.64	33,058.65
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,845.00	487.67	1,357.33
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	122,804.75	61,023.64	61,781.11
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	65.00	29,935.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	22,610.00	15,447.96	7,162.04
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	63,981.54	31,990.80	31,990.74
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	3,050.00	1,170.43	1,879.57
146-5110 Collector Salaries	64,875.52	32,437.80	32,437.72
146-5700 Collector Expenses	14,885.00	2,907.29	11,977.71
151-5300 Legal	45,000.00	2,146.26	42,853.74
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	6,487.07	1,382.60	5,104.47
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	1,035.00	350.14	684.86
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	52,600.00	25,473.81	27,126.19

158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	12,950.00	195.00	12,755.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	48,464.70	24,232.32	24,232.38
161-5120 Town Clerk Pers Serv	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,125.00	136.74	988.26
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,300.00	1,097.00	1,203.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	4,550.00	2,405.95	2,144.05
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	50.00	200.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	935.00	65.00	870.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	34,342.38	16,761.15	17,581.23
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00	1,052.32	2,297.68
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	47,751.04	22,871.86	24,879.18
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	4,575.00	583.26	3,991.74
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	53,036.77	27,017.80	26,018.97
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	1,255.00	2,745.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,425.00	523.45	2,901.55
177-5600 MV Commission	113,469.00	113,469.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	3,500.00	488.75	3,011.25
179-5700 AH Com Legal	350.00	0.00	350.00
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00	722.75	277.25
185-5700 Public Restrooms	1,600.00	1,397.11	202.89
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	64,077.00	28,429.81	35,647.19
193-5700 Property Insurance	54,600.00	45,903.17	8,696.83
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	1,105,159.15	544,465.96	560,693.19
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	770,347.91	381,190.51	389,157.40
210-5700 Police Expenses	116,188.00	66,553.38	49,634.62
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	98,200.00	32,632.50	65,567.50
220-5700 Fire Expenses	135,300.00	63,550.46	71,749.54
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	95,706.00	95,706.00	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	92,518.30	40,574.72	51,943.58
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	4,050.00	1,203.57	2,846.43
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	6,000.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	51,312.38	26,022.89	25,289.49
292-5700 ACO Expenses	8,250.00	2,818.60	5,431.40
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	600.00	320.00	280.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00
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	0.00	925.00
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,436,497.59	746,222.63	690,274.96
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	5,553,733.17	2,776,866.59	2,776,866.58
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,221,881.00	1,110,940.50	1,110,940.50
Sub-total : Education	7,775,614.17	3,887,807.09	3,887,807.08
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	5,500.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	54,237.32	27,718.05	26,519.27
422-5700 Highway Expenses	56,700.00	21,306.29	35,393.71

423-5700 Snow & Ice	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
424-5700 Street Lights	7,000.00	3,483.28	3,516.72
Sub-total : Public Works	153,437.32	55,257.62	98,179.70
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	55,000.00	15,025.18	39,974.82
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,200.00	765.76	2,434.24
439-5600 MVRDRD Intergov	113,331.02	56,665.51	56,665.51
Sub-total : Sanitation	171,581.02	72,456.45	99,124.57
Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,000.00	799.24	1,200.76
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	9,600.00	7,069.55	2,530.45
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	85,206.88	40,364.11	44,842.77
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,790.00	1,395.42	7,394.58
522-5700 Health Services	18,780.00	4,632.75	14,147.25
540-5700 Island COA	22,519.15	11,259.60	11,259.55
541-5120 Upland COA Per Serv	174,679.36	85,168.95	89,510.41
541-5700 Upland COA Expense	16,185.00	4,688.10	11,496.90
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	9,350.00	2,998.13	6,351.87
Sub-total : Human Services	350,110.39	159,875.85	190,234.54
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	244,263.09	114,900.23	129,362.86
610-5700 Library Expenses	133,204.29	77,675.97	55,528.32
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	415.00	415.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	12,273.98	5,681.83	6,592.15

620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,200.00	723.99	476.01
630-5120 Tennis Pers Serv	4,328.64	0.00	4,328.64
630-5700 Tennis Expenses	200.00	39.99	160.01
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	60,446.88	48,536.10	11,910.78
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	8,250.00	7,368.75	881.25
635-5120 Swim Instruct Pers Serv	2,993.76	2,046.91	946.85
635-5700 Swim Instruct Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
640-5120 Winter Rec Pers Serv	3,458.50	0.00	3,458.50
640-5700 Winter Rec Expenses	6,000.00	2,706.24	3,293.76
650-5700 Town Grounds	5,700.00	4,372.41	1,327.59
690-5700 Historic District	600.00	46.62	553.38
691-5700 Historical Commission	50.00	0.00	50.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	483,949.14	264,514.04	219,435.10
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	588,908.50	523,908.50	65,000.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	166,781.25	142,896.88	23,884.37
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	125,000.00	0.00	125,000.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	880,689.75	666,805.38	213,884.37
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	237,245.00	237,245.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	8,000.00	2,203.00	5,797.00
913-5170 Unemployment	2,500.00	79.22	2,420.78
914-5170 Health Insurance	417,000.00	194,978.77	222,021.23
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,350.00	932.10	1,417.90
916-5170 Employers Medicare	26,875.00	13,711.22	13,163.78
945-5740 Public Official Liability	6,353.00	6,353.00	0.00
Sub-total : Benefits	700,323.00	455,502.31	244,820.69
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	13,057,361.53	8,254,499.70	3,934,819.44

FY 2008 WARRANT ARTICLES

ATM 4-2008 Assessors FY2011	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM 4-2008 DCRHA	33,650.00	33,650.00	0.00
ATM 4-2008 Fire Hydrant Maintenance	21,550.00	0.00	21,550.00
ATM 4-2008 Fire SCBA Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-2008 Ambulance Stab Fund	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
ATM 4-2008 County - Health Access	6,390.00	3,154.50	3,235.50
ATM 4-2008 County - Rodent Control	3,621.00	2,465.60	1,155.40
ATM 4-2008 County - Engineering	9,230.00	0.00	9,230.00
ATM 4-2008 Personnel Classification	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
ATM 4-2008 MV Cultural Council	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
TOTAL FY 2008 WARRANT ARTICLES	161,441.00	92,270.10	69,170.90

PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS

FY2008 Encumbrances			
Annual Audit	11,000.00	10,450.00	550.00
Station #1 Roof	12,530.00	12,530.00	0.00
Legal Bill - RSB	1,917.50	1,917.50	0.00
Sub-total : FY 2008 Encumbrances	25,447.50	24,897.50	550.00
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM 4-10-07 Assessors 2011 Certification	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM 4-10-07 Estuary Study Year 3	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
ATM 4-10-07 TH Renovation Design	9,449.00	5,413.37	4,035.63
ATM 4-10-07 MVD/TF Match	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
ATM 4-8-08 Brush Chipper	485.00	0.00	485.00
ATM 4-8-08 North Road	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
ATM 4-8-08 Edg Rd Path	3,831.12	0.00	3,831.12

ATM 4-8-08 Library (Dog Funds)	2,624.46	0.00	2,624.46
ATM 4-8-08 P & R Bldg	13,159.00	13,159.00	0.00
ATM 4-8-08 Police Sedan	5,586.00	0.00	5,586.00
ATM 4-8-08 SCBA Equipment	1,508.25	0.00	1,508.25
STM 11-28-06 Setback Thermostats	500.00	0.00	500.00
STM 11-28-06 Cemetery	7,377.02	5,744.57	1,632.45
STM 11-28-06 Library/HH Lot	3,000.18	617.43	2,382.75
STM 11-28-06 TH Prof Development	381.21	0.00	381.21
ATM 4-10-07 Bus Prop Reval	5,040.00	0.00	5,040.00
ATM 4-10-07 Insect Control	1,340.00	0.00	1,340.00
ATM 4-10-07 Library (fr Dog Funds)	7,438.76	2,200.30	5,238.46
ATM 4-10-07 Police 4WD Vehicle	777.01	0.00	777.01
ATM 4-10-07 Police Emerg Trng/Sup	1,694.32	472.25	1,222.07
ATM 4-10-07 Police Server	568.76	0.00	568.76
STM 6-5-07 TH Renovation Com	100.44	100.44	0.00
STM 6-5-07 DAS RFP Development	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
STM 11-05 EMS EMT Coverage	2,614.49	0.00	2,614.49
ATM 2006 Estuary Study 2	13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00
ATM 2006 Howes House Trim	8,518.00	0.00	8,518.00
ATM 2006 Police AWD Vehicle	461.29	0.00	461.29
ATM 2006 MVDTF Match	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
ATM 2006 Dropoff Improvements	47,840.46	0.00	47,840.46
ATM 2006 Police Computers	5,200.00	0.00	5,200.00
ATM 2006 P&R Bldg Repair	944.10	0.00	944.10
FY2005-UIRSD Consultant	500.00	0.00	500.00
FY2005-Fire Hydrant Maintenance	910.26	560.00	350.26
FY2005-Tennis Courts	1,458.15	0.00	1,458.15
FY2004-Stephens Cross Appraise	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
FY2005-Estuary Project	13,750.00	0.00	13,750.00
FY2005-Cemetery Shed	171.63	0.00	171.63

FY2004-Certification	2,570.00	0.00	2,570.00
FY2004-Bond Issues Fees	13,821.06	8,879.69	4,941.37
FY2004-Res Homesite (fr Trust)	168.40	0.00	168.40
FY2004-Land Acquisition Exp	25,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00
FY2004-Police DTF Match 2005	3,500.00	1,844.39	1,655.61
FY2003-Police DTF Match	270.34	270.34	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	451,808.71	49,261.78	402,546.93
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS	477,256.21	74,159.28	403,096.93

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Last year West Tisbury voters approved a budget of \$5.2 million dollars for the total renovation of the town hall, including a new foundation and basement, ADA compliance, an elevator, new furniture, a new playground, landscaping, and temporary quarters for the town's operation during construction. During the bidding process we found that the bad economy has been good to the Town Hall renovation project. We received six bids, with the low bidder being J. K. Scanlan Company of Falmouth, coming in at about a half million dollars below the estimate. There will undoubtedly be change orders to reduce that number, but we are confident we will end up spending less than budgeted. Additionally, the town has been able to secure short-term financing at a very low rate. We hope the long-term bonding will be similarly favorable, reducing the anticipated debt burden on taxpayers.

After the design phase of the project had been completed, Kate Warner resigned from the committee, and the Selectmen appointed Bruce MacNelly to fill that seat on the Renovation Committee, joining the original members. We thank Kate for the extraordinary amount of work that she put in to ensure the building is as "green" as possible.

The Commonwealth mandates retaining a Owner's Project Manager for a project of this magnitude, and we hired Michael Josefek as our new Owner's Project Manager, responsible for oversight and problem solving. Mike is a trained architect and contractor, and his advice, guidance and oversight have been invaluable. The committee continues to meet weekly and several members also attend the bi-weekly contractor's meeting.

The groundbreaking was on October 8th, with many townspeople in attendance, including former students, former employees, and well-wishers. As of this writing, the building -- after a month up in the air on cribbing -- is secured on its new foundation, with the foundation for the addition poured. The rough carpentry has started, both interior and exterior, new mechanical systems, and utilities. We are beginning to plan the landscaping under the volunteer guidance of Carlos Montoya,

and Parks and Recreation Committee is working on the playground project. The construction is on schedule for completion in late summer, and so far there have been no major surprises. The Preservation Trust has been a good neighbor and landlord, allowing for staff parking during construction and expanded use of the Old Library on Music Street.

During the deconstruction of the interior of the building the contractors uncovered old chalk boards with various lessons and names, and under the floor boards of one of the rooms a cache of school papers, and some mildly naughty postcards were found. We would love to have ideas about how and where the papers might be preserved.

