

DEDICATION



Richard T. Olsen

A lifelong islander, Richie Olsen moved to West Tisbury in 1980. During that time, he has served the town in multiple capacities. Most notably, Richie has been the superintendent of streets for the last 20 years. When he started the job he had 'nothing but a chainsaw and a broken down truck'. Through his conscientiousness and attention to detail, as well as his compassion in dealing with people, Richie has helped create a fully functional highway department. If one is up early enough, one will see Richie driving the town roads making sure they are in the best possible condition, whether it is picking up a single piece of trash or plowing during a storm. As the job has evolved to include other town duties and responsibilities, Mr. Olsen has never once complained and maintained the same level of professionalism and care. The town of West Tisbury is fortunate to have this very special, one of a kind individual to serve as our superintendent of streets, and for that we thank him.

Our Town

With quick gasps
of forsythia, in
an abundance
of blossoms, our town
shrugs off its shawl.

We sing through the heat,
newly sixty and
barefoot in the garden,
nearly thirty and barreling,
just six and tracing the cove.

We sigh in red and yellow,
lace our boots, untying
at early sunset, and wake
to the snow's ecstatic quiet.
The air lightens, smells green,
and the sassafras sap is sweet.

With care, in rain
or stars, we step inside.
It's all come around,
and we meet again.

Emma Young
West Tisbury Poet Laureate

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Sharon Estrella

Sharon Estrella will step down from the Finance Committee this year after 24 years of service. Over the years, one grew to expect a solid grilling from Sharon if you were presenting a budget that was going up, or had an expense that she thought the taxpayers could ill-afford. Not one to shy from a debate, Sharon has provided a voice for the taxpayers over the years and she should be thanked for helping hold the line on spending in the Town of West Tisbury. Thank you, Sharon, for all you have done for the residents of the Town.

DEDICATION

The Town of West Tisbury is fortunate and thankful to have citizens like David A. Merry living in its midst. David is a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and brother who have served the town with his wisdom, humor and sense of fair play for 30 years as an elected Board of Health member.

Serving the Board of Health since 1986, David has handled emergency situations, assisted with food and septic system inspections and been a hands on responder whenever called upon. In conjunction with his BOH duties, David has been a long standing member of the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corp. contributing his time and expertise to various Island health programs and to the Island wide flu clinics. He has also served as an appointed member on the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District committee from 1993 to the present. As if that wasn't enough, David was also a West Tisbury Volunteer Fireman for more than 24 years and also serves on the town shellfish committee.



David A. Merry

Never one to be complacent, David has been a friend to the island community, clearing debris, cutting trees and clearing roads in the aftermath of hurricane Bob and plowing our roads after winter storms. David always seems to respond whenever and wherever his island needs him. He has left an island legacy with his granite work, beautiful stone walls and many stone benches, many of which he has generously donated to town landmarks and numerous fundraising auctions.

David has deep seeded island roots still living in the Lamberts Cove home where he grew up and finding a balance between family, work, and community. David is the founder of David A. Merry & Sons, a master stone mason, a fisherman, friend and family man and so much more.

The Town of West Tisbury gratefully acknowledges and honors David A. Merry for wisdom, kindness, fairness, hands on work ethics and the and many years of service and contributions he has given to the town of West Tisbury and the island community.

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Benjamin Cheney Moore – known to all as Ben – gave his heart to the Vineyard as a child, and has loved it ever since. He and wife Paddy have lived in the old Alley farmhouse behind the Up-Island Garage since 1975.

Believing deeply in public service, Ben has always participated quietly in the life of his beloved town. He was appointed to the Martha's Vineyard Commission in 1975, where he served for 10 sometimes tempestuous years. As a member of the West Tisbury Historic District Commission, he is a long-time ardent supporter of both historic preservation and well designed modern adaptations.



Benjamin Cheney Moore

As an architect and planner, Ben worked with town appointees to numerous building committees. His designs helped our library grow from its original old building on Music Street (1984) to the first new library behind the Howes House in 1987-89, to plans for a second library addition in 1994. He developed studies for Town Hall renovations in 1998 and 2000, encouraging the Town to preserve its beautiful old 19th century building while moving into 21st century efficiency. In 1994, he helped the MV Agricultural Society with drawings to enable the Barn Busters to move a New

Hampshire barn to a new home on the Panhandle, and then remodeled the old Grange Hall when it was sold to the MV Preservation Trust. Working with the Trust in 1993 and 1998, he remodeled Alley's General Store, and created Back Alleys and the little Produce Shed. Working with the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury, he designed a church renovation and Parish House addition, while preserving this landmark for years to come.

Ben is husband to Paddy, father of six boys, grandfather of thirteen, brother to three siblings with Island ties, cousin and favorite uncle to the grand inter-generational Moore tribe in Hart Haven. He is also friend and wise adviser to many people throughout the island community.

We recognize and thank Ben for his long service and devotion to West Tisbury, and wish him well.

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**TOWN OFFICERS
2015
(ELECTED BY BALLOT)**

MODERATOR

Daniel Waters	Term 1 Year, Expires 2016
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Richard Knabel	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

BOARD OF HEALTH

David A. Merry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Erik Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Richard Cohen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Maria McFarland	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Michael Colaneri	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

TAX COLLECTOR

Brent B. Taylor	Term 1 Year, Expires 2016
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TOWN CLERK

Tara J. Whiting	Term 1 Year, Expires 2016
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TREE WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year, Expires 2016
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CONSTABLES

Timothy E. Maley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Timothy Barnett	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sharon Estrella	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Douglas Ruskin	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Katherine Triantafillou	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Gary Montrowl	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Greg Orcutt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Virginia C. Jones	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Daniel Waters	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Gina Solon	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Linda Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Margaret Gallagher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Caroline Flanders	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

PLANNING BOARD

Bea Phear	Term 5 Years, Expires 2017
Matthew Merry	Term 5 Years, Expires 2017
Virginia Jones	Term 5 Years, Expires 2019
Leah Smith	Term 4 Years, Expires 2019
Susan S. Silva	Term 5 Years, Expires 2020

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mark Bernard	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Cheryl Lowe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Suzanne Hammond	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Lisa Amols	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WEST TISBURY REPRESENTATIVES

Dan Cabot	Michael Marcus
J. Skipper Manter	

LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

Glenn R. Hearn	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
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**TOWN OFFICERS
2015
(Appointed by Selectmen unless otherwise noted)**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

(members appointed by various town boards)

Michael Colaneri	Vickie Thurber
**Ernest Mendenhall	Glenn Hearn
Lawrence Schubert	Henry Geller
Ted Jochsberger	*Joanne Scott

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/DOG OFFICER

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

BYWAYS COMMITTEE

Ann Bassett	Cynthia Aguilar
Ashley Hunter	Harriett Bernstein
Theresa Kominers	Paul Magid
Rez Williams	Bill Veno

CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD

Jennifer Rand

CAPE & VINEYARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Jennifer Rand

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Sue Hruby	Jennifer Rand (<i>alternate</i>)
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

(members appointed by various town boards)

Michael Colaneri	Cynthia E. Mitchell
Sue Hruby	Greg Orcutt
Katherine Logue	Leah Smith
Bruce Stone	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Richard Knabel	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Cynthia E. Mitchell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

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

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(members appointed by various town boards)

Sean Conley	Gary Montrowl
Lesley Eaton	Bea Phear
Glenn Hearn	Scott Stearns
Dale Julier	Tara Whiting
Cheryl Lowe	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Prudence Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Whit Griswold	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
*Nate Morgan	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Binnie Ravitch	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Peter Rodegast	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Mike Turnell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Tara Whiting	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017

COUNCIL ON AGING

Nancy P. Cabot	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
J. Skipper Manter	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Ann Nelson	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Joyce Bowker	Term 1 Year
Tanya Larsen, Assistant Director	Term 1 Year

DATA PROCESSING

Kathy Logue	Term 1 Year
Bruce Stone	Term 1 Year

DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

J. Skipper Manter	Term 1 Year
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DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kristin Zern	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
Russell Hartenstine	Term 1 Year

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Sue Hruby	Margaret Skinner
Sander Shapiro	*Selena Roman

FENCE VIEWERS

Joanie Ames	Term 1 Year
Richard Hammond	Term 1 Year

FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN

Manual Estrella III	Term 1 Year
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HERRING WARDEN

John Hoy	Term 1 Year
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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Sean Conley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Nancy Dole	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Ben Moore	Term 3 years, Expires 2017
Mark Mazer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Lanny McDowell	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Anne Fischer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Ken Lieberman	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

INSECT CONTROL WARDEN

Jeremiah Brown	Term 1 Year
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INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Joe Tierney	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Mark Barbadoro (Assistant)	Term 1 Year

INSPECTOR OF SIGNS

Joseph Tierney	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
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JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Jennifer Rand	Term 1 Year
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LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

(members appointed by various town boards)

\Lisa Amols	Susan Silva
Michael Colaneri	William Haynes
Binnie Ravitch	George Hough

LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ian Aitchison	Max Skjoldebrand
Linda Hearn	Mark Mazer
Tucker Hubbell	Leah Smith
Robert Paul Levine	

LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jill Bouck	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Richard Burt	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Leslie Gray	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Anne Fisher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Karin Stanley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Ellen Weiss	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

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

Ernest Thomas Term 1 Year

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Marta Camargo	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Beth Kramer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Robert Paul Levine	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Linda Vadasz	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

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

Gail Tipton Term 1 Year

MILL POND WATERSHED STUDY COMMITTEE

Prudy Burt	Nancy Huntington
Tim Boland	Cynthia Mitchell
*John Christensen	Rez Williams
Kristen Fauteux	*Selena Roman
Chuck Hodgkinson	

MILL POND COMMITTEE

Anna Alley	Kent Healy
Barbara Day	Rez Williams

PERSONNEL BOARD

P. Gerry Gallagher	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Matthew Gebo (Empl. Rep.)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Norman Perry	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Brian Smith	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Kenneth Vincent	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017

PLANNING BOARD ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Henry Gellar Term 1 Year

POET LAUREATE

Emma Young Term 1 Year

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Leomar De Oliveira, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
James Neville, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Daniel Rossi, Chief	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Mathew Gebo, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Garrison Viera, Officer	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
J. Skipper Manter, Sergeant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Daniel Gouldrup, Detective	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Matthew Mincone, Lieutenant	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Bradley Cortez	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Brian Cioffi	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Zachary Townes	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
John G. Early	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Tim Carroll	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Jonathan Klaren	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Manual Estrella III	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Richard T. Olsen	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Jeff Day	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Sean Slavin	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Elizabeth Gebo	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Steve Pupek	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Dan Durawa	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
Diane Demoe	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
John Parker	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Jason Flanders (student)	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Nikolaj Wojtkielo, student	Expires After Completion
Maximilian Bradshaw	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018

POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Norm Perry	Ian Aitchison
Patrick Mitchell	Daniel Rossi
Robert Smith	Tony Cordray
Manny Estrella III	

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

John S. Alley	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Bernice H. Kirby	Term 3 Years, Expires 2018
Rufus Peebles	Term 3 Years, Expires 2016
Antone H. Rezendes, Jr.	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Ray Gale	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
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DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Kenneth M. Jones	Term 3 Years, Expires 2017
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SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Will Whiting	Peter Vann
Richard C. Karney	Jason Gale
Virginia Jones	David Merry
John Hoy	

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
Bruce Stone		Term 3 Years
TREASURER		
Katherine Logue		Term 1 Year
CARE OF TOWN CLOCK		
Malcolm W. Young		Term 1 Year
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR		
Jennifer Rand		Term 1 Year
TOWN COUNSEL		
Ronald Rappaport		Term 1 Year
TRI TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE		
Cynthia Mitchell		Term 1 Year
TRUANT OFFICER		
Dan Rossi		Term 1 Year
VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER		
Brian Athearn		Term 1 Year
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
Toni Cohen		Term 5 Years, Expires 2017
Tony Higgins		Term 4 Years, Expires 2016
Bob Schwier		Term 5 Years, Expires 2017
Tucker Hubbell		Term 5 Years, Expires 2016
Larry Schubert		Term 2 Years, Expires 2020
Nancy Cole, Associate		Term 4 Years, Expires 2018
Julius Lowes, Associate		Term 2 Years, Expires 2016

*resigned **Deceased ***Committee Dissolved

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2015 has been a year filled with many more housekeeping and maintenance tasks for the Board of Selectmen than in years past. With no ongoing building projects, the Board has taken on many smaller, yet no less important matters. New committees have been formed to undertake research, and to make recommendations so that the Board can make informed decisions on often complicated issues.

Concerns on many fronts about rising taxes has been the impetus for increased efforts with Town departments, as well as regional entities, to reign in their budgets. Level funding is always a goal, while budget decreases become ever harder to achieve. Town departments have been very responsive to the need to 'hold the line', and have worked hard this year to control their budgets. What is becoming apparent, however, is that overall town spending is likely going to require override articles on future annual town meeting warrants.

The Highway Dept. Building Committee is studying the overall needs of the department including personnel, equipment and building(s) for the next twenty years. The proposed new highway barn, intended for the Public Safety Building site, is in the planning and review stage with construction consultant Daedalus Construction.