We are very pleased to report that the Vineyard Energy Project is donating the components of a solar system to supplement our electrical power, and people have pledged donations of plant material, equipment, and other items. Further we have made an application to the Cape Light Compact for performance lighting and heating upgrades, which we are expecting to be approved. The Community Preservation Act monies are providing funding to help defray debt service for the first five years, as the building is a historic building. We are very grateful for all the contributions whether of money, time, or materials, and we extend an enormous thank you to everyone who has worked on the project.

Bea Phear, Chair
Kent Healy, Vice Chair
Chuck Hodgkinson
Virginia Jones
Jim Osmundsen
Bruce MacNelly
Kathy Logue, staff liaison

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
JUNE 30, 2008

To the Selectmen and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Town began the fiscal year with \$4,845,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt and we retired \$835,000 in principal; the 2008 Annual Town Meeting authorized \$4,900,000 in debt for the renovation of Town Hall, but we did not issue any new debt before June 30th, ending the year with \$4,010,000 in long-term debt 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 payments on parcels in tax title foreclosure. Six parcels were paid off entirely and two were foreclosed, but an equal number of parcels had new tax liens recorded. So the year both began and ended with 27 parcels with tax liens.

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, 2007: \$3,965,153.18

RECEIPTS:

Total Receipts \$14,430,156.28
(including taxes, interest and other investment income,
bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)

EXPENDITURES:

Orders of Selectmen (\$14,079,194.05)
Less Voided Checks \$4,666.44
Net Expenditures: \$14,074,527.61

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2008: \$4,320,781.85

**REPORT OF ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008**

CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE:	\$5,000.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT:	(94,918.93)
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	
None	0.00
SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:	0.00
MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:	
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	\$35,245.78
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	105,024.31
Bond Proceeds	283,202.62
Community Preservation Fund	1,318,956.86
Conservation Fund	61,524.17
Escrow and Bid Deposits	18.47
Everett Whiting Memorial Fund (Scholarship)	3,562.48
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,102.32
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	263.53
Library Gift Fund	24,148.40
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	33,943.85
OPEB Stabilization Fund	150,277.08
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	53,653.58
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,039.37
Project Review/53G Account	133.25
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	476,411.69
Sweep/Investment Money Market	1,851,785.15
Tax Revenue Lockbox	0.00
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	<u>4,407.87</u>
SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS:	4,410,700.78
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$4,320,781.85

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Hello to all,

Another year has passed; they seem to go faster the longer I am at the job. Here is what we accomplished this past year.

- In May we sprayed selected trees with a non-toxic product to control the caterpillars.
- In June we had removed approximately 20 dead trees along the Panhandle Rd.
- In August I completed a risk management survey of the remaining dead or damaged town trees.
- In December we had removed approximately 30 dead trees of the most concern throughout the town, including Old County Rd, Indian Hill Rd and Lamberts Cove.

All things considered, things are progressing nicely. There is still a lot of work to be done. My survey still has approximately 250 trees to be dealt with, and we will, starting with the most dangerous first.

Thank you to everyone who helps me do this job:

- Jen at the Town Hall, my biggest resource.
- Maciel Land & Tree for spraying and tree removal.
- Mark Clements for tree removal.
- Jesse Oliver, my best eyes on the town roads.
- All of the towns folk who quickly and efficiently helped to remove and clean up all the fire wood on the sides of the roads.
- The Selectmen who guide me in the right direction.
- All of the bidders who take the time to look at the removal jobs to be done, thank you for your time.

Anyway, I look forward to serving the town again next year; I hope to have your vote!

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

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:

- ❖ During 2008, Tri-Town Ambulance responded to 236 calls for the ambulance. This call volume is down from the 347 runs of 2007.
- ❖ Tri-Town Ambulance would like to welcome the new ALS Supervisor Bob Bellinger.
- ❖ We celebrated the addition of two new EMTs into our squad this year. Kendra Newick and Vivian Stein welcomed to our ranks. Nick Thorne won Tri-Town EMT of the Year 2008; for his dedicated contribution.
- ❖ Cheryl Sellitti-Vanderhoop has retired from Tri-Town after 15 years of service. We wish her well and thank her for her dedication.

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

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

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

Chilmark	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	Kendra Newick
Max McCreery	Debby Farber	Out of Town Responders
Bret Stearns	Jennifer Gardner	Randhi Belain
	Jen & Bruce Haynes	Andy Bluestein
	Betsy Macdonald	Rick Brew
	Skipper Manter	Bill Cini
	Martina Mastromonaco	Dan Johnson
	Jim Osmundsen	Tracey Jones
	Ben Retmier	Matt Montanile
	Eamonn Solway	John Rose
	Chris West	
	Zeke Wilkins	
	Vivian Stein	
	Gail Stevenson	

Respectfully submitted,
Tri-Town Ambulance Committee:
Chief Tim Rich Dan Johnson, Tri-Town Squad Rep.
Chief Beth Toomey, Mary Boyd, Chilmark Selectmen appointee
Chief Randhi Belain, Dianne Powers, West Tisbury Board of Selectmen
Chief Walter Delaney, Aquinnah Selectmen appointee
Tri-Town Ambulance Staff:
Ambulance Service Coordinator, Martina Mastromonaco
Assistant Coordinator (Clerical), Sloan Hart
ALS Supervisor, Bob Bellinger
Assistant Coordinator (Mechanical), Simon Bollin

Proposed Budget and Analysis Report for Fiscal Year 2010

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

Acct #	Acct Name	Fiscal Year 2007		Fiscal Year 2008		% Inc	Fiscal Year 2009		% Inc	Fiscal Year 2010		Avg. 3 Yr.	
		Budget Amount	Expended	Budget Amount	Expended		Budget Amount	Expended		Proposed	Difference	% Inc	% Inc
5122	Coordinator's Salary	\$ 26,518.00	\$ 26,518.00	\$ 28,429.00	\$ 28,429.00	7.21%	\$ 30,172.00	\$ 14,905.00	6.13%	\$ 30,172.00	\$ -	0.00%	4.45%
5142	Longevity	\$ 228.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00	100.00%	\$ 303.00	\$ -	6.32%	\$ 303.00	\$ -	0.00%	35.44%
5123	Asst. Coordinator's Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5168	Clerical	\$ 5,124.00	\$ 5,124.00	\$ 16,483.00	\$ 19,734.00	221.68%	\$ 17,493.00	\$ 9,489.00	6.13%	\$ 18,103.00	\$ 610.00	3.49%	77.10%
5169	Mechanic	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0.00%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5124	EMT Incentive	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 62,534.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 29,735.00	0.00%	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 17,600.00	-15.87%	\$ 53,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	-5.29%
5125	Seasonal EMT	\$ 55,595.00	\$ 53,361.00	\$ 76,571.00	\$ 78,583.00	37.73%	\$ 78,472.00	\$ 62,045.00	2.48%	\$ 78,472.00	\$ -	0.00%	13.40%
5165	ALS Coordinator's Salary	\$ 46,417.00	\$ 46,463.00	\$ 52,660.00	\$ 32,524.00	13.45%	\$ 55,896.00	\$ 9,742.00	6.15%	\$ 53,975.00	\$ (1,921.00)	-3.44%	5.39%
5179	Nightshift Paramedic	\$ 20,100.00	\$ 22,719.00	\$ 36,950.00	\$ 30,535.00	83.83%	\$ 32,085.00	\$ 6,210.00	-13.17%	\$ 33,480.00	\$ 1,395.00	4.35%	25.00%
5180	Tri-town Shift	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 25,900.00	\$ 28,125.00	43.89%	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 24,434.00	102.70%	\$ 52,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	48.86%
5243	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,129.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,819.00	0.00%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,827.00	0.00%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5244	Medical Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 586.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 542.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 821.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5247	Computer Equipment Maintenanr	\$ 200.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 48.00	0.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ -	150.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	50.00%
5251	Radio Repair/Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 908.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,008.00	200.00%	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,244.00	8.33%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	-23.08%	61.75%
5255	Oxygen	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,242.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,153.00	0.00%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,370.00	0.00%	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5293	Rubbish Disposal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5303	Professional Development	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,625.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 20,175.00	20.00%	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 3,581.00	16.67%	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	12.22%
5341	Telecommunications	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,795.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 4,056.00	5.88%	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 4,993.00	5.56%	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 500.00	26.32%	12.58%
5344	Postage	\$ 600.00	\$ 559.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 423.00	8.33%	\$ 750.00	\$ 125.00	15.38%	\$ 750.00	\$ -	0.00%	7.91%
5345	Freight	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 7.00	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5399	Other Purchased Services	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,778.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,511.00	0.00%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,544.00	50.00%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	66.67%	38.89%
5420	Office Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,402.00	33.33%	\$ 900.00	\$ 191.00	12.50%	\$ 900.00	\$ -	0.00%	15.28%
5481	Gasoline	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,089.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,051.00	6.67%	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,258.00	18.75%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	31.58%	19.00%
5482	Vehicle Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 589.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,799.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 847.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5500	Medical Supplies	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,992.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,647.00	0.00%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,377.00	7.14%	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	2.38%
5585	Uniforms	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,317.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5589	Other Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 376.00	20.00%	\$ 600.00	\$ 131.00	0.00%	\$ 600.00	\$ -	0.00%	6.67%
5710	In-State Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 415.00	0.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ 245.00	0.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5711	Mileage Allowance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,593.00	115.38%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 661.00	7.14%	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	-33.33%	29.73%
5730	Dues and Memberships	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ 330.00	0.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
5740	Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,281.00	\$ 4,281.00	\$ 5,728.00	\$ 5,728.00	33.80%	\$ 5,097.00	\$ 5,097.00	-11.02%	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 2,203.00	43.22%	22.00%
5173	Health Ins	\$ 30,289.00	\$ 19,025.00	\$ 20,444.00	\$ 15,970.00	100.00%	\$ 29,482.00	\$ -	44.21%	\$ 20,962.00	\$ (8,520.00)	-28.90%	38.44%
5742	Incident Deductable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 905.00	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%

5744	Medicare/Workers Comp	\$	900.00	\$	900.00	\$	1,876.00	\$	1,876.00	108.44%	\$	151.00	\$	151.00	-91.95%	\$	166.00	\$	15.00	9.93%	8.81%
5850	Additional Equipment	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,619.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	828.00	0.00%	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,389.00	0.00%	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	0.00%	0.00%
5870	Replacement Equipment	\$	2,000.00	\$	688.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,397.00	0.00%	\$	2,000.00	\$	128.00	0.00%	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	0.00%	0.00%
5871	Lab Testing	\$	2,000.00	\$	3,212.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	50.00%	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	0.00%	\$	2,000.00	\$	(1,000.00)	-33.33%	5.56%
5872	Defib & 12 Lead Maint	\$	7,800.00	\$	9,249.00	\$	7,800.00	\$	1,595.00	0.00%	\$	7,800.00	\$	3,219.00	0.00%	\$	6,500.00	\$	(1,300.00)	-16.67%	-5.56%
5873	ALS Supply	\$	5,000.00	\$	7,816.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	7,268.00	20.00%	\$	6,500.00	\$	778.00	8.33%	\$	6,500.00	\$	-	0.00%	9.44%
5875	Comstar Service Charge	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%	\$	9,000.00	\$	4,450.00	0.00%	\$	9,000.00	\$	-	100.00%	33.33%
	Comstar Budget Offset	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	0	0	\$	(159,483.00)	\$	-	0%	\$	(160,537.00)	\$	(1,054.00)	-2.92%	-3.96%
	Expense Totals	\$	337,252.00	\$	330,888.00	\$	405,376.00	\$	348,542.00	20.20%	\$	287,118.00	\$	2203,182.00	-29.17%	\$	278,746.00	\$	(8,372.00)	-2.92%	-3.96%
	Refunded to Towns	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-		\$	92,915.33	\$	-	-2.92%	-3.96%
	Each Town's Share	\$	112,417.33	\$	-	\$	135,125.33	\$	-		\$	95,706.00	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-	Comstar Budget Offset is revenue collected 12/31/08	
	Refund to Each Town	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-		\$	-	\$	-		

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 130 hours per month in 2008.

Service Indicator Highlights January 1 – December 31, 2008 Unduplicated Count

Approximately 540 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) 60 years of age and older and 35 individuals under the age of sixty received services and/or participated in our programs in 2008.

Social, Recreational & Cultural Programs

215 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)	Fresh Vegetables

Educational Programs

185 participated in the following educational programs:

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

Nutrition Programs

28 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:

Congregate Lunch (holiday meals included)
Home Delivered Meals

Health & Fitness Programs

250 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 Talks

**Health Programs Sponsored by the Up-Island Boards of Health:
52 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 82 elders in 2008.**

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 approximately 430 hours in 2007. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed \$9000.

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| Friendly Visitors | General Office Help |
| Drivers (errands & M.D. appts.) | Lunch Servers |
| Meals on Wheel Drivers | Community Education Speakers |
| Tax Preparers | Special Event Organizers |
| Book Group Facilitator | Computer Instruction |
| Musicians | Watercolor Instruction |
| Audiologist Services | Writing Group Facilitator |
| Fish Baggers | |

Ralph Jones, longtime volunteer and master organizer of our **Computer Instruction Program** has retired. We are grateful for his years of service and commitment to the program.

Shelton Bank succeeded Ralph to rave reviews. We are sorry to report that Shelton passed away in January of 2009. He is sorely missed.

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
- ☐ Purchase a Power Point Projector

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 \$10,000 in 2008 for the following:

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| Grounds Maintenance | Interior Maintenance |
| Special Program Support | Monthly Cell Phone Service |
| Computer Equipment | |

(Friends’ Gift Fund)

Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable due to the economic downturn and are struggling to put food on the table, pay heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The **Friends**, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a **Gift Fund to provide assistance in paying for fuel costs and food.** The **Gift Fund** is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

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

Respectfully submitted,
JOYCE BOWKER, Director

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Board of Selectmen

The ZBA held 41 hearings for 30 cases in 2008.

Case 08-01 January 16

J Simon Warren: 14 Holly Lane; Map 16 Lot 190; RUral District
Request for Special Permit for 8' of setback relief to add on a mudroom was granted.

Case 08-02 February 6 and March 12

Clair Rush and Gary Rome: 7 Yellow Brick Rd; Map10 Lot 17; RU District
Request for Special Permit to reconstruct a house on a non-conforming lot and to exceed the Roadside District height limit: The request to exceed the height limit was withdrawn and the reconstruction was granted with conditions.

Case 08-03 March 4

Nancy Cole and Peter Rodegast: 19 Road to Great Neck; Map 31 Lot 69.5; RU District
Request for Special Permit for setback relief for an accessory structure (wind turbine to be 114' from south bound) was granted.

Case 08-04 March 26

Malcolm and Judith Hall: 591 Edgartown Rd; Map 31 Lot 33; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing, non-conforming house by adding on 841 sq ft was granted with conditions.

Case 08-05 March 4

Eleanor Muggleston: 178 Vineyard Meadows Farm Rd; Map 37 Lot 28; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming house by replacing rear deck that is 28' from N bound with 16' by 18' sunroom was granted.

Case 07-39 October 17 and November 28, 2007 and January 30 and March 12, 2008

Robert and Kathy Harris: 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 was withdrawn after private mediation. The appeal was 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.

Case 08-06 March 12

Kenneth Edwards and Gabriella Camilleri: 62 Otis Bassett Rd Map 17 Lot 15; RU District

Request for Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming house: To add approx 1600 sq ft of living space was granted.

Case 08-07 March 12 and 25

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

Request for Special Permit to have an above ground pool, 24' in diameter, was granted with conditions.

Case 08-08 March 12

Town Hall Renovation Committee on behalf of West Tisbury; 1059 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 65; Village Residential District

Request for Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming (by height) building: To add on a 33' by 24', 3- story addition was granted.

Case 08-09 March 12

Heather and John Hoff: 680 State Road; Map 22 Lot 55; RU District

Request for Special Permit for retail sales in connection with an agricultural use was granted with conditions.

Case 08-10 March 26

Calvin M Grimes Jr: 40 Waldron's Bottom Rd; Map 29 Lot 48; RU District

Request for a Special permit for 10' of setback relief from the south bound for a deck was granted.

Case 08-11 April 9

Susan Sigel Goldsmith; 20 Catboat Lane; Map 17 Lot 2.5 RU District

Request for a Special Permit for a home occupation of marketing and consulting was granted.

Case 08-12 April 9

Chris Scott, Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust for Alley's Store; 1041 State Rd; Map 32 Lots 58 and 58.2; VR District

Request for Special Permit for change in use and expansion of a pre-existing, non-conforming use: to reconstruct the former bike rental business to be used as additional retail space for Alleys General Store was granted with conditions.

Case 08-13 April 23

Fletcher and Benaree Wiley: 130 Pond Road; Map 30 Lot 2.16; RU District

Request for Special Permit for over 676 sq ft accessory structure (an 840 sq ft pool house) on an under 3 acre lot was granted with conditions.

Case 08-14 April 23

Alexander and Elizabeth Boyle: 97 Longview Rd; Map 7 Lot 117; RU District

Request for Special Permit for setback relief for an accessory structure (wind turbine) from a lot owned by applicants' family was granted with conditions.

Case 08-15 June 4, June 11 and July 2

Susan Silk and Barbara Silk: 1 Cardinal Way; Map 11, Lot 10; RU District

Request for Special Permit for over 676 sq ft accessory building on under 3 acre lot: A 32' by 24' garage, with 2nd story art studio above was granted with conditions.

Case 08-16 June 4

Rex and Scarlet Jarrell: 1153 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 109; RU District

Request for Special Permit for setback relief: Remove pre-existing non-conforming 30' by 12' shed from their adjacent property and re-site it on their Map 32 Lot 109 property to be 10' from shared bound at closest point was granted.

Case 08-17 July 2

George Churchill: 84 Waldron's Bottom Rd; Map 29 Lot 51; RU District

Request for Special Permit for setback relief for a shed/workshop to be 25' from rear bound was granted.

Case 08-18 July 2, 17, and 23

Mary and Jackson Kenworth: 688 State Rd; Map 22 Lot 55; RU District
Request for Special Permit to reconstruct, alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming fire damaged restaurant was granted with conditions.

Case 08-19 September 17

Janice Sparks: 49 Old Coach Rd; Map 16 Lot 20; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend pre-existing, non-conforming house by adding on 18' by 22' requiring 4' of setback relief was granted.

Case 08-20 September 17

Kevin and Ginger Chavers: 15 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.82; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a 10' by 50' in-ground pool with associated patio, equipment pad and fence was granted with conditions.

Case 08-21 October 1

Barbara Smith: 13 Scotty's Lane; Map 7 Lot 170; RU and Inland Pond District
Request for Special Permit to reconstruct, alter and extend a pre-existing non-conforming shed, to be reduced in size but in the same footprint, was granted.

Case 08-22 October 1

Matt Merry: 11 Dolphine Merry Rd; Map 11 Lot 125.1; RU District
Request for Special Permit to build an over 676 sq ft accessory structure on an under 3 acre lot, a 34' by 24' garage to be 40' from East bound, was granted.

Case 08-23 October 1

Wendy Shri Hitchcock: 6 Josiah Sachem Way; Map 15 Lot 17; RU District
Request for Special Permit for a home occupation of esthetics, skincare which includes massages and facials, was granted.

Case 08-24 October 15

Margaret Mazanti: 36 Tom Neelon Rd; Map 3 Lot 37; RU District
Request for Special Permit to add on 10' by 24' to a pre-existing, non-conforming garage to be 17' from the South bound was granted with conditions.

Case 08-25 October 15

William Burton: 35 Millstone Lane; Map 7 Lot 140; RU District
Request for Special Permit for an attached accessory structure, a greenhouse/sunroom, to be 32' from NE bound at nearest point was granted

Case 08-26 October 29

Myron Garfinkle: 39 Sarita Walker Rd; Map 38 Lot 7; RU District
Request for Special Permit to alter and extend a pre-existing, non-conforming house: Bumping out the greenhouse/sunroom an additional 8', to be 40' from west bound, was granted.

Case 08-27 November 12

Ronald Dunlap: 64 Brickworks Rd; Map 1 Lot 22.3; RU District
Request to amend a Special Permit granted in 2000: To convert the present use of the 2nd floor of a garage from storage to the habitable use of an office/bedroom was granted.

Case 08-28 November 12

Terry Kriedman MD: 1 Cournoyer Rd; Map 16 Lot 98.2; Mixed Business District
Request for Special Permit for an off-premises auxiliary sign at the corner of State and Cournoyer Rds for her Vineyard Gynecology practice was granted.

Case 08-29 November 19 and November 25

Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank: 496 State Rd; Map 16, Lot 99; MB District.
Request for Special Permit for the construction of a 3,500 sq ft 2- story office building on a parcel adjoining their existing bank, including the

removal of an existing building, was granted with conditions.

Case 08-30

December 17

Jill and Paul Ruddock: 229 Pond Rd; Map 30 Lot 2.54; RU District
Request for Special Permit for an 18' by 42' in-ground pool with
associated patio, equipment pad and fencing to have 8' of setback relief
for the pool at the nearest corner and 5' of setback relief for equipment
pad at nearest corner was granted with conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC C. WHITMAN, Chairman

ROGER W. HUBBELL JR., Vice-Chairman

ANTONI M. COHEN

NANCY M. COLE

ANTHONY HIGGINS JR.

LAWRENCE H. SCHUBERT

ROBERT M. SCHWIER II

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 2008; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2009; BUDGET PROPOSALS - FY 2010

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2008 \$	Appropriations FY 2009 \$	Requested Appropriations FY 2010 \$	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2010 \$
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
MODERATOR					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	370	370	370.00	370.00
114-5700	Expenses	0	120	120.00	120.00
	Total Moderator	370	490	490.00	490.00
BOARD OF SELECTMEN					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	8,629	11,050	5,000.00	5,000.00
122-5700	Expenses	1,031	2,000	4,500.00	4,500.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/Consultant Expense			5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	9,660	13,050	14,500.00	14,500.00
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY					
123-5120	Personal Services	75,045	81,242	88,374.40	87,026.64
	Total Executive Secretary	75,045	81,242	88,374.40	87,026.64
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
131-5120	Personal Services	717	1,935	2,105.40	2,073.15
131-5700	Expenses	1,271	3,150	2,900.00	2,900.00
	Total Finance Committee	1,988	5,085	5,005.40	4,973.15
RESERVE FUND					
132-5700	Expenses (Transfers)		46,000	46,000.00	46,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund		46,000	46,000.00	46,000.00
ANNUAL AUDIT					
132-5700	Expenses	11,000	11,000	11,000.00	11,000.00
	Total Annual Audit	11,000	11,000	11,000.00	11,000.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
135-5120	Personal Services	60,097	65,047	70,771.89	69,675.69
135-5700	Expenses	1,477	1,845	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Total Town Accountant	61,574	66,892	72,471.89	71,375.69
BOARD OF ASSESSORS					
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	2,917	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	120,906	122,805	126,499.16	124,563.44
141-5305	Legal Services	31,316	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	14,815	19,980	20,170.00	20,170.00
	Total Board of Assessors	169,954	175,785	179,669.16	177,733.44
TOWN TREASURER					
145-5110	Elected Official, Salary	59,122	63,982	69,608.70	68,530.77
145-5700	Expenses	3,090	3,050	3,015.00	3,015.00
	Total Town Treasurer	62,212	67,032	72,623.70	71,545.77
TAX COLLECTOR					
146-5110	Elected Official, Salary	58,108	64,876	70,592.04	69,498.14
146-5700	Expenses	13,052	14,885	13,560.00	13,560.00
	Total Tax Collector	71,160	79,761	84,152.04	83,058.14
LEGAL SERVICES					
151-5305	Expenses	45,000	45,000	35,000.00	35,000.00
	Total Legal Services	45,000	45,000	35,000.00	35,000.00
PERSONNEL BOARD					
152-5120	Personal Services	2,032	6,487	7,052.98	6,945.54
152-5700	Expenses	641	1,035	900.00	900.00
	Total Personnel Board	2,673	7,522	7,952.98	7,845.54