The West Tisbury Selectman's School Taskforce, appointed last fall, has been charged with the task of examining the advantages and disadvantages of West Tisbury's continued participation in the Up-Island Regional School District. Recommendations for actions to modify the current arrangements, including possibly withdrawing from the district, are being formulated.

Also moving ahead this year, is the Mill Brook Watershed Planning Committee, responsible for arranging and overseeing completion of a study intended to supply much needed information for development of a Mill Brook management plan, including the Mill Pond.

The newly sited crosswalk near Alley's Store, a project requested by the Board of the state, has improved the safety of pedestrians at this busy intersection with the entrance drive to Howe's House and the library. Also a 30' sidewalk in front of Howe's House was installed by the state to accommodate the crosswalk, making this often congested area of town much safer, convenient, and manageable.

After many years of discussion and planning with the state Department of Transportation, the intersection of Old County Road with State Road has finally been reconstructed and realigned in the interest of safety. In the process,

the area of pavement has been reduced, and the addition of effective signage has reduced confusion at that important road juncture.

An Island-wide collaborative of Town Departments of Public Works, Boards of Selectmen, and Energy Committees, along with Cape Light Compact, has resulted in the replacement this year of more than 1,000 streetlights, including all the lights in West Tisbury, with LED fixtures. Cape Light Compact fully covered the cost of the conversion project, which has dramatically reduced the operating cost of street lighting while increasing its brightness.

The Board at its meeting on September 16th had a moment of silence and offered tributes to honor longtime employee and friend, Ernie Mendenhall, who had passed away. Ernie will be remembered for his good will and generosity to all.

The Board appreciates and thanks all the townspeople willing to work on boards, commissions, and committees. This large number of citizens sacrifice a great deal of personal time for the good of the town. All the entities on which they serve tackle many, often intricate, assignments, and make West Tisbury the fine example of participatory democracy that it is. The board also thanks the voters for their support in town meetings and elections, and encourages everyone to watch for and take opportunities to participate directly in town governance.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia E. Mitchell, Chair
Richard R. Knabel
J. Skipper Manter

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS

Due to the passing of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts 1991, which prohibits the sale and distribution of the names of children under the age of 17, births by name will no longer be published in the town report. The total number of births for West Tisbury in 2015 was 23.

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
May			
16	Curvin Joseph Huber Catriona Griswold Baker	Huber Baker	Sudbury, MA
June			
6	Carlos Martin Carle Ariella A.L.B. Huff	Carle Carle	Brooklyn, NY
20	Justin Daniel McBrien Chloe Anne Wilson	McBrien Wilson	Charlottesville, VA
27	Nicholas Robert Ruozzi Elizabeth Blair Kenney	Ruozzi Kenney	White Plains, NY
27	Christopher Ty Martin Bryna Marie Cronin	Martin Martin	West Tisbury, MA
July			
3	Samuel James Schueth Susan Gayle Lourie	Schueth Lourie-Schueth	Boulder, CO
11	James Patrick McDonald Jessie Greenwood duPont	McDonald McDonald	Washington, DC
23	Jolyon Everett Stapleton Dena Yassky	Stapleton Yassky	Philadelphia, PA
August			
7	John Cortney Ross Simon Singel	Ross Singel	Switzerland Germany
September			
3	Kevin Patrick Brady Linda Marie Maffucci	Brady Brady	Hartford, CT

Marriages (Continued)

DATE	NAME	Surname after Marriage	Residence
September			
12	Christine F. Hayes Michele Mallon	Hayes Mallon	Wayne, PA
October			
11	Bradley Curtis Cortez Vanileze Pessoni	Cortez Cortez	West Tisbury, MA
December			
21	Dwain Coleman Destiny L. DeLaRosa	Coleman Coleman	West Tisbury, MA

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
February		June	
3	Chester Joseph Wisniewski	20	Linda Sarah Rashba
9	Mary Fischer	30	Carolyn White Spengler
18	Will Monast	August	
22	Noah Teller Block	19	Russell Martin Cote
March		September	
3	Virginia Loius Blakesley	9	Margaret M. Skinner
17	Stephen T. Vages	14	Ernest P. Mendenhall Jr.
24	Ethel Judith Mayhew	22	George Anthony Hough III
24	Andris Boass	October	
April		10	Cynthia Hamlin Walsh
1	Frances Chinard	16	Lorraine Cottle
10	Eleanor Rodegast	November	
12	Brianna E. Combra	24	Janice Feltz
14	Nicholas Thayer	December	
May		15	James Edward Barrett
17	Daniel Lloyd Mayhew		

Regretfully omitted from the 2014 report: Jonathan Revere

ANNUAL TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:05 pm who declared a presence of a 5% quorum, there being 281 qualified voters present (11.3%). All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were three floor amendments. At 11:20 pm, the meeting was motioned to be continued until April 15, 2015 at 7pm. At 7:20 pm on April 15, 2015, there being no quorum present, the meeting was again continued until April 28, 2015 at 7 pm. On April 28, 2015 the meeting was called to order by the Moderator who declared a presence of a 5% quorum, there being 190 qualified voters present (7.6%). There were six amendments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Passed:

ARTICLE 1: To elect Officers on the Official Ballot and to vote Yes or No Ballot Questions.

ARTICLE 2: Reports from Town Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3: Vote to dedicate lobby of the WT Free Public library in memory of Pat Gregory.

ARTICLE 4: Vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2016; provided, however, that the amount to be Raised and Appropriated to pay a portion of the Town' share of the Up Island Regional School District's assessment for Fiscal Year 2016, line item 311, is contingent upon a majority of voters casting a Ballot on Question 1 at the Annual Town Election voting in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Proposition 2 ½ spending cap by \$300,000.00.

PASSED unanimously as amended; reduce line item 311-5600, by \$68,440

ARTICLE 5: Vote to authorize the Treasurer and Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements during Fiscal Year 2015 as permitted by M.G.L. c.44, §53F.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw at Sections 26-3 and 26-4 to reflect a wage adjustment of 1.6% effective July 1, 2015.

ARTICLE 7: Vote to amend the personnel bylaw at section 26-1 Classification Plan to add the position of Building Maintenance Worker at Grade B.

ARTICLE 8: Vote to amend the Personnel By-law to amend section 9-0 Police Department at subsection 9.5: On Call Duty.

ARTICLE 9: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$15,000 to transfer to the Retired/Departing Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D.

ARTICLE 10: Vote to reauthorize revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2, for Fiscal Year 2016.

ARTICLE 11: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$25,000 to be placed in the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 12: Vote to authorize the purchase of a new pumper fire truck for a total of \$375,000 from the following funding sources:

Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$205,000;

Transfer the sum of \$140,000 out of the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund;

Redirect the sum of \$30,000 previously appropriated at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting,

Article #4 for a Fire Station generator and not used for that purpose.

ARTICLE 13: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$39,500 to purchase a vehicle for the West Tisbury Police Department.

ARTICLE 14: Vote to Appropriate \$123,696 for reconstruction work on town roads under the provisions of Section 34(2)(a) of Chapter 90 of the M.G.L., which amount is the Town's FY2015 state allocation.

ARTICLE 15: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$24,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet triennial certification of values as required by Massachusetts State Law.

ARTICLE 16: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$50,000 to be used for the planning and design of either a renovation or reconstruction of the town-owned building on Old Courthouse Road currently used by the Highway Department or construction of a new building on another site.

ARTICLE 17: Vote to approve the debt authorized by the County of Dukes County to pay costs of purchasing and improving a building to provide health and human services for county residents, as authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014; to acknowledge that the assessment on account of this debt by the County shall be based on no more than a 15 year term and such debt shall be divided among the towns by the "50/50" formula for fiscal year 2016, which amount is not to exceed \$1,600,000 plus interest and which will be determined upon the sale of Bonds and which will constitute a charge or fee for services subscribed to by the Town at local option, within the meaning of Chapter 59, Section 20A of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto provided all six towns vote in the affirmative and further provided, however, that a majority of voters casting a Ballot on Question 3 at the Annual Town Election, to be held April 16, 2015 vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 18: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$33,667.20 to pay the Town's assessed share of the County of Dukes County debt authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014 for a building to provide health and human services for county residents and any related issuance costs provided all 6 towns vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 19: Vote to approve up to \$2,500,000.00 borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements toward the restructuring of Traffic flow and Residential Drop-Off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or to take any action relative thereto provided all 4 towns vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 20: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$7,626.66 to pay the Town of West Tisbury's Public Safety (Police, Fire and EMS) share for the upgrade of the 911/communications center computer system.

ARTICLE 21: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$24,500 to purchase and install Two Hundred and Fifty Feet (250') of removable walkway to be placed up and over the dune on the path to Lambert's Cove Beach.

ARTICLE 22: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$7,500 for the purpose of upgrading the two public bathrooms on the ground floor of Town Hall.

ARTICLE 23: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$43,000 for all costs associated to install acoustical panels for sound dampening purposes in Town Hall.

FAILED

ARTICLE 24: Vote to Appropriate from the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund \$14,500 for the replacement, repair and all other associated work for the windows in the Howes House. These funds shall be spent on items not covered within the scope of the Green Communities Grant.

ARTICLE 25: Vote to rescind the \$50,000 unissued balance of the \$2,495,000 authorized to be borrowed by vote of the Town under Article 8 of the Warrant at the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of constructing a new Police Station or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 26: Vote to rescind the \$172,178 unissued balance of the \$2,372,178 authorized to be borrowed by vote of the Town under Article 22 of the Warrant at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of resurfacing town roads or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 27: Vote to accept the provisions of MGL Ch. 41 S. 41b. (direct deposit).

ARTICLE 28: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$8,105.14 with the balance of \$3,894.86 being provided by the Board of Selectmen from remaining funds from the Jacqueline Greene bequest for a total \$12,000, and direct the WT Board of Selectmen to purchase and erect a Veterans' Monument. (Veterans from the Korean War, Viet Nam war, Panama, Iraq, Afghanistan and other conflicts, who served honorably, and who were residents of the town at the time of their enlistment.)

ARTICLE 29: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of completing the Mill Brook Watershed Study, supplementing \$30,030 previously appropriated for this purpose.

PASSED as amended; "...the Sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$6,600)

ARTICLE 30: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$80,000 to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the renovation of the West Tisbury School playground with new playground equipment.

MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY PASSED.

ARTICLE 31: 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 Massachusetts General Laws, FY2016 revenues: Open Space reserve \$5,000, Historical Resources reserve \$45,000 (10% of estimated FY2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues), Community Housing reserve \$45,000 (10% of estimated FY2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues), Undesignated reserve \$292,500 (65% of estimated FY2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues). And to Appropriate for the FY2016 Administrative Expenditures of the Community Preservation Committee \$22,500 (5% of estimated FY2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues).

ARTICLE 32: Vote to Appropriate \$40,000 from estimated FY2016 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space to support debt service for the acquisition of the Maley/Field Gallery property. (Final installment authorized by vote at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2011).

ARTICLE 33: Vote to Appropriate \$98,000 to support the rental assistance program of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority for West Tisbury households with \$16,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and \$82,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve.

ARTICLE 34: Vote to Appropriate \$50,000 to fund restoration by the Martha's Vineyard Museum of the Marine Hospital roof with \$45,500 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve and \$4,500 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve.

ARTICLE 35: Vote to Appropriate \$45,000 to fund the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Track and Field Facility with \$5,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space reserve and \$40,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve.

ARTICLE 36: Vote to Appropriate \$100,000 to fund the construction of a six unit affordable rental housing facility at 6 Water Street, Vineyard Haven with \$30,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and \$70,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve. In exchange, preference for one of the six units will be given to West Tisbury residents or employees of the Town of West Tisbury and who earn 60% or less than the area wide median income. The total cost of the project is \$1,220,000.

ARTICLE 37: Vote to amend Article #21 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to change the purpose from "to replace the West Tisbury Cemetery Fence" to

“to substantially restore the West Tisbury Cemetery Fence” with the \$75,000 Community Preservation Act Funds appropriated in that article.

PASSED as amended; “To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 21 of 2014 and return funds to the Community Preservation Committee”

ARTICLE 38: Vote to Raise and Appropriate \$7,490 to fund the Town of West Tisbury’s share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee’s contract for adult and community education in Fiscal Year 2016..

ARTICLE 39: Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter municipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide a Healthy Aging Task Force Program, and to fund this program Raise and Appropriate \$11,993.94, as the Town’s proportionate share (15.03%), of the Fiscal Year 2016 adjusted cost of \$79,800.00. All six towns must vote in the affirmative.

ARTICLE 40: Vote to approve the indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new administrative building, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

FAILED

ARTICLE 41: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$455,000 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2016.

PASSED as amended; to add \$43,000 from Article 23 of the 2015 ATM that failed, so total to reduce tax levy will be \$498,000.

ARTICLE 42: Map&Lot sign numbers and street address, with amendment and fines.

ARTICLE 43: Vote to amend the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District Articles of Agreement as follows:

The following would be added to the end of section 1:

“Within the first ninety (90) days of appointment, if for some reason the Up-Island member who fills the “Member Town” seat for a particular town is unable or unwilling to serve on the Regional High School Committee, the Board of Selectmen of that Town shall appoint the member of the Up-Island Committee who resides in that Town and received the next highest number of votes to serve as its representative.”