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2008	Appropriations FY 2009	Requested Appropriations FY 2010	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2010
		\$	\$	\$	\$
DATA PROCESSING					
155-5700	Expenses	46,219	52,600	60,600.00	60,600.00
	Total Data Processing	46,219	52,600	60,600.00	60,600.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE					
158-5305	Legal Services	12,950	12,950	12,950.00	12,950.00
158-5700	Expenses	150	150	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	13,100	13,100	13,100.00	13,100.00
TOWN CLERK					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	44,787	48,465	37,101.15	36,526.95
161-5120	Personal Services	1,732	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
161-5700	Expenses	512	1,125	1,525.00	1,525.00
	Total Town Clerk	47,031	52,090	41,126.15	40,551.95
ELECTIONS					
162-5120	Personal Services	916	2,300	1,600.00	1,600.00
162-5700	Expenses	2,266	4,550	2,350.00	2,350.00
	Total Elections	3,181	6,850	3,950.00	3,950.00
BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
163-5120	Personal Services	250	250	250.00	250.00
163-5700	Expenses	495	935	935.00	935.00
	Total Board of Registrars	745	1,185	1,185.00	1,185.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
171-5120	Personal Services	31,380	34,342	37,361.37	36,788.99
171-5700	Expenses	2,853	3,350	3,350.00	3,350.00
	Total Conservation Commission	34,233	37,692	40,711.37	40,138.99
PLANNING BOARD					
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	43,032	47,751	51,882.18	51,102.68
175-5305	Legal Services			2,000.00	2,000.00
175-5700	Expenses	2,536	4,575	3,745.00	3,745.00
	Total Planning Board	50,568	57,326	62,627.18	61,847.68
BOARD OF APPEALS					
176-5120	Personal Services	48,726	53,037	57,689.92	56,810.31
176-5305	Legal Services	0	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	1,862	3,425	2,950.00	2,950.00
	Total Board of Appeals	50,589	60,462	64,639.92	63,760.31
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	108,389	113,469	113,469.00	113,469.00
	Total Martha's Vineyard Comm.	108,389	113,469	113,469.00	113,469.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE					
180-5120	Personal Services	2,832	3,500	3,500.00	3,500.00
180-5305	Legal Services	1,000	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00
180-5700	Expenses	200	350	550.00	550.00
	Total Affordable Housing Comm.	4,032	4,850	5,050.00	5,050.00
PUBLIC RESTROOMS					
185-5700	Expenses	1,413	1,600	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Total Public Restrooms	1,413	1,600	1,600.00	1,600.00
TOWN HALL					
192-5700	Expenses	62,223	64,077	66,920.00	66,920.00
	Total Town Hall	62,223	64,077	66,920.00	66,920.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2008	Appropriations FY 2009	Requested Appropriations FY 2010	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2010
		\$	\$	\$	\$
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE					
193-5700	Expenses	50,118	54,600	54,600.00	54,600.00
	Total Property Insurance	50,118	54,600	54,600.00	54,600.00
TOWN REPORTS					
195-5700	Expenses	3,476	4,500	4,500.00	4,500.00
	Total Town Reports	3,476	4,500	4,500.00	4,500.00
TOWN CLOCK					
196-5120	Personal Services	0	250	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0	250	250.00	250.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		985,952	1,123,509	1,151,568.19	1,142,071.30
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
210-5120	Personal Services	716,914	770,348	820,493.03	813,194.36
210-5700	Expenses	105,105	116,188	113,888.00	113,888.00
	Total Police Department	822,019	886,536	934,381.03	927,082.36
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
220-5120	Personal Services	68,000	98,200	98,200.00	98,200.00
220-5700	Expenses	138,643	135,300	139,800.00	139,800.00
	Total Fire Department	206,643	233,500	238,000.00	238,000.00
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	124,862	95,706	103,681.00	103,681.00
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	124,862	95,706	103,681.00	103,681.00
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS					
241-5120	Personal Services	84,466	92,518	96,855.66	95,884.74
241-5700	Expenses	3,243	4,050	4,050.00	4,050.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	87,709	96,568	100,905.66	99,934.74
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
291-5120	Personal Services	2,453	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00
291-5700	Expenses	620	1,000	1,165.00	1,165.00
	Total Emergency Management	3,073	7,000	7,165.00	7,165.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER					
292-5120	Personal Services	45,137	51,312	55,791.23	54,941.57
292-5700	Expenses	4,773	8,250	9,950.00	9,950.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	49,910	59,562	65,741.23	64,891.57
TREE WARDEN					
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	1,250	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	0	600	1,200.00	1,200.00
294-5700	Expenses	4,800	5,000	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Total Tree Warden	6,050	8,100	13,700.00	13,700.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE					
296-5700	Expenses	1,295	1,750	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Total Dutch Elm Disease	1,295	1,750	1,000.00	1,000.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL					
297-5700	Expenses	4,800	6,500	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total Insect Pest Control	4,800	6,500	3,000.00	3,000.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2008	Appropriations FY 2009	Requested Appropriations FY 2010	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2010
		\$	\$	\$	\$
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT					
298-5120	Personal Services	3,850	3,850	3,850.00	3,850.00
298-5700	Expenses	528	925	925.00	925.00
	Total Shellfish Department	4,378	4,775	4,775.00	4,775.00
MV SHELLFISH GROUP					
299-5700	Expenses	30,000	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	30,000	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		1,340,740	1,429,998	1,502,348.92	1,493,229.67
EDUCATION					
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	5,513,823	5,553,733	5,421,068.01	5,421,068.01
	Total Up-Island Reg. School Dist.	5,513,823	5,553,733	5,421,068.01	5,421,068.01
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	2,321,919	2,221,881	2,076,263.00	2,076,263.00
	Total M.V. Regional High School	2,321,919	2,221,881	2,076,263.00	2,076,263.00
TOTAL EDUCATION		7,835,742	7,775,614	7,497,331.01	7,497,331.01
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS					
421-5120	Personal Services	5,125	5,500	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	5,125	5,500	7,000.00	7,000.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND					
422-5120	Personal Services	45,426	54,237	58,491.56	57,581.04
422-5700	Expenses	56,220	56,700	59,310.00	59,310.00
	Total General Highway Fund	101,646	110,937	117,801.56	116,891.04
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL					
423-5700	Expenses	34,738	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	34,738	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00
STREET LIGHTS					
424-5700	Expenses	6,372	7,000	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Total Street Lights	6,372	7,000	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		147,881	153,437	161,801.56	160,891.04
SANITATION					
TOWN LANDFILL					
433-5120	Personal Services	0	50	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	44,566	55,000	56,400.00	56,400.00
433-5700	Expenses	3,200	3,200	3,200.00	3,200.00
	Total Town Landfill	47,766	58,250	59,650.00	59,650.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	113,947	113,331	114,210.58	114,210.58
	Total MVRDRRD	113,947	113,331	114,210.58	114,210.58
TOTAL SANITATION		161,714	171,581	173,860.58	173,860.58
HUMAN SERVICES					
CEMETERIES					
491-5120	Personal Services	1,998	2,000	2,000.00	2,000.00
491-5700	Expenses	6,616	9,600	17,600.00	17,600.00
	Total Cemeteries	8,614	11,600	19,600.00	19,600.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2008	Appropriations FY 2009	Requested Appropriations FY 2010	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2010
		\$	\$	\$	\$
BOARD OF HEALTH					
510-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
510-5120	Personal Services	78,223	85,207	84,446.65	82,962.62
510-5700	Expenses	6,323	8,790	8,790.00	8,790.00
	Total Board of Health	87,547	96,997	96,236.65	94,752.62
HEALTH SERVICES					
522-5700	Expenses	14,292	18,780	18,780.00	18,780.00
	Total Health Services	14,292	18,780	18,780.00	18,780.00
ISLAND COUNCILS ON AGING, INC.					
540-5700	Expenses	21,825	22,519	23,215.02	23,215.02
	Total ICOA, Inc.	21,825	22,519	23,215.02	23,215.02
UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING					
542-5120	Personal Services	164,147	174,679	189,887.20	186,998.03
542-5700	Expenses	7,491	11,685	12,450.00	12,450.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	171,638	186,364	202,337.20	199,448.03
VETERANS' BENEFITS					
543-5700	Expenses	0	2,000	13,200.00	13,200.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	0	2,000	13,200.00	13,200.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		303,915	338,260	373,368.87	368,995.67
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
610-5120	Personal Services	200,532	244,263	253,599.10	250,078.22
610-5700	Expenses	125,370	133,204	152,774.77	152,774.77
	Total Public Library	325,901	377,467	406,373.87	402,852.99
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$300	830	830	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	11,206	12,274	13,352.40	13,149.79
620-5700	Expenses	1,196	1,200	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	13,231	14,304	15,382.40	15,179.79
TENNIS COURTS					
630-5120	Personal Services	3,730	4,329	4,708.80	4,636.80
630-5700	Expenses	158	200	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Total Tennis Courts	3,888	4,529	5,808.80	5,736.80
LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND					
634-5120	Personal Services	52,766	60,447	65,656.75	65,185.25
634-5700	Expenses	7,984	8,250	7,850.00	7,850.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	60,750	68,697	73,506.75	73,035.25
SWIMMING INSTRUCTION					
635-5120	Personal Services	1,662	2,994	2,695.68	2,656.08
635-5700	Expenses	51	150	150.00	150.00
	Total Swimming Instruction	1,713	3,144	2,845.68	2,806.08
WINTER RECREATION					
640-5120	Personal Services	1,307	3,459	2,473.68	2,436.84
640-5700	Expenses	5,333	6,000	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Total Winter Recreation	6,640	9,459	8,473.68	8,436.84
TOWN GROUNDS					
650-5700	Expenses	5,660	5,700	5,700.00	5,700.00
	Total Town Grounds	5,660	5,700	5,700.00	5,700.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2008	Appropriations FY 2009	Requested Appropriations FY 2010	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2010
		\$	\$	\$	\$
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
690-5700	Expenses	302	600	500.00	500.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	302	600	500.00	500.00
LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
691-5700	Expenses	0	50	300.00	300.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0	50	300.00	300.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL					
691-5700	Expenses			1,500.00	1,500.00
	Total MV Cultural Council			1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		418,087	483,949	520,391.18	516,047.75
DEBT SERVICE					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	575,659	588,909	602,523.50	602,523.50
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	199,408	166,781	191,111.74	191,111.74
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	0	125,000	97,000.00	97,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		775,066	880,690	890,635.24	890,635.24
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
911-5170	County Retirement	219,370	237,245	249,100.00	249,100.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	7,417	8,000	8,000.00	8,000.00
913-5170	Massachusetts Unemployment	1,722	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	339,339	417,000	429,000.00	429,000.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	1,834	2,350	2,350.00	2,350.00
916-5170	Medicare	25,331	26,875	29,600.00	29,600.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	6,050	6,353	8,500.00	8,500.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		601,063	700,323	729,050.00	729,050.00
GRAND TOTALS		12,570,158	13,057,362	13,000,355.55	12,972,112.26

Description			Source of Capital Budget Appropriations					Capital Plan	
Department/ Item Requested	Priority	Description/Rationale	Property Tax Levy	Issuance of Town Debt	Aid/ Grants/ Donation	Free Cash	Other Sources (Specify)	2009 Requested	2009 Recommended
Capital Budget Items									
Highways: Lambert's Cove Road Bridge	1	Structural repairs to bridge and resurface roadway on it				30,000		30,000	30,000
Capital Items to be voted into Stabilization Funds (voted separately):									
Fire Department: New Pumper Truck	1	Set aside \$100,000/year toward a new pumper truck into a special stabilization fund; first of five projected installments.					75,000	75,000	75,000
Community Preservation Fund (voted separately):									
Town Hall Construction/Expansion Debt Service	1	First of five annual installments of CPA funds to help pay debt service for Town Hall Renovation.					100,000	100,000	100,000
Town Hall Sidewalk	1	Design/permit/install brick sidewalk in front of Town Hall					55,000	55,000	55,000
Total Capital Budget			0	0	0	30,000	230,000	260,000	260,000

UIRSD FY2009 ASSESSMENT - CERTIFIED 1/22/08					
	TOTAL				
	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL	
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)	\$736,705.38	\$52,085.07	\$141,373.76	\$543,246.55	\$736,705.38
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	\$719,221.96	\$50,848.99	\$138,018.69	\$530,354.27	\$719,221.96
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH BUSES)	\$208,000.00	\$14,705.60	\$39,915.20	\$153,379.20	\$208,000.00
TOTAL PART A & B	\$1,663,927.34	\$117,639.66	\$319,307.66	\$1,226,980.02	\$1,663,927.34
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	\$1,000,476.76	\$125,059.60	\$650,309.89	\$225,107.27	\$1,000,476.76
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	\$5,385,600.43	\$335,597.67	\$648,648.13	\$4,401,554.63	\$5,386,800.43
TOTAL PART C	\$6,387,277.19	\$460,657.26	\$1,299,958.03	\$4,626,661.90	\$6,387,277.19
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	\$267,050.00	\$19,087.37	\$213,640.00	\$34,342.63	\$267,050.00
W. Tisbury Principal & Interest	\$24,091.50	\$16,418.33	\$31,799.97	\$192,873.20	\$241,091.50
TOTAL PART D	\$508,141.50	\$35,485.70	\$245,439.97	\$227,215.83	\$508,141.50
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$8,559,346.03	\$613,782.63	\$1,864,705.65	\$6,080,857.75	\$8,559,346.03
School Choice Revenue Offset	(\$208,211.00)	(\$1,720.52)	(\$39,955.89)	(\$153,534.79)	(\$208,211.00)
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	\$8,351,135.03	\$599,062.11	\$1,824,749.96	\$5,927,322.96	\$8,351,135.03
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE			
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$824,474.00				
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	\$240,696.00				
Charter School Sending Tuition	(\$725,578.00)				
Charter School Tuition Reimbursement	\$65,935.00				
School Choice Sending Tuition	(\$144,396.00)				
School Choice Receiving Tuition **	\$0.00	\$208,211.00			
Total Reimbursements	\$261,131.00	\$208,211.00			
ANTICIPATED REVENUES					
E&D Offset	\$158,000.00				
Interest Income	\$94,000.00				
Misc. Revenue	\$3,500.13				
Total Revenues	\$246,500.13				
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$506,631.13	\$35,818.82	\$97,222.51	\$373,589.80	\$506,631.13
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS *	\$7,844,503.90	\$563,243.29	\$1,727,527.45	\$5,553,733.17	\$7,844,503.90
FY08 ASSESSMENTS	\$7,547,953.31	\$669,729.86	\$1,371,400.77	\$5,519,822.68	\$7,547,953.31
DIFFERENCE	\$296,550.59	(\$96,486.57)	\$353,126.68	\$393,910.49	\$296,550.59
PERCENTAGE INCREASE	3.93%	-14.63%	25.69%	0.72%	3.93%
* FY08 Assessments are based on the amended regional agreement, using 10/1/07 enrollment census.					
** School Choice Receiving Tuition must be spent from the School Choice Fund, therefore revenues are no longer budgeted to the General Fund and General Fund expenditures have been offset.					

UIRSD FY2009 FORMULAS									
	School Attended								
Town of Residence	Chilmark	West Tisbury	Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District					
Aquinnah	5	16	21	Charter School					43
Chilmark	26	31	57	School Choice					17
West Tisbury	9	210	219	Residential					0
District Enrollment	40	257	297						
School Choice	2	26	28						
Total Enrollment	42	283	325						FY08 Foundation Enrollment 357
Part "A" - Superintendent's Office									
		FY08 \$610,087.70	FY09 \$736,705.38	Increased 20.75%					
Part "B" - School Committee									
		FY08 \$1,004,111.30	FY09 \$927,221.96	Decreased - 7.66%					
Part "C" - Site Operating Budgets									
Chilmark School:		FY08 \$1,030,494.83	FY09 \$1,000,476.76	Decreased -2.91%					
W. Tisbury School:		FY08 \$5,061,224.48	FY09 \$5,386,800.43	Increased 6.43%					
Part "D" - Building Debt									
		FY08 \$489,726.00	FY09 \$508,141.50	Increased 3.76%					
Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"									
Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.									
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah =	Chilmark =	Chilmark =	19.19%				W. Tisbury =	73.74%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites									
Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.									
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah =	Chilmark =	Chilmark =	65.00%				W. Tisbury =	22.50%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah =	Chilmark =	Chilmark =	12.06%				W. Tisbury =	81.71%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt									
Owing Town pays at least 80%, non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.									
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah =	Chilmark =	Chilmark =	80.00%				W. Tisbury =	12.86%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah =	Chilmark =	Chilmark =	13.19%				W. Tisbury =	80.00%

UIRSD FY2010 ASSESSMENT - RECERTIFIED 3/9/09

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)	\$768,563.39	\$56,719.98	\$152,175.55	\$559,667.86	\$768,563.39
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	\$702,225.00	\$51,824.21	\$139,040.55	\$511,360.25	\$702,225.00
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH BUSES)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PART A & B	\$1,470,788.39	\$108,544.18	\$291,216.10	\$1,071,028.11	\$1,470,788.39
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	\$983,310.00	\$198,539.33	\$674,255.67	\$140,515.00	\$983,310.00
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	\$5,629,857.00	\$342,295.31	\$749,333.97	\$5,629,857.00	\$5,629,857.00
TOTAL PART C	\$6,613,167.00	\$510,834.64	\$1,423,589.63	\$4,678,742.73	\$6,613,167.00
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	\$298,912.50	\$28,247.35	\$207,130.00	\$23,535.15	\$298,912.50
W. Tisbury Principal & Interest	\$222,476.50	\$13,971.52	\$30,523.78	\$177,881.20	\$222,476.50
TOTAL PART D	\$481,389.00	\$42,218.88	\$237,653.78	\$201,516.35	\$481,389.00
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$8,565,344.39	\$861,597.70	\$1,952,455.51	\$5,951,287.18	\$8,565,344.39
School Choice Revenue Offset	(\$196,210.00)	(\$14,480.30)	(\$38,849.59)	(\$142,880.12)	(\$196,210.00)
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	\$8,369,134.39	\$647,117.40	\$1,913,605.93	\$5,808,407.06	\$8,369,134.39
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE			
Chapter 70 - State Aid	\$842,504.00				
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	\$250,000.00				
Charter School Sending Tuition	(\$770,935.00)				
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	\$91,075.00				
School Choice Sending Tuition	(\$112,251.00)				
School Choice Receiving Tuition - **	\$0.00	\$198,210.00			
Total Reimbursements	\$300,413.00	\$198,210.00			
ANTICIPATED REVENUES					
E&D Offset	\$160,000.00				
Interest Income	\$68,000.00				
Misc. Revenue	\$3,500.00				
Total Revenues	\$231,500.00				
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$531,913.00	\$39,255.18	\$105,318.77	\$387,339.05	\$531,913.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS *	\$7,837,221.39	\$607,662.22	\$1,800,291.16	\$5,421,068.01	\$7,837,221.39
FY09 ASSESSMENTS	\$7,844,503.90	\$569,243.29	\$1,727,527.45	\$5,553,733.17	\$7,844,503.91
DIFFERENCE	(\$7,282.51)	\$44,618.93	\$80,763.71	(\$12,665.16)	(\$7,282.52)
PERCENTAGE INCREASE	-0.09%	7.92%	4.68%	-2.39%	-0.09%
* FY10 Assessments are based on the amended regional agreement, using 10/108 enrollment census.					
** School Choice Receiving Tuition must be spent from the School Choice Fund, therefore revenues are no longer budgeted to the General Fund and General Fund expenditures have been offset.					

UIRSD FY2010 FORMULAS

		School Attended		Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District	
Town of Residence		Chilmark	West Tisbury		Charter School	
Aquinnah		6	16	22		41
Chilmark		24	35	59	School Choice	19
West Tisbury		5	212	217	Residential	0
District Enrollment		35	263	298		
School Choice		4	29	33		
Total Enrollment		39	292	331	FY09 Foundation Enrollment	358
Part "A" - Superintendent's Office						
			FY09 \$736,705.38	FY10 \$768,563.39	Increased	4.32%
Part "B" - School Committee						
			FY09 \$927,221.96	FY10 \$720,685.00	Decreased	(22.27%)
Part "C" - Site Operating Budgets						
Chilmark School:			FY09 \$1,000,476.76	FY10 \$986,510.00	Decreased	(1.40%)
W. Tisbury School:			FY09 \$5,386,800.43	FY10 \$5,671,249.00	Increased	5.28%
Part "D" - Building Debt						
			FY09 \$508,141.50	FY10 \$463,568.00	Decreased	(8.77%)
Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"						
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah =		7.38%	Chilmark =	19.80%	W. Tisbury = 72.82%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites						
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah =		17.14%	Chilmark =	68.57%	W. Tisbury = 14.29%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah =		6.08%	Chilmark =	13.31%	W. Tisbury = 80.61%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt						
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah =		10.91%	Chilmark =	80.00%	W. Tisbury = 9.09%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah =		6.28%	Chilmark =	13.72%	W. Tisbury = 80.00%

Up-Island Regional School District FY'10 Budget Analysis

Assessed Budget	FY09	FY10	\$ Incr/(Decr)	% Incr/(Decr)
PART A				
Superintendent Office/Shared Programs	\$ 736,705.38	\$ 768,563.39	\$ 31,858.01	4.32%
PART B				
School Committee	\$ 719,221.96	\$ 702,225.00	\$ (16,996.96)	-2.36%
Capital Purchase - School Buses	\$ 208,000.00	\$ -	\$ (208,000.00)	-100.00%
PART C				
Chilmark Site Budget	\$ 1,000,476.76	\$ 983,310.00	\$ (17,166.76)	-1.72%
West Tibbury Site Budget	\$ 5,386,800.43	\$ 5,629,857.00	\$ 243,056.57	4.51%
PART D				
Building Debt	\$ 508,141.50	\$ 481,389.00	\$ (26,752.50)	-5.26%
Total Operational Budget	\$ 8,559,346.03	\$ 8,565,344.39	\$ 5,998.36	0.07%
School Choice Revenue Offset	\$ (208,211.00)	\$ (196,210.00)	\$ 12,001.00	
Total Operational Budget to be Assessed	\$ 8,351,135.03	\$ 8,369,134.39	\$ 17,999.36	0.22%
PART E				
Anticipated State Reimbursements:				
Chpt. 70 State Aid	\$ 824,474.00	\$ 842,524.00	\$ 18,050.00	2.19%
Chpt. 71 Reg1 Transportation	\$ 240,696.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 9,304.00	3.87%
Charter School Tuition	\$ (725,578.00)	\$ (770,935.00)	\$ (45,357.00)	-6.25%
Charter School Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 65,935.00	\$ 91,075.00	\$ 25,140.00	38.13%
School Choice Sending Tuition	\$ (144,396.00)	\$ (112,251.00)	\$ 32,145.00	-22.26%
Total Anticipated State Reimbursements	\$ 261,131.00	\$ 300,413.00	\$ 39,282.00	15.04%
Excess & Deficiency Offset	\$ 158,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	1.27%
Anticipated Local Revenues	\$ 87,500.13	\$ 71,500.00	\$ (16,000.13)	-18.29%
Total Assessed Budget	\$ 7,844,503.90	\$ 7,837,221.39	\$ (7,282.51)	-0.09%