ARTICLE 44: Vote to transfer from Free Cash \$20,000 to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund for future affordable housing purposes. The purpose of this appropriation is to reflect the sum of \$20,000 from the proceeds from the sale of an affordable housing lot in Bailey Park, which sum was paid into the General Fund in FY 2014.

ARTICLE 45: Vote to designate portions of the following Town Roads as Special Ways:

(Full text in warrant)

Pine Hill Road

Red Coat Hill Road/Motts Hill Road
Shubael Weeks Road
Old Coach Road

PASSED as amended; "...portions of the following Roads as Special Ways"

Replace 'the way' with...

"..of Pine Hill Road."

"of Motts Hill Road."

"of Shubel Weeks Road."

Replace 'and westerly approximately 1,850...' with

"...and westerly approximately 1,450 feet to the southeastern boundary of Assessors Map 16, lot 118 at the juncture of lot 125.28 within twenty feet of either side of the centerline of Old Coach Road."

ARTICLE 46: Vote to amend the zoning bylaw by inserting and deleting the following language. (Complete language in warrant)

SECTION 4.4 HOUSING

4.4-1 Dwelling Unit Densities Permitted by Right

The following densities of residential structures are permitted by right in all districts.

A.

B. One single-family dwelling (without an accessory apartment) plus one subordinate dwelling not exceeding **1000** square feet, shall be permitted on lots that meet the requirements of (1.) or (2.) below. Unenclosed porches shall be considered non-habitable space and shall not count toward the calculation of subordinate dwelling floor area. In addition, a screened porch of 15% or less of the floor area of the subordinate dwelling shall not count toward the **1000** sq. ft. maximum.

1. Lots in existence on the effective date of this bylaw (May 24, 2000) that comply with the minimum lot size in the district, unless a subordinate dwelling has been prohibited by the terms of a subdivision-sion approval.

2. Lots created after the effective date of this bylaw, provided that they are at least 1.5 times the mini-mum lot size for the district.

Either the principal dwelling or subordinate dwelling may be constructed first, provided that the total floor area of one of the dwellings does not exceed **1000** square feet.

The setback requirements for a structure which contains or is a subordinate dwelling shall be the same as for principal dwellings.

Subordinate dwellings to be constructed on lots which have at least double the minimum area requirements of the relative zoning district will be exempt from the **1000** sq. ft. floor area restrictions.

C.

4.4-3 Dwelling Unit Densities Allowed by Special Permit

A. Accessory Apartments

1.4

5. Detached accessory apartments shall occupy a maximum of **800** square feet and a minimum of 300 square feet within an otherwise non-habitable structure such as a garage or barn.

(6-8)

4.4-7 Homesite Lots

(A&B)

C. Initial Conditions for Homesite Lots:

1. Size of a Homesite Lot: A newly created Homesite Lot (created under Section 4.4-7A 1. and 2. above) may be less than three (3) acres in size but not less than one (1) acre and must have the approval of the Planning Board as a Homesite Lot. ~~A Homesite Lot on an existing lot which does not satisfy minimum lot size requirements of the zoning bylaw shall meet all applicable Board of Health regulations. t~~

(2-4)

Yes 160 No 19

PASSED as amended; Section 4.4-3, A, 5,

“ Detached accessory apartments shall occupy a maximum of 800 square feet and a minimum of 300 square feet (as a free standing unit or) within an otherwise non-habitable structure such as a garage or barn.”

ARTICLE 47: Vote to amend the zoning bylaw by inserting and deleting the following language. (Full text in warrant)

4.2-2 Interpretation of Dimensional Requirements

PASSED as amended; Section 4.2-2 E: Remove “and may be rented only to the same household that occupies that dwelling unit”.

Section 4.3-3 C 3: Remove “and increase in minimum lot size”.

Detached Bedroom Definition

Replace the second “shall” with “may”. Yes 150 No 7

ARTICLE 48: Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide services for the elderly on the island.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

16 April 2015-Annual Town Election

Registered Voters 2479; Total Ballots Cast-358 (14.44%)

MODERATOR

Blanks	223
Daniel A. Waters	334
Write-in	1

SELECTMAN

Blank	53
Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter	284
Beniot Baldwin	20
Write-ins	11

BOARD OF HEALTH

Blank	63
Timothy A. Barnett	294
Write-in	1

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Blanks	94
Michael Colaneri	261
Write-in	11

TAX COLLECTOR

Blank	70
Brent B. Taylor	286
Write-in	2

TOWN CLERK

Blank	36
Tara J. Whiting	322
Write-in	0

TREE WARDEN

Blanks	59
Jeremiah Armstrong Brown	299
Write-in	0

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Blanks	73
Gregory W. Orcutt	285
Write-ins	0

LIBRARY TRUSTEE Vote for 2

Blanks	166
Caroline R. Flanders	281
Margaret H. Gallgher	268
Write-in	0

PARKS & RECREATION

	<small>Vote for 2</small>
Blanks	160
Lisa Amols	277
Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter	276
Write-in	3

CONSTABLE

Blanks	71
Timothy A. Barnett	286
Write-in	0

PLANNING BOARD

Blanks	149
Susan S. Silva	288
Leah J. Smith	279
Write-in	0

Question 1. (UIRSD BUDGET)

Blanks	5
YES	147
NO	206

Question 2. (PROP. 2 1/2 SCHOOL ROOF)

Blanks	5
YES	147
NO	206

Question 3. (PROP. 2 1/2 COUNTY BUILDING)

Blanks	7
YES	180
NO	171

QUESTION 4. (SCHOOL PLAYGROUND)

Blanks	20
YES	119
NO	219

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:15 pm who declared a presence of a 5% quorum, there being 154 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

ARTICLE 1: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$1,741.15 to pay a past fiscal year bill to the Up Island Council on Aging from Oakleaf Landscape Inc. Bill was received after the end of fiscal year bill submittal deadline.

ARTICLE 2: Vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by incorporating and/or deleting the following language to and from Section 8.4 Sign Regulations:

Amend Section 8.4-3 to read as follows:

Section 8.4-3B:

Delete: "The vertical dimension of wall signs shall not exceed two feet, and"- and retain the balance of the language.

Section 8.4-4A:

Delete: "Such sign shall not exceed four (4) feet in area".

Section 8.4-4C:

Add: "and or a sandwich board".

Add: "or seasonal agricultural products

Delete: "but the total area of the sign shall not exceed six (6) feet".

Section 8.4-4D:

Delete: "if the area of such sign does not exceed six (6) feet".

Section 8.4-4G:

Add: "The sign shall be on display for a maximum of fifteen (15) days".

Section 8.4-4I:

Delete: "not exceeding four (4) square feet in area"

Section 8.4-4K

Delete: "of not more than 4 square feet".

Section 8.4-4L:

Delete: "and do not exceed six square feet in area".

Section 8.4-5:

Add: A (e): "A sign application may be subject to review by the Planning Board at the Sign Inspector's discretion".

Section 8.4-6:

Replace the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Appeals, or ZBA, where indicated, with the Planning Board as the special permit granting authority.

Add: "If the Sign Inspector determines that a proposed replacement sign reduces the nonconforming nature of the original sign, then the replacement sign shall be permitted as a matter of right.

Section 8.4-6:

Add: C: "Submission requirements for a sign Special Permit are set out in Subsection 8.4-5 (A) (B)".

ARTICLE 3: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$12,500 to be used for maintenance of the chimney, door , interior safety lighting and other possible needed repairs and to paint the trim and other associated work around the windows in the Howes House.

ARTICLE 4: Vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw Section 26 (Classification and Compensation Plans) by deleting this section in its entirety and replacing this section with the following new Section 26 (Classification and Compensation Plans) and further to Appropriate from Free Cash \$57,000 to implement the change in Fiscal Year 2016. The effective date of this amendment shall be July 1, 2015. (full text in warrant)

ARTICLE 5: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$4,000 for the purpose of erecting a new light pole and street light and installing wiring for that light at the intersection of Old County Road and State Road.

ARTICLE 6: Vote to Appropriate from Free Cash \$6,000 for cemetery fence repair or

replacement on the North West side of the West Tisbury Cemetery.

ARTICLE 7: Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary steps to lease a portion of a town-owned parcel of land located at 565 Edgartown Road to a person or entity selected through an RFP process under G. L. c. 30B, §16 to develop the land for affordable housing purposes.

ARTICLE 8: Vote to amend the purpose for which Community Preservation funds are to be used under Article 24 approved at the Town Meeting of April 8, 2014.

Article 24, as approved, reads as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for predevelopment costs for Phase I and Phase II of the Fire Station Lot Affordable Housing Project which consists of the construction of two rental duplexes on a town owned parcel at 565 Edgartown Rd, part of Assessors Map 31, Lot 36, for persons earning 80% or below the Area Wide Median Income with \$20,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and \$30,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve.

The amended purpose for the use of the appropriated funds would be as follows:

To use the balance of the appropriated funds (approximately \$38,000) for predevelopment costs of the Fire Station Lot Affordable Housing Project to create apartments, instead of two rental duplexes, on a town owned parcel of land at 565 Edgartown Road, which is a portion of Assessors Map 31, Lot 36, for persons earning 80% or below the Area Median Income. The Town intends to build a maximum of 7 buildings (excluding non-habitable outbuildings), with a maximum of 18 bedrooms.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To the Board of Selectman:

The number of registered voters in

	December 2015 was:	December 2005:
Democrat	1,021	465
Republican	165	90
Green Party USA	3	1
Green Rainbow	6	2
Libertarian	4	1
American Independent	2	0
MA Independent	1	0
Un-enrolled	1,293	690
Others	4	1
Total	2,499	1,250

The Street List of Residents in October 2015 was:

Voter	2,484
Non-Voter	684
Total	3,168

Respectfully submitted,

Antone H. Rezendes, Jr
Rufus Peebles
Bernice Kirby
Tara J. Whiting, Clerk

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee (WTAHC) 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 WTAHC in West Tisbury, 43 home/home site lots have been created, 41 affordable accessory apartments are rented or used by family members and 14 apartments are presently being subsidized for affordable housing with CPC funding. The accessory and rental assisted apartments and two rental facilities are overseen by Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA).

Collaborating to bring affordable housing to West Tisbury. The WTAHC continues to work and support projects of affordable housing by non-profits and private developers such as Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) and Island Housing Trust (IHT).

The WTAHC has completed a preliminary study of creating rental units on town owned land near the Fire Station at 565 West Tisbury-Edgartown Rd. The towns' people voted to proceed with the development in Nov. at a Special Town Meeting. This parcel was chosen for its advantages of abutting the State Forest, on the bike path and bus route, within walking distance of town center and size of lot. The WTAHC hopes to create 9 affordable rental units (3-3 bdrm, 3-2 bdrm, 3-1 bdrm with 1 of these being handicap accessible) that will be maintained in perpetuity. Request for bids to ground lease and build the project should go out late winter to early spring.

Working with other committees

The WTAHC continues to be involved in the island-wide Joint Affordable Housing Group through the MVC that joins to share affordable housing ideas and issues.

Glenn Hearn represents the WTAHC on the Community Preservation Committee.

Vickie Thurber is the present DCRHA represented from West Tisbury.

The other members of the committee also sit or represent various committees of West Tisbury.

WTAHC along with the other island towns and the MVC supported the undertaking of assessing the housing needs of the community. The Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment has been completed. It is available to the public. Here are a few of the figures. West Tisbury's largest age population appears to be between the ages of 55-64 at 22% with the median age being 45.5. The report says there are 260 individuals living below the poverty line in

West Tisbury. These figures are based on the 2010 census states the report. The median cost of a single family home figure is \$704,000 but the average (median income) family affordable price is \$372,500 leaving a gap of \$331,500. The overall island wide summary states that more than ¼ of all households earned less than \$35,000.00 and that there are declining numbers of younger residents and an increase in the older ones. The summary of priorities states rental units especially for the extremely and very low-income residents, seniors and working class families as number one need. DCRHA has a rental waiting list of 230 households, 28 of those living in West Tisbury.

Recommendations to address the housing needs included identifying development opportunities that provide some greater scale and density in appropriate locations, adopting zoning and regulatory changes that will better utilize existing developable property which includes affordable housing, continue to donate publicly owned property for affordable housing, reach out to private donors, adopt fee waivers or reductions for affordable housing and work together as a whole island community to develop affordable housing for the community.

How You Can Help

The WTAHC encourages homeowners with large lots to consider using the home site lot creation bylaw by which you can create an affordable home on a smaller lot or maybe create an affordable accessory apartment (See Zoning Bylaw Section 4.4). This year has seen many inquiries into this part of the bylaw. Due to the inquiries handouts have been created and are available at the WTAHC desk on the third floor. They may also be downloaded from the town website.

The committee continues to update its comprehensive handbook, which contains the WTAHC guidelines to assist prospective affordable homeowners and developers seeking information on zoning issues and bylaws that affect affordable housing in West Tisbury. The handbook is available on the third floor at town hall, by calling the WTAHC administrative assistant or by emailing affordhouse@westtisbury-ma.gov.

Membership

The AHC welcomes our newest member Ted Jochsberger. Ted joined us this summer and is full of zeal for the affordable housing cause.

The committee extends a welcome to the townspeople to join the committee in supporting housing. Anyone with ideas and a willingness to help create affordable housing should come to the meetings held on the second and fourth Tues. of the month at 7 PM in town hall. At present, there is one vacant at-large seat and two alternate positions open.

This year the committee continues to search out opportunities to create and obtain affordable housing for West Tisbury. Many thanks go out to those individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed and continue to

give their time and expertise to creating affordable housing solutions and to helping the WTAHC reach their goals in the affordable housing endeavors.

A special thanks and appreciation are extended to Joanne Scott and Ernie Mendenhall. Joanne after 4 years with the committee, leading it for 2 of those years, promoting affordable housing to all those she encountered resigned.

Ernie, as anyone who knew him will tell you, worked tirelessly for the town. His work on behalf of the WTAHC spanned over decades and is a real loss to our committee as well as the town. His great sensibility and knowledge will be missed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joanne Scott, At Large Rep. (Chair)-Resigned
Mike Colaneri, Board of Assessor's Rep. (Vice Chair)
Glenn Hearn, Selectmen's Rep.
Henry Geller, Planning Board Rep.
Larry Schubert, Building Dept. Rep. (Interim Chair)
Julie Sierputoski, At Large Rep.-Resigned
Vickie Thurber, Board of Health Rep,
Ernest Mendenhall, Alternate -Deceased
Ted Jochsberger, New At-Large Rep.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen and
West Tisbury Residents:

Hi

And so ends another year as your Animal Control Officer. I am going into my 26th year and I love my job as much now as I did day one. It was a busy year for me and Allen Healy, my assistant.

I have learned my lesson after all these years to not mess with Mother Nature and it was a very sad experience for me. One of the cygnets that hatched the previous spring was attacked by a loggerhead turtle and the turtle had made a huge hole in the cygnet's chest cavity. I took the poor guy to Animal Health Care feeling sure they would tell me that the damage was too great for him to survive. BUT they said they would try their darndest to help him. He was a brave guy and slowly started to get better from the 3 surgeries he had (pro bono) and after 3 months recuperating there, it was time to set him free. The techs and vets named him Rocky because he was such a fighter. So my husband and I picked him up from Animal Health Care and went to the Mill Pond where Rocky's dad, Bob, was. We put Rocky in the water and after a half hour or so they started to get along just fine. I kept an eye on him for a few days and he was doing great with his Dad then all of a sudden, Bob started attacking him and chased him off the pond and into the road. After several attempts to keep Rocky in the pond, I decided to move him to another pond. Tisbury Great Pond. Well don't you know he walked back to the Mill Pond from Sepiessa. Three times he did that. Then I took him further away to Quansoo and back he came again. By this time it was April so I chose to take him up to Menemsha. He enjoys his car rides with me. I just pick him up and put him in the back of my vehicle and he talks all the way to wherever we are going. He flew around Menemsha pond and came back, I think to say good by and thanks, and off he went. A week later he was hit by a car on North Road as he was trying to get back to the Mill Pond. He passed away 5 days later. I was broken hearted. I say "never again" now but if another cygnet needs my help I will jump in and help him. Oh, and Rocky turned out to be Rockette. And she had many fans.

Allen and I had a total of 1322 calls in 2015, which does not count the chats we have with people about their pets or livestock when we see them around town. I had 10 quarantines for dogs or cats last year. Either the cats came home with a bite of unknown origin or dogs biting people or other dogs.

1074 dog calls
120 cat calls

- 56 wildlife calls (bats, pheasants, raccoons, skunks, birds, rodents and flies)
- 15 small livestock calls
- 21 large livestock calls
- 8 domestic cat hit by car calls
- 6 feral cats hit by car calls
- 23 calls for injured pets that owners needed my assistance.

Allen and I would like to thank Animal Health Care for providing a place to keep the dogs or cats that we pick up and don't know who the owners are. That is our "pound". Also we would like to thank the West Tisbury Police and Chilmark Police for their help. They are always there for us. Also thank you to the Communications Center who sends us on our missions and checks on us to see if we are ok. And the West Tisbury Town Hall who fields our calls when they come through the Town Hall phone. And that's about it. I enjoy my job 99% of the time. There are sad times that go along with the good times on this job, kinda like life I guess.

Thank you and Sincerely,

Joan W. Jenkinson
West Tisbury Animal Control Officer
508-693-1212 Communications Center
774-563-0480 my cell phone
508-645-9450 my home

Oh ya, don't forget to license your doggies every January.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In calendar year 2015 we completed an interim year of all properties in the Town as mandated by the State for fiscal year 2016. Values were based on the analysis of valid sales from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The fiscal year 2016 tax rate is set at **\$6.06**. Property values are available on our GIS website www.caigisonline.com.

The final fiscal year 2015 total number of applications for Real Estate and Personal Property tax abatements was sixty one. All but four of these applications have been successfully settled by the Board of Assessors. Those still outstanding have chosen to appeal the Board's decision to the Appellate Tax Board in Boston.

The final approved tax rate information for fiscal year 2016 is as follows:

TAX RECAPITULATION	FY2016
<u>TAXABLE VALUE BY CLASS</u>	
Residential	2,285,784,749
Commercial	69,139,545
Industrial	8,396,900
Personal Property	39,409,253
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	2,402,730,447
<u>ANNUAL TAX LEVY</u>	
Appropriations	18,156,840.93
Other Local Expenditures	101,319.82
State & County Assessments	187,766.00
Overlay	110,419.76
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	18,556,346.51
Total estimated Receipts & Available Funds	3,995,800.01
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	14,560,546.50
TOTAL LEVY	

As we head into calendar year 2016 (fiscal year 2017) the office will continue to look for ways to provide quality work to our citizens as efficiently as possible, mitigating costs wherever we can. The staff will continue to further their education in our efforts to serve the Town to the best of our abilities.

Our office is located on the third floor of Town Hall. We are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Information about the department is available on the Assessor's page of the Town's website, www.westtisbury-ma.gov . Citizens can download their property records, generate abutters lists and view property photos at www.caigisonline.com.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns about what we do. We look forward to continuing to serve the Town.

Sincerely,

Michael Colaneri, Chair
Richard Cohen, Member
Maria McFarland, Member
Dawn Barnes, Principal Assessor
Tammis Sprague, Data Collector/Assistant Assessor



West Tisbury Post Office

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Tick Borne Illness reduction effort, year 5 of 5:

The island-wide board of health effort to reduce the incidence of tick borne illness funded by a grant from the Martha's Vineyard Hospital completed its fifth of five years in 2015. The Medical Education Committee focused its effort on the creation of the Vineyard Center for Clinical Research (VCCR) which is a registered nonprofit in order to sustain the earlier medical and education focused work of the grant. The VCCR conducts research on diseases prevalent on Martha's Vineyard, particularly tick borne illness. VCCR is currently conducting four tick borne illness grants aimed at producing new diagnostic and treatment modalities. The VCCR receives funding from research grants, cooperate grants and donations. Free cash is used to continue tick borne illness educational presentations, and maintain and update the MVBOH.ORG website. The Environmental Committee oversaw continuation of the yard surveys that have been done in prior years. To date, 175 yards have been surveyed for physical characteristics and tick count. 99 surveys have been conducted on Chappaquiddick and 76 surveys have been conducted in Chilmark. These two areas were selected for their distinctly different plant and geological features. Through this work it was determined that yard survey scores are good indices of the relationship between habitat variables and deer tick density. Greatest correlations were found between soil type, the amount of leaf litter present, and nymphalid deer ticks. Another accomplishment of the grant has been the website built to house educational material and provides public access to our findings. From 2012 to August 2015; different users have viewed the website 23,145 times. Of the 8759 users, 1949 came back more than one time. The website offers 14 educational videos (three in Portuguese), 14 printed educational materials, 4 research reports and a waiting room video available for use by anyone interested.

The discovery of the Lone Star tick as an established and reproducing newly arrived population on the Vineyard is important. This tick carries its own combination of diseases similar to the deer tick. The established successful control measures for deer ticks of clearing brush and leaf litter to cause the ticks to die due to dehydration do not work with the Lone Star Tick. The Lone Star is more suited to the warm dry weather in the southern US and is capable of withstanding warm dry temperatures that would kill deer ticks. Clearing and drying of the landscape is largely ineffective Lone Star control. It is important to use DEET and permethrin treated clothing as the most effective preventative measures in areas where Lone Star ticks are likely to be encountered. Tick checks after spending time in areas where you may have been exposed also continue to be important. In 2016 the question of deer herd reduction needs to

be seriously considered by the towns especially now that deer will be the primary blood meal for the egg bearing female lone star ticks. The question of deer herd reduction will be entertained by the environmental committee with public input. Please visit the MVBOH.ORG website to view work to date as well as the most current topics.

Fertilizer Applicator Certification:

The spring, summer and fall of 2015 was the first year of working with the newly adopted Turf Fertilizer regulations that went into effect on January 1, 2015. During the spring of 2015 three UMASS professors offered 2 day-long certification classes to island landscapers and lawn care personnel. The first of two classes, offered in March, enrolled 181 students with 164 obtaining fertilizer applicator licenses and 17 taking the class for personal enrichment. A second class, offered primarily as a make-up opportunity, enrolled 22 students. Overall, 203 students completed the day long instruction with 186 earning licenses. The curriculum and instructors received strong favorable reviews from the landscapers in attendance. ACE MV did an outstanding job and deserves big thanks for arranging the classes and instructors, administering the certification tests and distributing certifications to the students. This program provided a great first step toward helping manage the nutrient contribution to the Vineyard embayment's from fertilizer.

We would like to remind all residents that the Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod conducts Free Clinics at the Howes House the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3 PM. Questions call CCVNA at 508-957-7613 or the Board of Health at 508-696-0105

The Board would like to remind residents that a prescription drug drop off box is located at the West Tisbury Police Department. Residents wanting to properly dispose of unused medications can contact the Police department at 508-693-0020 for drop-off information.

Mass Department of Public Health (MDPH) continues to issue date certain Emergency management "deliverables" or mandates for the BOH to satisfy. The Board works with many different agencies locally such as the Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corp, Dukes County Emergency Management, and the six Town's Boards of Health. As part of the MDPH's "Region 5B Coalition "(Cape & Islands) the BOH has made progress establishing a functioning "Medical Reserve Corp" (MRC) of medically trained and none medically trained volunteers who are able to help in the event of an emergency. For more information on becoming a medical or non-medical volunteer you can contact the MRC at their website

(www.mvmedicalreservecorps.org),

by e-mail at admin@medicalreservecorps.org, by phone at 508-696-3811, or by fax at 508-696-3841.

This year the Island Wide Flu Clinics were held at the Martha's Vineyard High School Wednesday September 30th and Tuesday October 6th 4:00 pm-

7:00 pm. The clinic was all walk in and was setup in the cafeteria for adults, children and their families.

The Board issued the following licenses and permits in 2015.

Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits.....	2
Bathing Beaches.....	11
Bed & Breakfast Permits	2
Camp Permits.....	2
Well Permits.....	27
Septic System Permits	41
Lawn Fertilizer License	22
Food Establishment Permits	25 *
Temporary Food Establishment Permits.....	84
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Motel Permit (Youth Hostel)	1
Tent Permits	1
Septic Pumping permits	163
Septic Hauler License	5
Septic Installer License	15
Tobacco Vendors License.....	3
Pool Permits	2
Barn Permits.....	5

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

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

The Refuse District processed and shipped over 8,500 tons in 2015 of waste and construction material. Over 6,000 tons of the material was delivered to SEMASS Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma., and the remaining tonnage (2,500) was recycled Construction Material delivered to New England Recycling located in Taunton, Ma.. Our recycling efforts also removed over 1,300 tons of mixed single stream recycling 200 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 13 tons of tires, and 400 tons of leaves/brush.

We are proud to announce that over 500 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2015. After 26 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

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

May, July, September and November from 9am – 12pm for residents.

12pm – 12:30pm for commercial

(fee, please call for appointment 508-627-4501)

“We now sell individual packs of hardener for Latex paint”

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted during regular business hours.

(Please watch our local newspapers for dates and any changes)

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

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, Animal inspector and Water Systems operator John Powers, Animal inspectors Joan Jenkinson and Alan Healy, BOH representative to the Land Bank Advisory Board William Haynes and affordable housing representative Victoria Thurber.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Barnett, Chairman
David Merry
Erik Lowe

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following Permits were issued by the Building Department in **2015**.

Single Family Residences (SFR)	11	Solar Array- Ground Mount	2
Modular SFR	4	17.28kW	
Guest House	5	Private Swimming Pool	2
Residential Additions	26	Demolition	14
Residential Alterations	12	Roofing	22
Residential Renovation	20	Foundation	5
Detached Garage	6	Wood Stove	1
Detached Bedroom	6	Insulation	37
Detached Accessory Structure	2	Minor Work	35
Garage w/Detached Bedroom	1	Minor Work +	8
Dry Studio	1	Minor Work 5	2
Screened Porch	1	Sign	4
Change of Use	2	Commercial New Construction	2
Change of Contractor	1	Commercial Alteration	4
Craft Workshop	1	Commercial Addition	2
Barn	2	Commercial Renovation	2
Pickle Ball Court	1	Sprinkler System	1
Enforcement Order	1	Annual Inspection	6
Shed	13	Fire Protectio System	17
Tent for Storage	2	Smoke Detector Installation	25
Temporary Tent	6	Sheet Metaal	19
Camping Vehicle	1	Electric Permits	191
Solar Array- Roof Mount	20	Gas Permits	101
144.66kW		Plumbing Permits	93
Total Permit Fees Collected		\$ 132,726.00	
LPG License (2000+ Gallons)	1		
LPG Construction	59		
Fuel Oil Tanks & Burners	16		
Underground Oil Tank Removal	2		
Mobile Truck Tanks	7		
Total Fire Permit Fees Collected		\$ 4,300.00	

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph K. Tierney, Jr., Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF THE CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

West Tisbury Activities

Cape Light Compact is an award-winning energy services organization operated by the 21 towns and two counties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact's mission is to serve its 200,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive electricity supply and green power options. For more information, visit www.capelightcompact.org.