FY'10 Operational Budget		Increases/(Decreases)	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Part A			
*Supt's Office/Shared Programs			
All Programs	\$ 31,858.01		0.37%
Part B			
*School Committee			
Transportation	(29,494.05)		-0.34%
Dukes County Retirement	10,742.00		0.13%
All Other Expenses	1,755.09		0.02%
*Capital Purchase - Reduction from FY'09	(208,000.00)		-2.43%
Part C			
*West Tisbury School Site			
Salary Increments	162,887.30		1.90%
Increase of 0.1 FTE Grade 7/8 Math Teacher	8,093.80		0.09%
Increase of 0.5 FTE Math Specialist	34,061.00		0.40%
Reduction of 0.5 FTE Spanish Teacher	(25,810.50)		-0.30%
Reduction of 0.039 FTE Guidance Teacher	(3,348.58)		-0.04%
Health/Dental Increases	35,080.65		0.41%
Increase Utilities	19,329.90		0.23%
Outdoor Painting	15,000.00		0.18%
Increase Bldg. Insurance	3,863.00		0.05%
Increase Fine Arts Programs	1,300.00		0.02%
Reduce Student Insurance	(300.00)		0.00%
Reduce Crossing Guards	(6,400.00)		-0.07%
Reduce Home Tutoring	(500.00)		-0.01%
*Chilmark School Site			
Salary Increments	26,380.47		0.31%
Reduction of 0.4 FTE Reading Teacher	(30,862.40)		-0.36%
Reduction of 0.2 FTE ELL Teacher	(8,591.20)		-0.10%
Health/Dental Increases	3,566.37		0.04%
Increase Utilities	525.00		0.01%
Reduce Staff Curriculum Salaries	(1,000.00)		-0.01%
Reduce SPED Summer School	(1,500.00)		-0.02%
Reduce SPED 766 Expenses	(1,620.00)		-0.02%
Reduce Food Costs	(1,000.00)		-0.01%
Reduce Custodial Extra Services	(1,200.00)		-0.01%
Reduce Building Insurance	(1,965.00)		-0.02%
Reduce Student Insurance	(100.00)		0.00%
Part D			
*Building Debt	(26,752.50)		-0.31%
School Choice Offset	12,001.00		0.14%
Total FY'10 Increases/(Decreases)	\$ 17,999.36		0.22%

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE AND SHARED PROGRAMS ESTIMATED 2008-2009 SALARIES

NAME	POSITION	08-09 SALARY	08-09 FTE
SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF			
Jim Weiss	Superintendent	\$137,020.00	1.00
Laurie Halt	Assistant Superintendent	\$85,000.00	1.00
Dan Seklecki	Director of Student Support Services	\$115,000.00	1.00
Amy Tierney	School Business Administrator	\$90,000.00	1.00
Deb Hart	ELL Director	\$68,000.00	1.00
Edith Rousseau	Administrative Assistant	\$60,000.00	1.00
Janet Sylvia	Financial Administrative Assistant	\$60,000.00	1.00
Donna Michalski	Financial Administrative Assistant	\$46,288.00	1.00
Pat Ingalls	Grant Coordinator	\$27,000.00	0.50
Michelle Gosson	1645 Hr Secretary	\$49,268.00	1.00
Kym Cyr	1715 Hr Secretary	\$51,364.00	1.00
Amanda Carter	1645 Hr Secretary	\$37,884.00	1.00
Jocelyn Broadley	1645 Hr Secretary	\$49,268.00	1.00
Elizabeth MacPherson	1645 Hr Secretary (HS Shared)	\$21,928.00	0.50
SHARED SERVICES STAFF			
Hope McLeod	Autism Specialist	\$76,656.00	1.00
Graham Houghton	Middle School Social Skills Teacher	\$76,656.00	1.00
Ann Fay Lawton	Social Skills Teacher	\$76,656.00	1.00
Kerith Branca	Bridge Program Teacher	\$49,125.00	1.00
Joanne Colley	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$76,656.00	1.00
Linda Zarro	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$80,549.00	1.00
Gail Shufirin	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$76,656.00	1.00
Mary Beth Barnhardt	Speech/Language Pathologist	\$37,032.00	0.50
Nancy Jephcote	Elementary Strings Teacher	\$76,656.00	1.00
Chelsea Pennebaker	Elementary Strings Teacher	\$25,714.00	0.50
Martha Mulcahy	Psychologist	\$81,773.00	1.00
Lorainne Wells	Psychologist	\$81,773.00	1.00
Creighton Morris	Psychologist	\$51,427.00	1.00
Ann Palches	Early Childhood Coordinator	\$85,773.00	1.05
Jennie Fontaine	Project Headway Assistant	\$23,478.00	1.00
Emily Hackett	Project Headway Assistant	\$26,613.00	1.00
Mary Knowles	Project Headway Assistant	\$27,595.00	1.00
Christine Ewing	Project Headway Assistant	\$25,482.00	1.00
Diane Couture	Project Headway Assistant	\$24,767.00	1.00
Renee Habekost	Bridge Program Assistant	\$23,904.00	1.00
Susan Gunnels	Bridge Program Assistant	\$25,229.00	1.00
Kristen Hall	Middle School Social Skills Assistant	\$19,290.00	1.00
Cindy Harrison	Social Skills Assistant	\$24,736.00	1.00
Maria Clair Jurczyk	Social Skills Assistant	\$23,033.00	1.00

**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 Fourteenth day of April, two thousand and nine**, 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 Sixteenth 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

One Constable for Three Years
One Member 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

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

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed office of the town?

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 Bylaw (Section 26-3 & 26-4) Salary plan, to reflect a salary adjustment of 3.6% effective July 1, 2009.

ARTICLE 4: 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 2010.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following expenditure in order to defray Town Capital Expenses for Fiscal Year 2010, consistent with the Town's Capital Improvements Plan:

PROJECT	EXPENSE	FUNDING SOURCE
Lambert's Cove Bridge	Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000)	Appropriate from Free Cash

(See Capital Improvements Budget immediately following Town Budget in Annual Report)

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 2010 as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a conservation restriction to the West Tisbury Conservation Commission on seven parcels of land identified on Assessor's Map 10 as lots 218, 219, 221, 222, 225, 229 and 230 in

exchange for the conveyance of a parcel of land identified on Assessor's Map 10 as lot 228 from the Stoney Hill Farms Homeowners Trust to the Town of West Tisbury, to be held for affordable housing purposes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$9,930) for the purpose of upgrading the Town's GIS maps.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) from Insect Pest Control (line 297-5700) to the Reserve Fund (line 132-5700) for the purpose of replenishing funds spent to cut down dead trees.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$2,570.27), 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 to adopt 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 12: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$33,710) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the administrative expenses of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority in Fiscal Year 2010; 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 the Sale of Cemetery Lots the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of repairing headstones in the Town's cemeteries.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-nine and Eighty-eight cents (\$1,299.88) to pay unpaid bills from the prior fiscal year to Lawrence Lynch Corporation for paving of Path along Edgartown Road. (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$61,967) for reconstruction work on town roads under Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008 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 amend the Town's bylaws adopted at Town Meeting entitled "Town Meetings" to reflect the change identified below:

"The Annual Town Meeting... All articles or subjects to be acted upon at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on the second Tuesday of April shall be filed with the Selectmen on or before the First Tuesday in February preceding said second Tuesday of April when the warrant shall be closed...."

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact special legislation authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Committee to sell, convey, exchange, transfer, lease for an unlimited period of years, or otherwise dispose of the parcel of land and the buildings thereon located at 4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, in such a manner and under such terms and conditions as the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Committee shall deem appropriate, and to exempt such sale, conveyance, exchange, transfer, lease of other disposal from the state public bidding statutes, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary; or to act in any other manner in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: This article seeks to authorize the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Committee to sell, transfer, exchange or lease the property that currently houses the Martha's Vineyard Superintendency Union. The Committee is seeking alternatives

to housing the Union Office at the present 4 Pine Street site, and this legislation would permit it to consider alternative uses for the present building. While applicable state statutes authorize the Committee to purchase real property for school use, including use by the Superintendency Union, special legislation is required to allow the sale, exchange or lease of real property by a regional school committee.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Fire Department's Fiscal Year 2009 Personnel Service line (220-5120) to the Fiscal Year 2009 Expenses line (220-5700) for the purpose of painting (\$8,000) and new signs (\$3,000) at Station 1 and purchasing storage lockers for Station 2 (\$4,000) and \$5,000 towards the purchase of an Air Breathing Air Compressor (total cost \$22,000) with the remaining \$17,000 to be donated by the Fire Department Association.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to make the following amendments to Section 4.4-3(B.), Section 4.4-6, Section 4.4-7, and 14.2 of the Zoning Bylaw:

Section 4.4-3(B.) Multi-Family Housing by Special Permit

Insert the following language in the first paragraph of Section 4.4-3(B.). The proposed additions are identified by bold text below.

At the sole discretion of the Planning Board as Special Permit granting authority, upon a finding that the proposed dwelling units are consistent with the Town of West Tisbury Master Plan and provide needed housing for Town Residents, a Special Permit may be granted allowing any combination of residences or apartments where the density exceeds the standards in Subsection 4.4-1(A), provided that the following criteria are met: if two dwelling units are proposed, both shall be restricted as affordable housing as defined in this bylaw; if three dwelling units are proposed, at least two shall be restricted as affordable housing; if four or more dwelling units are proposed, then at least 75% of the units shall be restricted as affordable housing, and subject to the terms and limitations of a covenant imposed by the Affordable Housing Committee or a Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant granted to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority pursuant to the provisions of St. 2004, c. 445, at the sole discretion of the Affordable Housing

Committee, and that the number of units in any building may not exceed four.

Section 4.4-6 Affordable Housing Requirement

Insert the following language in the only paragraph of Section 4.4-3(B.). The proposed additions are identified by bold text below.

In any development containing three or more lots developed over any five year period, at least 20% of the lots shall qualify as affordable housing as defined in this bylaw, and shall be subject to the terms and limitations of a covenant imposed by the Affordable Housing Committee or a Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant granted to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority pursuant to the provisions of St. 2004, c. 445, at the sole discretion of the Affordable Housing Committee. Fractional units of less than .5 shall be rounded down and .5 or more shall be rounded up. By Special Permit, the Planning Board may exempt from this requirement lots created for the use of family members, if it finds that suitable resale restrictions are in place.

Section 4.4-7 Homesite Lots

Insert the following proposed text after the phrase "special permit is granted" as it appears in the last provision of the first paragraph: "or, at the sole discretion of the Affordable Housing Committee, grants a Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority pursuant to the provisions of St. 2004, c. 445."

Section 4.4-7(C.) Initial Conditions for Homesite Lots:

Substitute the following language for the existing text as it appears in Paragraph C.4.f.. The proposed additions are identified by bold text: "f. The proposed Homesite Lot shall be subject to terms and limitations in accordance with the perpetual Affordable Housing Covenant approved by the Affordable Housing Committee in effect at the time of ~~award of the Homesite Lot~~ filing the special permit application, or, at the sole discretion of the Affordable Housing Committee, the proposed Homesite Lot shall be subject to the terms and limitations of a Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant granted to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority pursuant to the provisions of St. 2004, c. 445"; and Section 4.4-7(D.) Use, Resale and Transfer of Homesite Lots:

Substitute the following language for the existing text. The proposed additions are identified by bold text:

“The use, resale and transfer of each Homesite Lot created pursuant to this section of the bylaws shall governed by: a.) the Affordable Housing Covenant or the Martha’s Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant recorded at the time the special permit is granted; b.) **and** the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee Guidelines in effect and as revised from time to time at the discretion of said Committee, and c.) in the case of a Martha’s Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant, the rules and regulations of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority pertaining to said covenants under the authority of St. 2004, c. 445.” The Affordable Housing Covenant and the Guidelines shall be enforceable by the Town of West Tisbury, or its designee, and shall limit, in part, the following:

1. The initial cost of the land;
2. The time within which to secure a building permit;
3. The use of the property to one dwelling, which shall be the owner’s primary residence;
4. The maximum allowable rental time per year;
5. The rental guidelines and exceptions, if any;
6. The resale value to an affordable formula; and
7. The resale or transfer to Eligible Purchasers and heirs or family members for whom the property is their primary residence as further defined the Affordable Housing Covenant.”