POWER SUPPLY – Stability, Security and Green Power Options

Cape Light Compact offers stable and secure electric supply at competitive rates. Much depends on timing and market forces, but the Compact was proud to offer stable, competitive prices in 2015. As in previous years, electricity prices in 2015 were primarily driven by the price of natural gas. The winter of 2015 saw a lower wholesale electricity price spike from the 2014 winter, but retail electricity prices were still the highest in recent history. This is because of high forward market prices at the time when retail suppliers were procuring in advance for their expected loads. These high forward prices were set by expectations of the same high wholesale prices seen in the winter of 2014, which didn't come to fruition this year. While New England's natural gas delivery constraint was still the main contributing factor to high winter wholesale prices, it was mitigated by warmer temperatures in the beginning of the winter, increased liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, implementation of an improved winter reliability program by the electricity grid operator, and low oil prices.

The past few years have seen many changes in how electricity is produced in New England. There is growing concern over how to meet both the reliability needs of the electric grid and our greenhouse gas reduction goals, all at a reasonable cost to electricity consumers. In the upcoming year, state elected officials and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities will be focusing on this issue. Topics to be deliberated include: (1) whether or not to install new natural gas pipelines, and who should pay for this; electric customers or gas customers; (2) net metering cap for solar and other renewable generation projects; (3) smart grid, or grid modernization, technology, who will benefit and how will costs be allocated amongst electric customers. As we have done in the past the Cape Light Compact Governing Board will participate in these, and other, discussions on behalf of electric customers.

In 2015, Cape Light Compact provided energy to residents and businesses in accordance with two competitive electricity supply contracts negotiated by the Compact. The Compact's residential electricity supplier was ConEdison

Solutions, and the commercial and industrial supplier was NextEra Energy. As of the most recent count, the Compact had approximately 1,699 total electric accounts within the Town of West Tisbury on its energy supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY – Committed to Consumer Interests

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard at the local, state, and federal level. In 2015, the Compact focused much of its advocacy on consumer electricity disclosure labels, DPU’s competitive supply website, and door-to-door marketing rules. These issues affect how electricity consumers interact with and take advantage of the competitive supply market. The Compact has provided input advocating for better disclosure methods of electricity sources, including renewable energy, which will better inform consumers about where the electricity they’re purchasing comes from. The Compact is also continuing to provide DPU with input on their competitive supplier website in order to ensure it is easy for users to use and understand. The Compact, along with others, has also successfully lobbied for the implementation of door-to-door marketing rules that will help protect consumers from some of the unscrupulous marketing tactics that have been used on the Cape and Vineyard.

The Compact is also pleased to announce that the Department of Public Utilities issued a final order in May approving the Compact’s revisions to its Aggregation Plan, which was submitted in April 2014. This order affirms the purposes, structure, and funding of the Compact, and has been used as a model for other municipalities seeking to form their own aggregations. While Cape Light Compact was the first municipal aggregator in the state, there are now 72 communities in Massachusetts with approved Aggregation Plans.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – Saving Energy and Money

Jan – Nov 2015	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	4	\$1,791.60	8,958	\$19,630.80
Residential	147	\$42,766.20	213,831	\$170,135.00
Commercial	9	\$13,052.40	65,262	\$47,571.91
Total	160	\$57,610.20	288,050	\$237,337.71

Please note that this data does not include activity that occurred in December 2015. Please visit www.capelightcompact.org/reports for complete information.

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) and a portion of the “distribution charge” (\$0.02349 for

residential customers and \$0.01127 for commercial and industrial customers) that appears on each customer's electric bill.

Other Cape Light Compact efforts include:

6 ENERGY STAR® qualified homes were built in the Town of West Tisbury.

- The Cape Light Compact's Energy Education Program continues to support teachers and students through classroom materials, standards-based education curriculum, teacher training, an island-wide "Energy Carnival" held at the Oak Bluffs School and sponsors the all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held in June. In addition, the Compact helps to sponsor the MVRHS Science Fair and educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the grange hall in October.
- Insulation and Air Sealing was performed at the Fire Station
- Demand Control Ventilation was installed at Town Hall and the Fire Station.

Sue Hruby, West Tisbury Representative
Jennifer Rand, West Tisbury Alternate



Mill Pond

REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Introduction

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee is charged with reviewing “proposed capital outlays, projects and improvements involving major tangible assets and projects” with a view to recommending those capital improvement projects which should be undertaken over the next five years. These assets and projects are defined as those costing over \$25,000 and having a useful life of five years or more. Our charge is to prepare a capital budget for the next fiscal year, considering the relative need, impact, timing and cost of the various requested expenditures, as well as to project a capital program for the next five years. The following narrative and the chart at the end of this report outline the FY2017 capital budget, as well as projections for the capital program for the next five years, through FY2021.

Summary

If all of the FY2017 requests are approved, we will spend a total of \$1,682,802 on new and existing capital expenditures (including regionally assessed debt). For FY2017, this spending breaks down as follows:

- \$1,343,302 in general fund debt payments
- \$0 on Town projects funded by CPA
- \$24,000 in debt on Town projects funded by lease income
- \$315,500 in free cash, redirected prior appropriations or other general funds.

Policy

- The Town and the Board of Selectmen shall adhere to the Capital Improvement by-law, by ensuring that all capital spending requests are placed on a Town Meeting warrant only after they have been evaluated and prioritized by the Capital Improvements Planning Committee.
- The Town’s capital improvement program shall provide for consistent debt service and capital spending that is as close to level as possible over time, so that taxes do not fluctuate excessively due to capital spending.

Recommendations

- That the Board of Selectmen continue the process that will result in a formal Facilities Management Program, including the drafting and implementation of a three-to-five-year management plan for each Town building.
- Currently, Town departments take responsibility for maintenance of the buildings and other physical assets under their control in their annual budgets. The committee recommends that the Town move to budgeting for and management of its facilities on a town-wide basis. Further, that facilities management staff work in concert with the Energy Committee to ensure that the work undertaken is in line with both the facilities management and energy goals of the Town.

- That the Town and the Finance Committee support maintenance budget lines adequate to maintain the value and condition of the Town's buildings and equipment and ensure that relevant systems are as energy efficient as possible.

Recent Capital Events

Purchase of a new pumper truck was authorized in April 2015 to replace a 1988 truck; at this writing, the truck is under construction.

Requested Capital Projects FY2017 – FY2021

Following is a chart with accompanying notes for the FY2017 items. The Committee has set priorities for 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 are rated according to their present priority, so may get a higher priority as time goes by.)

Cemetery. The 2015 town meeting rescinded the 2014 authorization to the Cemetery Commissioners (Selectmen) to replace the cemetery fence at the West Tisbury Cemetery. The Cemetery Commissioners are formulating a new long-term plan for the funding and implementation of needed cemetery work.

County Building. The county was authorized to borrow to acquire a building to house the Island Senior Center and an expanded Senior Day Program with the MV Center for Living. At this writing, the purchase of the building is still pending.

Energy Committee. During 2015 efforts were directed principally toward three projects: 1) alterations in Town buildings that would enhance their energy efficiency through our Green Communities Grant and Cape Light Compact (CLC) Municipal Energy Efficiency programs. Approximately \$190K of State and CLC money has been or will be spent in the Howes House, Fire Station 1, Public Safety Building and Town Hall. In addition, both the new Library and Police buildings were recipients of CLC grants for energy efficiency measures for over \$100K. These measures were initiated by the building committees working with CLC; 2) The Town also initiated electricity production by the newly installed 741 KW photovoltaic array on the town landfill, greatly reducing our energy costs; 3) the installation of energy efficient LED lighting replacement fixtures on most Town Lights except in the Historic District where we were able to replace antiquated bulbs with compact fluorescents. All of these initiatives are saving the town money and making our buildings more

energy efficient. Please refer to the Energy Committee report for further details.

Fire Department. The department forecasts the need for the next new pumper fire truck in approximately FY2020 to replace a 1989 truck. The FY2017 funds requested are the first installment to be set aside in the Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund for the next truck.

Highways. With major road resurfacing now complete, the Town plans to continue to accumulate Ch. 90 state grant funds, and to begin to set aside funds beginning in FY2018 toward future road repairs in a stabilization fund that was set up for that purpose in the fall of 2013. In addition, the department will need to replace its 2006 heavy dump truck in FY2017. See also the section on Town Buildings, below.

Mill Brook Watershed. The Mill Brook Watershed Study Planning Committee recommended that the Town award a contract to the ESS Group to complete an environmental assessment of the larger watershed area using available funds. The assessment will be complete in late winter of 2016.

Police. The police have adopted a program of replacing one vehicle each year, but do not need to purchase one in FY2017. The amount of \$15,000 will be requested at the 2016 annual town meeting toward the following year, or any major repairs needed in the interim.

Refuse District. The MVRRD has developed a design for a revised layout of the central facility. This design separates residential and commercial traffic, to relieve congestion and improve safety and processing efficiency. All four towns voted to approve this project at the 2015 town meeting but a re-vote may be required at the 2016 meeting for procedural reasons.

Schools. The regional school system is continuing to work on a design study for a new facility for the Superintendent's/ Shared Office, to be located on the high school property. The Up-Island district plans to borrow \$995,000 to carry out a number of big interior renovations and repairs at the West Tisbury School; the Town will be assessed its share of this debt through the regional assessment.

In addition, a three-year replacement/upgrade of the West Tisbury School playground and outdoor classroom areas is planned for a total cost of approximately \$500,000. The school will present a petition request for \$160,000 toward this project at the April 2016 town meeting. The committee commends the school for the private funds raised thus far (\$110,000 at this writing) but does not recommend funding this project until a formal application has been filed with the Community Preservation Committee to seek funding from Community Preservation funds already raised.

Town Buildings.

A completed design for a new highway building at the back of the Public Safety lot was put out to bid in January 2016 by the Highway Building

Committee. There will be a request for authorization to borrow the necessary \$857,500 for this project at the April 2016 town meeting.

In FY2014, the Town began to set aside funds annually toward future building repairs and maintenance in a stabilization fund. For FY2017, a number of deferred maintenance items require immediate attention, so they will be funded directly: These include replacement of the Howes House roof and adjoining trim, installation of a ventilation system to prevent carbon monoxide overload at Fire Station 1, repair of a section of cemetery fence and other smaller but necessary repairs.

Also in FY2017, the Town plans to hire a facilities management consultant to bring a town-wide Facilities Management Plan to fruition. That work will help the Town to implement the migration of major maintenance items to one new central line in the annual budget and to fund that line, as well as to fund an annual stabilization fund contribution, at appropriate levels.

Tri-Town Ambulance. There are three Tri-Town ambulances, one stationed in each town. One ambulance was replaced in FY2014; a second is scheduled to be replaced in FY2017 through the Wampanoag Tribe, and the third is currently scheduled to be replaced in FY2018. Since the ambulance service began charging insurance companies, it has reserved a portion of the receipts for such capital expenditures; to date, those reserves are sufficient to purchase a major portion of two ambulances. In addition, the Town set aside \$15,000/year in an ambulance stabilization fund for six years; this should keep up with future needs for ambulances and other capital equipment until FY2018, when it will be necessary to begin setting aside funds again.

The Committee thanks the Town departments and regional entities for their assistance and input.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Orcutt (Finance Committee)
Michael Colaneri (Assessors)
Sue Hruby (At-Large)
Cynthia Mitchell (Selectmen)
Kathy Logue (Treasurer)
Leah Smith (Planning Board)
Bruce Stone (Town Accountant)

FY2017 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROJECTED CAPITAL PROGRAM FY2018-2021

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount	Priority	Funding Method(1)	Voted FY2016	Proposed FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	PAYOFF
Projected Capital Program:											
Animal Control	New ACO vehicle	\$ 25,000	2	Taxes		0	\$ 25,000				
County Building	Center for Living County Bldg	1,600,000	3	Reg. Assess	33,670	0	32,160	31,320	30,480	29,580	2025
Fire	Fire Station #1 ventilation	35,500	1	Taxes		35,500					
Fire	Fire Trucks	375,000	1	Taxes	205,000	60,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Fire	Fire Station #1 repaving	45,000	1	Taxes		0	45,000				
Highway	Highway Building	925,500	1	Bond	50,000	49,181	107,968	106,755	105,542	104,329	2026
Highway	New Highway Dump Truck	68,000	1	Bond	0	68,000					
Highway (2)	Highway Repair/Maintenance	Ongoing	2	Taxes		0	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Police	Vehicles	Ongoing	1	Taxes	39,500	15,000	25,000	37,000	37,000	37,000	
Refuse District	Redesign/expansion	2,500,000	1	Reg. Assess		36,813	35,941	35,069	34,197	33,325	2036
Schools	New Playground	500,000	2	Taxes or CPA	0	160,000					
Town Buildings (2)	Town Building Maintenance	Ongoing	1	Taxes	25,000	45,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
TriTown Ambulance (3)	Ambulance (WT 1/3 share)	Ongoing	2	Taxes		0	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Up Island Council on Aging	Replace Howes Roof	60,000	1	Bond		60,000					2026
WT School (2016)	Repair/renovate Interior	995,000	1	Reg. Assess		89,550	88,555	87,560	86,565	85,570	2025
Existing Projects:											
Chilmark School (4)	Construction	\$338,500	1	Reg. Assess	20,663	19,744	18,826	16,933			2019
Field Gallery (5)	Land & building acquired	625,000	1	Bond & CPA	65,456	24,420					2017
Highway	Road resurfacing	2,588,800	1	Bond/St. Grant	204,083	200,883	197,683	194,483	191,283	183,133	2028

Department	Capital Item	Total Amount	Priority	Funding Method(I)	Voted FY2016	Proposed FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	PAYOFF
Library	Expand building	1,500,000	1	Bond	131,275	129,275	127,275	125,275	123,275	121,275	2035
MVRHS (2013) (4)	Roof/Exterior Repairs	304,000	1	Reg. Assess	36,576	35,712	34,848	33,984	33,120	32,256	2024
Police	New station	2,495,000	1	Taxes/Bond	193,850	191,350	187,600	183,850	180,725	176,975	2035
Town Hall	Construction/Expansion	4,450,000	1	Bond	332,813	327,525	321,944	315,481	308,431	301,381	2028
WT School (2011)	Repair/renovate exterior	1,200,000	1	Reg. Assess	137,250	134,850	132,450	130,050	127,500	124,650	2022
Total					\$1,475,135	\$1,682,802	\$1,575,249	\$1,492,760	\$1,453,118	\$1,424,474	

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

(2) Two Stabilization Funds were authorized in April 2013, to begin funding ongoing repairs/maintenance of town buildings and roads, as major construction/renovation projects were nearing completion.

In addition, State Ch. 90 funds of approximately \$120,000 should also be available annually; these funds are not shown the chart above.

(3) \$39,000 was withdrawn from the funds previously set aside in the Ambulance Stabilization Fund, for the purchase of a new ambulance in FY 2014; funds are already set aside for a FY 2018 purchase

(4) 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.

(5) The Field Gallery purchase was funded with CPA funds in hand and borrowed funds to be fully reimbursed by annual CPA appropriations and lease income.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

The West Tisbury Cemeteries have been well maintained this past year. The Cemetery Commissioners would like to thank Richard Olsen, Highway Superintendent, and his assistants, Jesse Oliver and Dwight Kaeka (DJ) for all their hard work. We also extend our thanks to the Cemetery Superintendent, John Alley and his assistants, Brian Athearn and Glenn Hearn. Breezy Pines Landscape has done a great job keeping the cemetery grounds neat and tidy and our thanks go out to them as well.

The Commissioners have been meeting regularly to update the overall cemetery regulations, and to review the ongoing mapping project to identify/verify who was buried where. This work has been ongoing for the past five years. Many thanks to Maria McFarland for all her hard work on that very difficult task. The end result will be a computerized system that allows for easy access to information about burials and available lots. In 2016 there will be updated regulations regarding the sale and cost of lots.

Also underway, after a vote at the Special Town Meeting in November, are repairs to the north fence line of the West Tisbury Cemetery. This section of fence is in the worst condition. Understanding that replacing the entire fence was cost prohibitive, the Commissioners have decided to repair and restore the fence, as needed, in more manageable segments.

There were sixteen burials, and the town sold nineteen cemetery lots in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia E. Mitchell, Chair
J. Skipper Manter
Richard R. Knabel
Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

At Annual Town Meeting in 2005, the Town voted to adopt the provisions of the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which established a nine member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to receive applications for funding and make recommendations to the Town. CPA funds are derived from a 3% surcharge on real estate taxes, supplemented annually by state funds from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. The supplement (state matching funds) are as follows;

100% of the surcharge in FY2007
100% of the surcharge in FY2008
94% of the surcharge in FY2009
55% of the surcharge in FY2010
44% of the surcharge in FY2011
44% of the surcharge in FY2012

The passage of Chapter 139, sections 69-83 of the Acts of 2012, *An Act to Sustain Community Preservation*, added \$25 million to the statewide CPA Trust Fund for FY2013 and added \$11 million, for FY2014. This increased the West Tisbury FY2013 supplement to 84% and the FY2014 supplement to 51%. The FY2015 State reimbursement was 47.5%, which includes \$10 million in additional funding under the *Act to Sustain Community Preservation*.

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

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

In FY2015, the CPC received 7 applications. On the basis of public input and its own evaluation, the CPC denied 3 of the applications and recommended the remaining 4 projects for funding on the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting in April 2015; All of them of them were approved by the voters, in addition to continued support for debt service on the Town Hall bond issue for the Maley/Field Gallery Purchase.

- Maley/Field Gallery Purchase, debt service, \$40,000 per year for 4 years (continuing from 2011).
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority-Rental Assistance, \$98,000

- Martha's Vineyard Marine Hospital Roof Restoration-\$50,000
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Track and Field Facility-\$45,000
- Water Street Affordable Apartments Project-\$100,000

CPA uncommitted fund reserves totaled \$1,076,178 as of July 1, 2015

In FY2016, the CPC received 7 applications, 2 of which were denied. The remaining 5 proposals were considered for recommendation to the Town during the latter part of the year.

The CPC welcomes comments, suggestions, and new proposals from all residents of West Tisbury during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Conley, Historic District Commission
 Lesley Eaton, Member at Large
 Glenn Hearn, Affordable Housing
 Dale Julier, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority
 Cheryl Lowe, Parks and Recreation Committee
 Gary Montrowl, Finance Committee
 Bea Phear, Planning Board
 Scott Stearns, Member at Large
 Tara Whiting, Conservation Commission



Mill Pond Sheep

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To The Board of Selectmen:

In 2015 the Conservation Commission had a productive year, processing applications, conducting site visits and holding public hearings, resulting in the issuance of the determinations of jurisdiction and permits called Orders of Condition, listed below.

Administrative Reviews

Map 1 Lot 23 (Gately/Demolition & reconstruction of house)

Map 25 Lot 1 (Woods/shingle roof)

Map 32 Lot 48(Brooks/removal of diseased elm tree)

Map 32 Lot 107/ (TTOR/Grey Barn/Farm Pond flume boards)

Determinations

Map 15 Lot 6 (Carter-Donovan/outdoor shower/carport)

Map 25 Lot 4 (Thulin/landscaping)

Map 31 Lot 3 (Burt/well)

Orders of Conditions

Map 1 Lot 50 /SE79-352 (Sundin/Engelman/house renovation and addition)

Map 1 Lot 50/SE79-358 (Sundin/Tate/ house demolition and reconstruction, pool)

Map 3 Lot 15/SE79-350 (Rockwood/bank stabilization)

Map 3 Lot 91/SE79-357 (WT Parks & Recreation/boardwalk)

Map 11 Lot 32/SE79-359 (Merry/Guest house)

Map 14 Lot 7/SE79-355(Patterson/pool, garage and house addition)

Map 32 Lots 88 & 89/SE79-353(40 Sweet William Way LLC & 20 Factory Brook Road Realty Trust/demolition and new construction)

Map 39 Lot 7/SE79-354 (Middle Point Shaq LLC/revetment)

Map 39 Lot 13/SE79-356 (Pil/house demolition and reconstruction)

Extension Permits

Map 39 Lot 7/SE79-271(Pease/revetment)

Certificates of Compliance

Map 1 Lot 50/SE79-270 (Sundin revetment)

Map 1 Lot 50 /SE79-352 (Sundin/Engelman/project not constructed)

Map 7 Lot 7.2/SE79-337 (Trees/pool)

Map 11 Lot 109/SE79-334 (Blue Sky LLC/Partial/utilities)

Map 35 Lot 6.133/SE79-342 (Kaufman/dock replacement)

Map 39 Lot 1/SE79-120 (Eber/house)

Tisbury Great Pond/The Nature Conservancy/Shellfish project/SE79-335

Conservation Land Management:

The Commission worked with the Division of Marine Fisheries to develop a stream channel maintenance plan for the Mill Brook and Tiasquam River to facilitate herring passage.

The Commission also conducted monitoring site visits and addressed issues on properties covered by agricultural and conservation restrictions that are held by the Town and/or third party conservation agencies.

Members:

There is one full member and two associate member positions open. Please consider joining the Commission.

Nate Morgan, an architect with Tate Builders resigned from the Commission to pursue other community activities. During his short tenure with the Commission, Nate served on the subcommittee that was instrumental in the design of the boardwalk at Lambert's Cove Beach.

In addition to their Conservation Commission duties, members also serve as appointees to other committees. In October, Peter Rodegast stepped down as the Commission's Chairman but remains a valued member of the board. Tara Whiting stepped into the Chairman's role and will continue to be the appointee to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Whit Griswold agreed to be the Vice-Chair. Binnie Ravitch continues to sit on the West Tisbury Land Bank advisory board.

Michael Turnell, Nate Morgan and Whit Griswold volunteered to sit on a subcommittee set up by the Selectmen to work on improving access to the Lambert's Cove beach. Their efforts resulted in getting an Ipe boardwalk permitted and in place for the better part of the 2015 beach season.

Prudy Burt was appointed to sit on the Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee that was charged by the Selectmen with the preparation of a request for proposals for a study of the Mill Brook watershed, as well as drafting a watershed management plan for the Mill Brook watershed. The watershed study is underway.

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 during regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 P.M. Our meetings are held in the Selectmen's meeting room on the second floor of Town Hall and are open to all. We welcome your presence and your participation.

Tara Whiting, Chair
Whit Griswold, Vice-Chair
Prudy Burt
Michael Turnell
Binnie Ravitch
Peter Rodegast
Maria McFarland, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

During FY 2015 we continued with our goal to keep both our hardware and software, including web-based applications and the town web page, well maintained and up to date. We do this within our annual budget so that our costs to the taxpayers are as constant as possible from year to year. Major accomplishments included:

- Upgrade/replacement of 5-6 workstations as well as peripherals such as printers and monitors as they reached the end of their useful life.
- Upgrading our oldest server and server operating system and migrated both the permitting and assessing software packages to it after upgrading each software package as well.
- Upgrading and expansion of external backup drives for improved disaster recovery.
- Increasingly, a lot of network management time is spent on monitoring and managing the spam and potential viruses that inevitably come in with email.

Every year, more information is available online from the town's website: www.westtisbury-ma.gov. The Town Clerk has made the agendas and minutes of the various town committee and board meetings available both from the town website, or directly at the following website, where you can subscribe to notices of any meetings you are interested in:

<http://www.mytowngovernment.org/02575>

The Assessors' information on each parcel of land, including GIS maps and building photographs, is available via their page on the website or directly at http://www.caigisonline.com/West_TisburyMA/.

The Local Historical Commission's inventory of historic properties in town can now be reviewed along with other historic properties from all over the Commonwealth. A link and tutorial are available from their page on the town website or directly at <http://mhc-macris.net/>.

We thank you for your support of our ongoing efforts to keep the town up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue
Bruce K. Stone
Data Processing Department

REPORT OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority is publically chartered and locally funded to assist the towns of Dukes County to address the need for stable community housing opportunity. The Housing Authority collaborates with the towns and state, regional and island organizations to provide year-round rentals and rental assistance, homebuyer training, lottery support and affordability monitoring, as well as advocacy and planning for future housing development, management and support.

Good news in 2015 for the Vineyard's important summer rental and second home economy also resulted in decreased availability of year-round rentals at most income levels. The Housing Authority participated in numerous discussions and planning efforts around needed rentals including: the Island Housing Trust's Water Street and Kuehn's Way properties in Tisbury; Meshacket Road in Edgartown; the fire station site in West Tisbury; and a site possibility in Oak Bluffs. Ongoing MV Commission support of town production plans was joined by the important All-Island Planning Board discussion of island-wide rental development coordination and cost sharing. Currently, the Housing Authority manages seventy nine apartments on twelve properties in five towns; assists with administration of West Tisbury's forty nine Accessory Apartments; maintains a rental housing waitlist numbering two hundred and thirty households; and partners with the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc. and other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities and apartment rehabilitation to island tenants and their landlords.

The growing lack of year-round leases is also affecting Rental Assistance funded through town Community Preservation monies and used historically by an average of seventy working households who can afford at least half of a fair market rental. For the second consecutive year, use of this source of support with high housing costs has been reduced due to the loss of landlords reentering the heated up seasonal rental market. For this reason it is additionally important that permanent year-round rental development continues across the island. In the meantime, future funding of Rental Assistance will be subject to each town's annual decision making process and the Housing Authority will provide the usage, need and cost figures necessary for thorough town deliberation.

2015 included significant effort and accomplishment around housing stresses and homelessness on Martha's Vineyard including: the Health Council's sponsorship of Rural Scholar work to better define the issue locally; the County Manager's work with our legislative representatives towards a housing counselor position; and island clergy and parishioner effort to establish an emergency housing option for the winter season. The extensive

work of numerous volunteers has insured that our community has added supports needed by islanders in tough transitions as well elders, folks with disabilities and others with limited or lower incomes.