Section 14.2 DEFINITIONS IN THIS BYLAW

Insert the following definition:

Martha’s Vineyard Affordable Housing Needs Covenant: A housing covenant created, administered and enforced by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, as agent of the Town of West Tisbury, pursuant to the authority granted by “An act authorizing Martha’s Vineyard affordable housing covenants”, St. 2004, c. 445 (approved December 30, 2004)(the “Act”). Said covenant created under the Act shall run with the land in perpetuity, and shall be executed by or on behalf of the owner of the land appropriate to: (a) limiting the use of all or part of the land to occupancy by persons or families of middle income in either rental or other housing, (b) restricting the resale price of all or part of the property in order to ensure its affordability by future

middle income purchasers, or (c) in any way limiting or restricting the use or enjoyment of all or any portion of the land for the purpose of encouraging or ensuring the creation or retention of the rental and other housing for occupancy by middle income persons and families. “Middle Income” persons and households shall mean persons or households earning not more than 140% of Dukes County median household income as reported from time to time by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Substitute the following language for the existing text. The proposed additions are identified by bold text:

Affordable Housing: Housing units priced at a level determined by the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee to be appropriate for rental or purchase exclusively by persons who will make such housing their primary residence (defined as their actual year-round domicile) and whose annual household income is not more than 140% of the Dukes County median income, as established by the ~~Dukes County Regional Housing Authority~~ United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Substitute the following language for the existing text. The proposed additions are identified by bold text:

Eligible Purchaser: Any private purchaser over the age of 18 who meets the Affordable Housing Committee Guidelines in effect at the time of purchase or lease of a Homesite Lot, and whose total household adjusted gross income is not more than 140% of median income for Dukes County as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to make the following amendments to Section 6.2 of the Zoning Bylaw (additions shown as underlined text, deleted text has strikethroughs):

SECTION 6.2 ROADS DISTRICT

Designated Area of Critical Planning Concern under Chapter 637 of the Acts of 1974, and administered by the Planning Board.

6.2-1 Purpose

To allow for safe access and travel along the roads and to protect the visual character, diversity of landscape and historic features of the journey along the roads. To protect historic places and retain special

ways open primarily for uses such as walking and horseback riding. This Section 6.2 adds additional protections for some of the same roads designated as “Scenic Roads” by Special Town Meeting, February 5, 1974, as amended by vote of Special Town Meeting, October 27, 1976.

6.2-2 Establishment of Zones in the Roads District

Major Roads Zone: consisting of the area lying within two hundred feet of the right of way of the designated Major Roads unless the area is in the MB Zoning District.

Special Ways Zone: consisting of the area lying within twenty feet of the centerline of the designated Special Ways as shown on map entitled “West Tisbury Districts of Critical Planning Concern” dated October 1976 and on a map entitled “West Tisbury Special Ways” dated January 1991 and on a map entitled “West Tisbury Special Ways Added 2009” dated December 2008.

6.2-3 Major Roads Zone

[unchanged]

6.2-4 Special Ways Zone

The area lying within twenty feet of the centerline of a designated Special Way shall comprise the Special Way Zone and be subject to the regulations herein.

A. Designated Special Ways

References in this section to the West Tisbury Assessors Maps are to the maps dated January 1, 1990, unless noted otherwise.

- Old Holmes Hole Road: Beginning at the Massachusetts State Highway at West Tisbury Assessors Map 10, Lot 195, and running Southwest, ending at Old County Road South of Assessors Map 21, Lot 18.
- Old Courthouse Road: Beginning at the Northern portion of Assessors Map 25, Lot 1, and running along its Western bound to Old County Road.

- Tiah's Cove Road: Beginning where it intersects the Western bound of Assessors Map 36, Lot 9, continuing North-Northeast on the Eastern side of Assessors Map 36, Lots 7 and 8, and Map 30, Lot 1.1, intersecting with Scrubby Neck Road/Watcha Path.
- Scrubby Neck Road and Watcha Path: Beginning at the Edgartown Road at Assessors Map 31, Lot 102.12, running Southeast [see relocation by Planning Board action in 1998], then overlaying with the access road of the Thomas Thatcher subdivision, running across the Southern point of Assessors Map 31, Lot 104.2 heading Southeast through Map 31, Lots 106.3 and 106.4 [see relocation by Planning Board action in 1994], continuing Southeast through Map 30, Lot 5.2 and turning East along the Southern bound of Map 30, Lot 2.32, continuing East through the Magid subdivision parallel to the access road when the road runs East to West and the Northern portion of Map 30, Lot 10.2 and the Southern portion of Map 30, Lot 2.85, crossing Deep Bottom Road, turning southeast over the northern portion of Map 36, Lots 17.2 and 17.11, continuing along the northern bound of Map 36, Lots 23 and 28, and shown as a 40-foot laid-out way north of Map 38, Lot 1, continuing east then turning northeast at the southern bound of Map 37, Lot 56, and continuing to the Edgartown town line.
- Roger's Path and Burying Ground Road: Beginning approximately sixty feet on South Indian Hill Road from the intersection of Christiantown Road and Indian Hill Road and running South to connect with the Burying Ground Road and ending at the Massachusetts State Highway West of Map 22, Lots 40.1 and 9.
- Stoney Hill Path a.k.a. Head of the Pond Road: Beginning at its intersection with Old Holmes Hole Road at the Southern bound of Map 10, Lot 19.1 running northeasterly across Old County Road and continuing until it merges with Stoney Hill Road at the southeastern most corner of Map 10, Lot 199.9. (2008 maps)

- Chicamo Path a.k.a. Chicama Path a.k.a. Little Pond Road: Beginning at its intersection with Stoney Hill Path at the westernmost point of Map 10, Lot 196 running southeasterly to the Tisbury town line at the Northeastern corner of Map 18, Lot 1. (2008 maps)

B. Uses Permitted

Any residential, recreational, agricultural or open space use permitted in the respective zoning districts, subject to the regulations and restrictions of Subsection 6.2-4(D) and Section 6.2-5, provided that the development does not result in direct vehicular access to the Special Way. ~~Where direct vehicular access is not allowed, vehicles may cross such a way at or nearly at right angles but may not travel along the way for any distance to gain access to a development.~~

C. Uses Requiring Special Permit from the Planning Board:

Criteria for granting a Special Permit shall include whether the development will create conflicts with present or future use of the Special Way.

1. Any uses permitted by Special Permit in the respective zoning district, subject to the regulations and restrictions of Sections 6.2-4(D) and 6.2-5.
2. Alteration of a Special Way to exceed a width of twelve feet, if first approved by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.
3. Where direct vehicular access is not allowed on the Special Way, vehicles may cross such a way by a proposed dirt, paved, or otherwise improved roadway at or nearly at right angles but may not travel along the way for any distance to gain access to a development. Consideration of such proposed crossings shall include deliberation of appropriate means to draw attention to the crossing for people's safety, including the surface composition of the crossing.
4. Other development, uses or structures for which the imposition of regulations would otherwise deprive a landowner of all other reasonable uses, or may be

demonstrated by a landowner to be unreasonable.

D. Regulations

1. Any development, other than for historical preservation, shall be prohibited within forty feet of a Special Place of historic value as listed on the Special Places Register of the Martha's Vineyard Commission.
2. ~~Criteria for granting a Special Permit shall include whether the development will create conflicts with the present or future use of the Special Way.~~ Development and use within a Special Way Zone shall not block or prevent non-motorized means of travel such as walking, horseback riding and bicycling along a Special Way.
3. There shall be no alteration of the width or surface materials of a Special Way. This provision is not intended to prevent the routine maintenance and repair of existing segments of Special Ways consistent with these Special Way regulations.
4. There shall be no removal of existing vegetation within a Special Way Zone other than to keep the Special Way clear of debris and overgrown vegetation, except as permitted as part of a Special Permit issued under 6.2-4.C. or where the width of a Special Way Zone extends beyond a pre-existing fence or beyond where a fence may be allowed under 6.2-4.D.6.
5. No fences, walls, structures, excavations, fill, or obstructions shall be made erected, placed or constructed within the Special Way Zone, except for gates, bars or stiles designed to allow passage for non-vehicular travel or for vehicular travel where vehicular rights-of-way exist.
6. Notwithstanding 6.2-4.D.5. above, areas where the Special Way Zone encompasses building lots that are less than one acre in area may have fences erected on those lots within the Special Way Zone provided the fences are at least 50% transparent, such as a split-rail or picket fence, and meet the minimum setbacks from the Special Way centerline set out in the table below.

Fence Setbacks for Parcels Less Than One (1) Acre
Fences must be at least 50% transparent

<i>Fence Height</i>	<i>Setback from centerline</i>
Under 4 feet	5 feet, or 1 foot outside the top edge of the physical embankment alongside the Special Way, whichever is greater
4 to 6 feet	10 feet

7. No Special Way shall be paved with impervious materials, except for segments that may be approved as crossings of a Special Way under 6.2-4.C.3.
8. Special Ways may be relocated ~~within subdivisions~~ with approval of the Planning Board for the purpose of aligning ways with property lines and preserving the continuity of a designated Special Way. However, the Planning Board does not have the legal jurisdiction to grant or extinguish public or private rights-of-way by such action.

6.2-5 General Regulations and Restrictions

[unchanged]

6.2-6 Administration

[unchanged]

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Add the following to Section 8.5-4A., Swimming Pools:

4. In order to minimize noise impacts on neighbors, associated noise-producing pool equipment shall be located as far as possible from abutting properties, and at least the minimum required setback.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

Amend Section 3.1-1, Use Table, as follows: Add Wind Energy Conversion Systems as a use allowed by Special Permit within all Use

Districts as residential uses, community uses, and business uses.

Amend Section 4.3-2, Height Exceptions, as follows (new language in bold print, deleted language in brackets []):

C. Barns and silos [and wind energy conversion systems] may exceed applicable height limits, provided that they comply with all other provisions of this bylaw, and provided that for every one foot by which such structures exceed the height limit, the minimum setback requirements are increased by one foot.

E. Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) may exceed height limitations via Special Permit per Section 8.9.

Add the following new Section 8.9:

SECTION 8.9 WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS (WECS)

8.9-1 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to provide for the development and use of wind power as an alternative energy source, while protecting public health, safety and welfare, preserving environmental, historic and scenic resources, controlling noise levels and preventing electromagnetic interference.

8.9-2 Applicability

Any application that proposes to erect a structure that utilizes energy from wind shall comply with this section.

8.9-3 Special Permit

No WECS shall be erected, constructed or installed without first obtaining a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Modification to an existing WECS shall also require a Special Permit.

8.9-4 Requirements and Procedures

In addition to the requirements and procedures for Special Permits listed in Section 9.2-1, applicants seeking approval for any WECS shall comply with the following:

A. Site Plan and Other Plans: Per Section 9.2-1C, the Special Permit application shall be accompanied by a Site Plan. A plan showing existing vegetation, including average height of trees and any proposed

vegetation removal on the subject property or abutting properties shall also be provided. A topographic map of the area within 2,000 feet of the proposed site shall be submitted. Any portion of this subsection 8.9-4A may be waived if in the opinion of the ZBA the materials submitted are sufficient for the Board to make a decision.

B. Expanded Notification: Due to potential for significant visual and other impacts, public hearing notices shall be mailed to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property.

C. Written Narrative: The applicant shall provide a description of the proposed WECS including technical, economic, environmental details, and other reasons for the proposed location, height and design.

D. Height Calculation: Overall height of the wind turbine shall be measured from the land in its natural state prior to grading or filling to the highest point reached by any part of the wind turbine.

E. Setbacks: The minimum setback for the wind turbine shall be maintained equal to the overall height, as defined in D. above, plus ten (10) feet from all boundaries of the site on which the WECS is to be located.

No part of the WECS support structure, including guy wire anchors, may extend closer to the property boundaries than the standard structure setbacks for the zoning district in which the property is located.

The ZBA may reduce setback distances for a WECS with the permission of an abutting property owner, including a recorded easement describing such agreement in detail.