The Housing Authority's work on homeownership in 2015 included lotteries for an affordable home in Oak Bluffs and resales of an Edgartown Resident Homesite and a Home Buy-Down property with lottery agency, homebuyer training and Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing; six affordable home refinances; fifteen referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law; and maintenance of the Homebuyer Clearinghouse used to publicize homebuyer opportunities and currently numbering four hundred island households.

The Housing Authority manages the Vineyard Housing Office on State Road in Vineyard Haven as a clearinghouse for rental and homeownership opportunities and as a focus for islanders working together on housing issues. The VHO currently is home to the Housing Authority, the Island Housing Trust and Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard.

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

Todd Christy: *At-Large*
Harvey Beth: *Oak Bluffs*
Ann Wallace: *Chilmark*
Melissa Norton Vincent: *Edgartown*
Richard Skidmore: *Aquinnah*
Dan Seidman: *Tisbury*
Kristin Zern: *West Tisbury*
Linda Mott-Smith: *Governor's Appointee*

David Vigneault: Executive Director
Terri Keech: Administrator
Barbara Hoffman: Administrative Coordinator

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Energy Committee seeks to enhance the ability of the Town and its residents to shape their future through conservation and the introduction of alternative (renewable) energy technologies. Our intent is not only to minimize costs, but to reduce dependency on environmentally degrading fuels. The committee focuses on methods to develop and implement a clear, comprehensive energy program for our town and, in concert with other groups, for the Island.

During 2015 efforts were directed, principally, towards three particular projects: alterations in Town buildings that would enhance their energy efficiency, initiation of electricity production by the newly installed photovoltaic array on the town land fill, and installation of energy efficient lighting replacement fixtures on town streets.

Application of grant funds to improve energy efficiency consumption: Green Community and Cape Light Compact grants have been used to make alterations at Town Hall, Fire Stations I & II and Howes House. Air flow sensors installed in the Town Hall, and lighting controls at the Public Safety Building are intended to decrease energy consumption. A new heating unit, new windows and a barrier insulation system were installed at Howes House. A new heating plant is needed at Fire Station I, installation of which will, in concert with new insulation, substantially diminish energy requirements in that building. In 2016 a cooling unit upgrade and changes to the outdoor lighting fixtures at Fire Station II will improve that buildings energy efficiency. In all, these grant supported alterations have cost almost \$190 k.

Solar array: The long awaited photovoltaic installation on the old town land fill was completed and began to produce electricity early this year. Savings to the Town's tax payers during 2015 will be greater than initially anticipated due to a substantial increase in regional commercial electricity costs. Savings for the calendar year are estimated to be approximately 63% of electricity costs for all town buildings and the West Tisbury School. The amount that is saved in future years, above initial estimates, will continue to depend on corresponding commercial electricity rates.

Street light conversion: The street lights in West Tisbury were bought from NSTAR last year. Cape Light Compact has now underwritten the conversion of these to LED fixtures. This will result in a substantial decrease in energy consumption (approximately 90 percent) as well as diminished maintenance costs.

We note with sadness the passing of Committee member Margaret Skinner.

Respectfully,

Sue Hruby
Sander Shapiro

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Town of West Tisbury:

Under our form of government, the Town Finance Committee is tasked with the responsibility of reviewing the budgets and warrant articles submitted to the town and making recommendations. (M.G.L. chapter 39, section 16) We take this responsibility seriously and have spent hours deliberating over the proposed budget presented to us this past January. Budget increases always concern us.

To summarize these:

- We face a Prop 2.5 override if all requests are approved at Town Meeting
- Payrolls are driving almost all increases, in most cases predetermined
- School and regional costs contribute 70% of the budget
- Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) remains dramatically under-funded

What we commonly refer to as the town budget is actually four distinct budgets: town departments, regional entities, the schools and warrant articles. These four components reflect what the town actually proposes to spend for services we provide to the community and our visitors. Since 2004 aggregate town spending has increased dramatically, from approximately \$10,000,000 in 2004 to approximately \$16,500,000 in fiscal 2016. Last year town spending came close to requiring a proposition 2½ override and tax increase but for the concerns voiced by the Fin Com and Board of Selectmen.

As of this writing in February, the budget is approximately \$17,500,000. This is without consideration of warrant articles that haven't been acted upon. If the voters approve all the proposed warrant articles we will exceed \$18,000,000 in spending. This means that we will almost certainly have to approve a Prop 2 ½ override and that the typical homeowner in West Tisbury with a house valued at \$700,000 will have to pay approximately \$260 in additional property taxes.

It is your Finance Committee's opinion that over time, these increases are not only unsustainable, they will ultimately make West Tisbury unaffordable for middleclass families, seniors and those on fixed incomes.

The bulk of spending comes from our commitment to quality education. More than 60% of our expenses are directly linked to education spending. Another 9% is from regional entities such as the Martha's Vineyard Commission, Tri-Town Ambulance, Martha's Vineyard Regional Refuse District, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, Martha's Vineyard Center for Living. That leaves approximately 30% of spending under the direct control of the town.

It is our hope that all of the departments and regional entities that comprise our “budget” will continue to be vigilant in their spending.

We think the following areas need some extra attention:

- Personnel costs are rising as departments/entities increase their capacity; these costs include not just current salaries, but step increases, wage adjustments and retirement benefits. Every new benefitted employee costs the taxpayers nearly double the salary paid when benefits and retirement costs are included. For example a \$35,000 per year benefitted employee actually costs us \$63,000. And these benefits continue to be paid post-retirement over the course of the employee’s lifetime.
- Some entities are behind in setting aside money for the payment of future benefits other than pensions (OPEB). As of July 2015 the Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District has \$29,220,734 in unfunded accrued liability; the Up-Island Regional School District has \$13,234,323 in unfunded accrued liability. We cannot continue to ignore these liabilities; if we don’t start covering them properly, our children and grandchildren will be saddled with enormous expense when the benefits become payable.
- Affordable housing is one of the most pressing issues facing our community and others on the Island. Much effort and significant financial resources are expended to ensure that young people and the elderly can find adequate housing. These groups are most vulnerable to escalating taxes; for individuals living on the margin, even small tax increases are burdensome.

West Tisbury is at a fiscal crossroads. How the voters of our town decide to move forward will determine the long term health of our community. We are a town of 3,151 year round residents. Given the size of our town, the Finance Committee finds itself asking many policy questions about expenditures that we alone cannot (and should not) answer. Each line item or warrant article is a policy choice that cannot be viewed in a vacuum.

Perhaps your answer is yes to all of the requests in the budget/warrant articles. By voting “yes”, please keep in mind that your taxes will go up and keep going up, unless we take steps to rein in spending.

We wish to repeat our appreciation for all the hard work everyone contributes to the wellbeing of our community. And a big thank-you to our new Administrative Assistant, Margo Urbany-Joyce who has done a wonderful job of keeping us on track during the budget season as well as our Town Accountant, Bruce Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Triantafillou, Chair
Gary Montrowl, Vice-Chair
Greg Orcutt
Sharon Estrella
Doug Ruskin

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectman:

The first thing I would like to do is thank the West Tisbury Fireman's Civic Association for the great donation of \$40,000.00 thousand dollars towards the new pumper truck. Next I would like to thank all the people who made donations this year in response to our letter that we sent out. MANY THANKS!

Fire Alarms	140
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	31
Administration Work	120
Stove Fire.....	1
Illegal Burning.....	5
Mutual Aid	7
First Responder Calls.....	3
Horse Rescue	1
Classes	12
Chimney Fire	5
Dumpster Fire	1
Rescue Call	2
Smoke Investigations.....	7
All Inspection.....	408
Stuck in Elevator.....	1
Gas Alarms.....	6
Meeting	88
Drill	48
Car Accidents.....	14
Bush Fires	7
Missing Person.....	1
Man Station.....	2
Oil Spills	1
Electrical Fires	2
Plane Crash	2
Car Fire	2
Search & Rescue.....	1
Burning Permits	140
Explosive Devices.....	2
First Responder	4

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Manuel Estrella III

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was the first full year in our expanded library and it has been an extremely busy year with all our facilities put to constant use. The small meeting rooms are used by Island non-profits and town committees and the David and Rosalee McCullough Program Room is used for many community events. The library continues to bring income to the Town in the form of passport acceptance fees, fines and fees for scans, faxes and copies. Throughout the year the library has collaborated with Island Grown Schools and Island Grown Initiative, Polly Hill Arboretum, Chamber Music Society, the Yard, ACE MV and other Island libraries.

During the summer we hosted the Charter School for part of their summer school session. The library also hosted delegates from the Island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) through the Sister Islands Program in collaboration with the County of Dukes County and we continue collaboration with SVG's library system. Throughout the year emphasis has been on Teens and Tweens programs; such as teen writing and reading, teen nutrition, free yoga classes, teen crafts.

In a moving ceremony, attended by many family and friends, the lobby of the library was dedicated in memory of Pat Gregory. Emma Young was chosen as West Tisbury's new Poet Laureate. We have two new members to the Board of Trustees, Caroline Flanders and Margaret Gallagher; replacing Harvey Garneau and Melissa Hackney.

Attendance

- Over 133,000 people walked through the library doors this year

Circulation

- Over 174,000 items circulated; including books, dvd's and e-books

Programs

- This year the library offered 634 programs with 9,587 people attending.
 - Chess club, family movie nights, teen movie series, Tisbury Fro Yo Social, conversations about hospice, Buddhism, homelessness, immunizations, piano and children's musical recitals, opera performance, Brazilian music concerts, free guitar lessons, ESL classes, knitting classes, puppet shows, local chefs doing cooking demo's; landscape talks with Tim Boland, quilting group, poetry readings and discussion groups.
 - On-going programs – spring egg hunt, summer reading program, Halloween party, stargazing, computer help, fairy houses, Mother Goose on the Loose
 - New book group and writer's group

Grants

- Comcast, staff development grant, MV Cultural Council, Permanent Endowment Grant and generous grants in memory of Judith Morse and Catherine Brannen made it possible for Linda Carnegie to paint beautiful murals of nursery rhymes and animals in the Children's Room.

Friends

- The Friends had a very successful book sale this year. This enables them to support the library in areas such as artist's receptions, summer reading program, staff training and the Halloween party.

Foundation

- Continues to support the library in areas of landscaping, adult and children's programming, furniture and IT purchases and creation of an endowment to support the library's future.
- Author talk with David McCullough at the Grange on his new book *The Wright Brothers*.
- Geraldine Brooks at the State Road Restaurant speaking about her new book *The Secret Chord*.
- Musical events at the Grange as part of the "Tuesdays at Twilight" series.

As we look forward to another busy year with many events that welcome all members of the community, we need to thank all the staff and volunteers for making all this possible. Our welcoming staff makes a visit to the West Tisbury Library a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Flanders, Treasurer
Margaret Gallagher, Clerk
Linda Hearn, Chair
Virginia Jones
Gina Solon, Vice Chair
Daniel Waters

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

Mission Statement:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living provides services that promote dignity; self-worth, self-sufficiency and a life lived to its fullest potential.

Most recent census figures indicate that Dukes County is the second fastest growing county, and the fastest aging County in the Massachusetts. Locally, the way we address and plan for the needs of this growing older population is critical. Transportation, health care, housing, information dissemination, education, and long term care (nursing and assisted living facilities) are issues that not only affect those 60 and over, but the entire population and the overall economy of Martha's Vineyard.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living staff and board members are active participants and partner in the Healthy Aging Task Force work and mission. In 2015, the HATF, engaging a large group of professionals and interested community members, continued to look at and find ways to address the growing needs; how this community can prepare for the social and fiscal challenges ahead to support and enhance the lives of our aging population.

In early 2015, the voters at each of the six island town meetings strongly supported and ultimately approved warrant articles authorizing Dukes County, as the regional agent for all six towns, and with town financial support, the purchase of the building at 29 Breakdown Lane in Vineyard Haven, for the purpose of relocating and expanding MV Center for Living programs, in particular the Supportive Day Program. Prior to town meetings, town Finance Committee meetings became a forum for public discussion and debate of the issues facing the most vulnerable members of our community and how, as a community, the Vineyard can support and promote both healthy aging and the "aging in community" concept.

The unanimous approval of the purchase of this building marked a milestone in the ability of the island community to rally support around a common cause and singular purpose, and serves as a model for collaboration between a private non-profit and municipal government to further a common mission.

Then, in June, 2015, the Center for Living became the recipient of a \$1,000,000 donation from the trust of a former Island resident, Margaret Yates. Mrs. Yates was expressly interested in furthering the mission of MVCL by supporting the acquisition or renovation of a building and expansion of the Supportive Day Program to provide advanced services through an Adult Day Health (medical model) day program. This donation will afford MVCL the ability to re-design the newly acquired building into a state of the art facility

for the Supportive Day Program as well as a “hub” for community education, outreach, support; offering a hopeful future for those individuals facing cognitive challenges, and their families.