F. Tower Type: Monopole towers, with or without guy wires, have less visual impact than lattice-type towers. If a lattice-type tower is proposed, the applicant shall provide documentation that the lattice tower is necessary for performance or other considerations.

G. Noise: the WECS and associated equipment shall conform to the Massachusetts noise regulation (310 CMR 7.10). An analysis, prepared by a qualified engineer or qualified independent testing entity, shall be presented to demonstrate compliance with these noise standards and be consistent with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

guidance for noise measurement.

Manufacturers' specifications may be accepted when in the opinion of the ZBA the information provided satisfies the above requirements.

H. Noise Violations: Upon notification of a complaint of excessive noise, the property owner shall be responsible for supplying to the Building Inspector ambient and operating decibel measurements at the nearest point from the wind turbine to the property line of the complainant and/or to the nearest inhabited residence.

If the noise levels are found to have exceeded allowable limits, the Building Inspector shall notify the property owner in writing to correct the violation. If the noise violation is not remedied within 30 days, the WECS shall remain inactive until the noise violation is remedied, which may include relocation or removal.

I. Shadow/Flicker: The WECS shall be sited in a manner that does not result in significant shadow or flicker impacts.

J. Prevention of Access: All WECS shall be designed to be protected from unauthorized access and/or climbing.

K. Visual Impact: The applicant shall employ all reasonable means, including landscaping and alternative locations, to minimize the visual impact of all WECS components. All components of the WECS and its support structure shall be painted plain non-reflective muted colors without graphics or other decoration.

L. Electromagnetic interference: No WECS installation shall cause electromagnetic interference. If interference is established, the Building Inspector shall notify in writing the owner of the property to correct the violation. If the interference is not remedied within 30 days the WECS shall remain inactive until the interference is remedied, which may include relocation or removal.

M. Lighting: No WECS shall include lighting, unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

N. Compliance with FAA Regulations: WECS must comply with applicable FAA regulations, including any necessary approvals for

installations close to airports.

O. Roads District, Coastal District: No WECS shall be permitted within the Roads District or Shore Zone of the Coastal District, as delineated in Article VI of the zoning bylaw.

P. Compliance with Massachusetts State Building Code: Building permit applications shall be accompanied by standard drawings of the wind turbine structure, including the tower, base, and footings. Documentation showing compliance with the Massachusetts State Building Code certified by a licensed professional engineer shall also be submitted. (Manufacturer specifications may be accepted at the discretion of the Building Inspector.)

Q. Compliance with National Electric Code: Building permit applications for WECS shall be accompanied by a line drawing of the electrical components in sufficient detail to allow for a determination that the manner of installation conforms to the National Electrical Code.

R. Utility Notification: No WECS shall be installed until evidence has been given that the utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

S. Professional Fees: The ZBA may retain a technical expert/consultant to verify information presented by the applicant. The cost for such a technical expert/consultant shall be borne by the applicant.

T. Security: In conjunction with the above special permit approval process the ZBA may require the posting of a bond or other security to assure satisfactory fulfillment of the above requirements, in such sum and in accordance with such conditions as the Board may determine necessary. The ZBA need not require security where there is full assurance of compliance with the above requirements. The amount of security required shall not exceed either the estimated costs of the measures proposed, or the estimated cost of restoration of affected lands and property if the work is not performed as required, whichever is greater.

8.9-5 Review Criteria

In addition to the review criteria and General Findings and Specific

Findings for Special Permits listed in Section 9.2-2, the ZBA shall also make specific written findings that the proposed WECS, with appropriate conditions:

A. Will not, at the proposed height and location, significantly interfere with the rights of abutters to enjoy their property.

B. Will not significantly detract from any important public view sheds.

8.9-6 Abandonment

Per Section 9.2-3, a Special Permit shall lapse if the Special Permit use ceases for more than 24 consecutive months for any reason. In addition, a WECS shall be considered to be abandoned if it is designated a safety hazard by the Building Inspector. Once a WECS is designated as abandoned, the owner shall physically remove or repair the WECS within 90 days of written notice. "Physically remove" shall include, but not be limited to:

- Removal of WECS, any equipment shelters and security barriers from the subject property.
- Proper disposal of the waste materials from the site in accordance with local and State solid waste disposal regulations.
- Restoring the location of the WECS to its natural condition, except that any landscaping and grading shall remain in the after-condition.

Add the following to Section 14.1, Definitions:

Wind Energy Conversion Systems: All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in the connection with the conversion of wind to other forms of energy whether commercial or residential.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$3,800) for the purpose of mowing the West Tisbury Cemeteries for the remainder of FY 2009.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the Town effective April 15, 2010.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Mass. General Laws, FY2010 revenues, in the following amounts to the following reserves:

- a. Open Space reserve \$45,000 (10% of estimated FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$45,000 (10% of estimated FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$45,000 (10% of estimated FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Administrative appropriation \$22,500 (5% of estimated FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- e. Undesignated reserve \$292,500 (65% of estimated FY2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$77,844 from the Old County Road Path account to the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve. This sum is the balance of \$80,000 appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve toward construction of a path along Old County Road at Annual Town Meeting in April 2007, and postponed indefinitely at Annual Town Meeting in April 2008.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve to support debt service for the Town Hall renovation bond issue. This is the first of five annual installments, as authorized and voted at Annual Town Meeting, April 2008.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve to fund engineering and architectural studies preparatory to restoration of the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury, contingent upon a historic preservation restriction that ensures the Town's interest in

preserving this historic property.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve to fund design, permitting, and construction of a brick sidewalk in front of Town Hall, where the design shall be coordinated with the landscape plan being developed by the Town Hall Renovation Committee and may include fences, posts, and paving. The award of Community Preservation funds is contingent upon a finding by the Historic District Commission to the effect that this project contributes to the restoration of the Town's central historic neighborhood.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Historical Resources reserve to fund the organization of records for the Town's cemeteries, including the preparation of a computerized data base and maps to locate gravesites.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$66,000 to provide rental subsidies for West Tisbury applicants currently on the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Conversion Program waitlist, with the sum of \$60,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and the sum of \$6,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$170,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to the Island Affordable Housing Fund in order to reduce the prices of two units in the affordable housing project at 250 State Road so as to be affordable by qualified buyers with incomes at or below 100% of the area median income, provided that eligible residents of West Tisbury will be given preference for these units, where the selection process will be conducted with the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to support energy-efficient construction of permanently deeded affordable housing for West Tisbury residents with incomes at or below 100% of the area median income, with funds to be administered by the Island Affordable Housing Fund subject to a grant agreement requiring

that specific projects be designated and approved by the Community Preservation Committee in advance of any payment from this appropriation.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of Aquatic Study of the Mill Pond.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving accounts previously established by vote of the Town under M. G. L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for fiscal year 2010, to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS	SPENDING LIMITS
Wetlands Protection Bylaw	Filing Fees	Conservation Commission	To pay for expenses of the Commission related to the administration of the Bylaw	\$2,000
Health Services	Medicare, insurance & other reimbursements	Board of Health	Town health services	\$12,000
MVRDRRD	Fees collected at local drop-off by MVRDRRD	Board of Health	Expenses related to operation of the Local Drop-off	\$99,000

ARTICLE 36: To see if the town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$16,390) and transfer Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$2,570) from the FY2005 Recertification Warrant Article and transfer Five Thousand Forty Dollars (\$5,040) from the Business Property Revaluation 2008 Warrant Article 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 37: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to cut down dead trees on the Lambert’s Cove Beach pathway to the beach.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to establish under M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B, a new Stabilization Fund, the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of setting aside funds toward future major equipment needs of the West Tisbury Fire Department. Further, to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from Short-Term Debt Interest (Line 710-5925) into the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund.
(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide an Integrated Pest Management Program (including rodent control), and to further see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Three cents (\$4423.23) as the Town's proportional share of the balance (\$31,149.49) of the net cost of the program, based on the equalized valuation as computed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue for Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2009. The total cost of the Pest Management Program for Fiscal Year 2010 is \$71,915.81 less projected revenue of \$20,000 for a net cost of \$51,915.81. The County of Dukes County will pay Forty percent (40%) (\$20,766.32) of the net cost of the program.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide a Vineyard Health Care Access Program and further to see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$7,571.21) as the town's proportionate share of the balance (\$53,318.36) of the level budgeted projection cost, based on the equalized valuation as computed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue for a fiscal year starting July 1, 2009. The cost of the level budgeted share of the program for fiscal year 2010 is \$88,863.94. The County of Dukes County will pay \$40% (\$35,545.58) of the level budgeted cost of the program.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Ninety-Eight (\$8,195.98) to continue the Vineyard Health Care Access Program at the Current level of Service. These funds will be administered by the

County of Dukes County and will provide Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$51,972) county-wide. This amount represents the Town's proportionate share, based on the 50/50 formula, which combines 50% of the cost based on equalized valuation of property values as computed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue and 50% based on the Town's populations as documented in the US Census. Based on this formula the total for West Tisbury is 15.53%

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$2,570.00) from Town Clerk Elected Official Salary (line 161-5110) to the Town Clerk Personal Services (line 161-5120) for the purpose of providing for hiring training and/or assistance for the new Town Clerk after the town election.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars with Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000) from Short-Term Debt Interest (Line 710-5925) and Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) in Free Cash to the OPEB Stabilization Fund.

(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED)

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2010.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town will petition the General Court to enact the following special act, or take any other action relative thereto:

**An Act Authorizing The Government Employers In The County
Of Dukes County To Establish A Pooled Other Post –Employment
Benefits Trust Fund.**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the government employers in the County of Dukes County may, at their sole discretion, appropriate funds in order to offset the anticipated costs of premium payments for, or direct payments to, retired employees and the eligible surviving spouses or dependents of deceased employees. These funds shall be credited to a special fund to be known as the Dukes County Pooled Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund. Any interest or other income earned by the fund shall be added to and become part of the fund. The Board of Trustees of the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund shall be the custodian of the fund, and the Trust Fund shall be governed the Declaration of Trust of the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund.

SECTION 2. Each government employer, by a vote of its applicable legislative authority, may vote to join the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund at any time after its creation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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 18TH Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Nine.

Jeffrey S. Manter, Chairman



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 16, 2009**

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 ☐
6 Bea Lane Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

TAX COLLECTOR

One Year Vote for ONE
BRENT B. TAYLOR ☐
83 Willow Tree Hollow Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO
SARAH L. CARR ☐
45 Longview Road
HARVEY W. GARNEAU, JR. ☐
18 Christiantown Rd.
MELISSA M. HACKNEY ☐
35 Lucie Farm Road
ISAAC D. RUSSELL ☐
41 Scotchman's Lane

(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

SELECTMAN

Three Years Vote for ONE
JEFFREY "SKIPPER" MANTER ☐
25 Pond View Road Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN CLERK

One Year Vote for ONE
JEMIMA JAMES ☐
24 Pioneer Lane
TARA J. WHITING ☐
1005 State Road

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Five Years Vote for ONE
VIRGINIA C. JONES ☐
39 New Lane Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years Vote for ONE
TIMOTHY A. BARNETT ☐
11 Brushbroom Road Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

TREE WARDEN

One Year Vote for ONE
JEREMIAH BROWN ☐
2 Holly Lane Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

Three Years Vote for ONE
JAMES R. POWELL ☐
449 Lamberts Cove Road

(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Three Years Vote for ONE
MICHAEL COLANERI ☐
41 Rogers Path Candidate for Re-election
JONATHAN REVERE ☐
48 Forest Road

(Write-in) ☐

CONSTABLE

Three Years Vote for ONE
TIMOTHY A. BARNETT ☐
11 Brushbroom Lane Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

**PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

Three Years Vote for TWO
NICOLE CABOT ☐
35 Old Courthouse Road

(Write-in) ☐
(Write-in) ☐

TREASURER

One Year Vote for ONE
KATHERINE LOGUE ☐
232 Oak Lane Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for ONE
GREGORY ORCUTT ☐
39 Willow Tree Hollow Candidate for Re-election

(Write-in) ☐

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of West Tisbury vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed office of the town? YES ☐
NO ☐