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living programs and services:

Supportive Day Program:

In 2015, in order to expand our memory support services, MVCL, in partnership with a small group of volunteers and the YMCA, initiated a community program known as a Memory Café. This program takes place once a week, in a community setting and is for individuals experiencing memory loss, their family members and caregivers. It is a safe place where they can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of stigma. We have chosen to center our café activities around music, with a very talented group of musicians led by Gary Cogley who join us each week for music, singalong and discussion. Charlie Hodge, a neurosurgeon and one of the musicians, leads discussions on various topics. In addition, we have engaged the MV Museum to provide discussion and interaction around art and artifacts. There is no charge to participants and this program has grown in popularity, with 20-25 participants on a regular basis. We expect to permanently move the Café to the new Center for Living building in 2016.

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate in the services offered through general Senior Center programming and activities. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers. Many of the clients of the SDP suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or diseases, including Alzheimer’s disease, but wish to and are being cared for at home. At the SDP, a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity, exercise programs and most importantly, loving, careful attention to individual needs of our clients, on both a physical and emotional level. Nutritious meals and snacks are provided. Transportation is available.

In 2015, 34 individuals, their families and caregivers were served; providing over 20,000 hours of quality direct care and respite for families and caregivers. At \$40 for full day and \$30 for half day attendance, this is a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The Supportive Day program partners with families in the care of their loved ones at home; to extend and enhance that safe, nurturing environment into the community. The anticipated move to the new building will afford the opportunity to expand the program to 5 days and increase the number of clients on a day to day basis from 18 to 25.

Medical Taxi (transportation to off-Island medical appointments):

In FY2015 (Sept 2014 – Oct 2015), the Medical Taxi program provided 183 Islanders (unduplicated, a 12% increase) with transportation (910 one way trips, a 13% increase) to medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The

direct cost of this program was \$17,048, and was funded with a \$6,000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, \$5,684 (60% increase) in donations from participants and, with the help of Rose Coglian, Director of the Oak Bluffs COA, an additional \$6,000 was received through the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs. MV Center for Living provides management and administrative support. All grants and donations go toward the direct cost of this service. In addition, MVC4L collaborates with the Vineyard Transit Authority and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority link islanders with alternative transportation to medical appointments both on and off-island. In 2016, the goal is to shift some of these trips to the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority as a natural and necessary extension of the Vineyard Transit Authority, and a more cost effective way of providing these services. We are also working with the VTA to have a designated vehicle in Woods Hole, operated by trained volunteer drivers to offer more cost effective group trips on designated days.

Emergency Food Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the island sponsor and lead member of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program on the island. As such MVC4L coordinates five designated "Emergency Food Cupboards" (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). On a monthly basis, each of the 5 sites orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank warehouse in Boston. MV Center for Living is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

Island Food Products (IFP) picks up our orders every month at the Greater Boston Food Bank in one of their refrigerated trucks. Because of their generosity, we have been able to increase the amount and quality of the food we distribute. It is estimated that the value of the service that IFP provides to this program, in time, travel, personnel and equipment, is approximately \$25,000. In 2015, over 57,369 pounds of food (canned, fresh and frozen) valued at nearly \$57,304.69 was brought to the island from the Greater Boston Food Bank and distributed through the emergency food program. This program serves over 200 households or approximately 275 individual islanders, including children and elders every month.

There is a great deal of local support for this program. The Island Grown Initiative Gleaning program harvests and brings to each distribution site, fresh produce gleaned from local farms during the harvest season. Our local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meet the Needs" program, as well as their holiday "Food for Friends" program. At the end of each day, meats and meat products that have passed their sell date are flash frozen, picked up once a week and distributed among the pantry distribution sites for the regular monthly distri-

bution. Through the “Food for Friends Program” 400 boxes (an assortment of non-perishable items) were donated and distributed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. In early 2015 we also received the proceeds from the sale of 2014 “Food for Friends” boxes (\$10 per box), for a total of \$3,388. These funds are used to purchase additional food for distribution, or other supplies or equipment necessary for the pantries throughout the year

There has been a great deal of discussion in recent months about the issue of homelessness on Martha’s Vineyard. Some of the local churches have stepped up and offered to try and tackle this problem through a pilot program where some of the churches will rotate being a designated shelter, at least through the harshest winter months. As we approach 2016, MVCL and the Greater Boston Food Bank are in discussion with this local church network (which also provide Community Suppers on a regular basis), to find a way to support this group through access to the resources at the GBFB and existing Emergency Food Program system, to provide food both for the Community Suppers and meals for those in need of the proposed Shelter program.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha’s Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month.

Older Americans Act:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living budget. In FY2015, 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. The demand for Nutrition Program services, in particular the Meals on Wheels program has increased greatly in recent years; as the census figures indicate, it is anticipated this trend will continue.

Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Students plan, prepare and serve the meal, and talented students from the Music Department provide entertainment. Between 25 and 40 seniors attend these events on a monthly basis. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for the home delivered holiday meal program, providing a home delivered 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 70 and 80 meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns.

FEMA:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is designated to receive and allocate, when available, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) funds that are earmarked to assist low-income seniors with overdue utility bills and rent or mortgage payments when all other resources have been exhausted. In 2015, under the National Emergency Food and Shelter Program Phase 32, we were allocated \$2744 and were able to assist 8 households, paying 11 past due rent and/or utility bills.

Through Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services, 55+ islanders have benefited from the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. This on-going support and generosity makes a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Clapp, Executive Director
Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

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

This report summarizes the 2015 activities of the Martha's Vineyard Commission ("MVC") for the Island as a whole and for West Tisbury.

2015 was a year of transition for the MVC, with Adam Turner taking over as Executive Director from retiring Mark London. The Commission worked with Island towns to complete the Martha's Vineyard Transportation Plan, adopted a Built Environment DRI Policy, and worked with towns on efforts to protect the water quality of coastal ponds, deal with climate change, and promote community and economic development. Thirty-eight development projects were referred to the MVC for regulatory review.

The eighteen-member Commission is made up of nine Commissioners elected bi-annually to represent the public, two appointed by the Governor, and one appointed by the County Commission and each of the six Vineyard Boards of Selectmen. Jim Vercruysse took over as Chairman in January 2016. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website: www.mvcommission.org.

Affordable Housing: The Commission supports a variety of efforts supporting affordable and community housing.

- **Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis:** MVC staff worked with town boards to implement recommendations of the 2014 *Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis*, identifying zoning tools to promote, create, and preserve housing that responds to needs unmet by market-rate housing. MVC Staff provided technical assistance supporting Chilmark's adoption of an *Accessory Housing Zoning By-law*. MVC Staff worked with the Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee on a warrant article to transfer the Resident Homesite Program to the Oak Bluffs Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which was adopted at the 2015 November Special Town Meeting.
- **Community Development Block Grants:** The MVC assisted with *Department of Housing and Community Development's FY 2015 CDBG Applications* (prepared by Bailey Boyd Associates) by gathering supplemental materials and coordinating Public Hearings in cooperation with the Towns. In July, the two CDBG grant lead communities, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, were awarded FY 2015 grants of \$900,000 each.
- **Potential Affordable Housing Sites:** The MVC's cartography staff worked with the Island Housing Trust to assist affordable housing committees and

planning boards in identifying potential future sites for affordable housing, producing a series of maps showing land ownership, conservation, and water resources.

Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning: The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards.

- **Climate Change Adaptation:** MVC continued technical work and outreach on impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, and related mitigation strategies. The main challenge here is preparing to adapt to coming changes with vulnerability assessments and mitigation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency.
- **Hazard Management:** *The Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* is updated every five years to keep towns eligible for FEMA funding of mitigation measures. The latest draft, prepared by the MVC, is under review by MEMA and FEMA and final approval imminent, after which it can be adopted by each town's Board of Selectmen.
- **Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** MVC Staff continued assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. MVC Staff and others are prioritizing vulnerable wetlands to target for protection and continued assessment, and initiated a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. A first monitoring station was installed at Felix Neck, hosted by Mass Audubon, with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and Edey Foundation.
- **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. It updated the *Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan* in January.
- **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:** The MVC, towns, and Tribe are members of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: Massachusetts Task Force providing input into the federal government's plans for wind energy development south of the Vineyard. The MVC joined a successful call for recognition of "community benefit" in the lease auction process. Two developers were selected, one of which included Vineyard Power as a community partner.

Community and Economic Development

- **Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC Staff provided technical assistance for the *Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan*, completed in August, and the Town of Tisbury's ongoing Visioning effort. Staff provided technical assistance to Aquinnah for the Town and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah to apply for state Cultural District designation.
- **ArtsMV:** MVC Staff provided support to the Martha's Vineyard Arts and Culture Collaborative. The Commission assisted October's *Fall for the Arts*

and the newly created *Spring for the Arts*. MVC Staff assisted in coordinating the Creative Economy Speaker Series and Arts MV annual meeting.

- **Review of Management Plan for State Land:** MVC Staff commented on the Department of Conservation Resources' proposed *Management Plan for Nickerson Forest Complex*, encompassing State Beach, portions of South Beach, the Fire Tower, and the Correllus State Forest.
 - **Healthy Aging Task Force:** The MVC co-hosted meetings of the Task Force's Housing Work Group through May 2015, provided financial support to and participated in formulation of a *Healthy Aging Strategic Plan*, and provided extensive data for this effort, sponsored by the County.
 - **Gosnold Long-Range Planning:** The GIS Coordinator mapped Cuttyhunk's historic paved walking paths and stone walls, providing maps to the Board of Selectmen. The new MVC Executive Director met the Board of Selectmen to identify and discuss future planning projects as well as MVC assistance.
 - **Built Environment Policy:** In June, the Commission adopted a *Built Environment Policy*, giving guidance to DRI applicants and available to town boards and the public. The policy seeks to preserve significant buildings, neighborhoods, streetscapes, archeological resources, and other man-made features, and ensure that new building and other development is harmonious, environmentally sound, and accessible.
 - **Island Plan Report Card:** MVC Staff prepared a report card on the status of implementation of the 231 strategies proposed in the *2009 Martha's Vineyard Island Plan*. The report card shows that some strategies were completed and most are underway, while no action has taken place for some. After Commission review, it will be shared with town boards and the public.
- GIS:** The MVC's cartography and spatial data staff provides spatial analysis and cartographic production to aid MVC and town planning efforts, including custom cartographic services to towns, organizations, and individuals.
- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS (Geographic Information System) spatial data warehouse and provides data to towns, consulting groups working on town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. The cartography department produced a series of town maps displaying frequently requested data such as zoning, overlay zoning, watershed boundaries, roads, flood zones, and parcels (available in the MVC website Map Library).
 - **GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, twice-monthly GIS how-to sessions, and technical support via phone and email.

- **Assistance to MVC Planning Projects and Island-Wide Efforts:** In collaboration with the Island's Conservation Partnership and with information-sharing and feedback from many conservation stakeholders, the cartography department updated and refined its trails and conservation land database, which is vital to multiple planning efforts. It also produced watershed maps for the Water Alliance's Living Local exhibit and Watershed Public Awareness Project in Island libraries.

Transportation: The MVC is responsible for transportation planning on the Vineyard, in association with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates JTC meetings to coordinate Island transportation planning. It is made up of appointees from each of the six Island towns, the County, and as of 2015, the VTA and MVC Executive Directors; MassDOT is an ex-officio member. The JTC met to formulate, discuss, release for public comment, and approve the main documents required to access federal and state funding for transportation projects, namely the 2016-2019 *Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*, the 2016 *Unified Planning Work Program*, and the long-range *Martha's Vineyard Transportation Plan* for all modes of transportation to and on the Island, with proposed projects and estimated funding to the year 2040.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects:** Programmed projects eligible for state and federal funding:
 - Lagoon Pond Drawbridge: After ten years of planning and construction, the new Drawbridge opened to traffic in November. Demolition of the temporary bridge and landscaping will be completed in 2016. The MVC facilitated the efforts of the Drawbridge Committee to have MassDOT harmonize the design with its context, improve pedestrian paths and open space around the bridge, and minimize negative construction impacts.
 - State Road and Old County Road Intersection: This intersection in West Tisbury was realigned to improve safety.
 - Upcoming Projects: Drainage improvements to the Edgartown-Vineyard-Haven Road in anticipation of more substantial future changes. Two contiguous links in the planned shared use path (SUP) network are under design to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities between Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, capitalizing on the new SUP that is part of the Drawbridge project. The Tisbury section of the Beach Road project will extend beyond the SUP and provide sidewalk and bike lanes to Five Corners. Staff met with the Superintendent of the Correllus State Forest, the Department of Conservation Resources, MassDOT, and the Town of Edgartown to assist in coordination of future resurfacing and possible funding options of the bike paths in the State Forest.

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** MVC staffs an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members continued drafting a *Complete Streets Policy* for use by the JTC and towns to consider bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- **Scenic Roads Initiative:** MVC staff supported the Island Roads Committee efforts to better protect the scenic character of Vineyard roads, working with a consultant to develop a *Scenic Roads Work Program* that will be the basis for creating a Request for Proposals once adequate funding is available.
- **Trails Planning:** Part of the MVC Senior Planner's time is contracted by the Land Bank to work with towns and landowners to protect and extend the Island's trail network. In 2015 he assisted the Town of West Tisbury adding old roads to its inventory of Special Ways and provided information to Oak Bluffs and Tisbury about potential Special Ways. Eight segments of potential new trail routes were worked on across the Island. Time was also spent on conducting a triennial inspection of the Land Bank's partial interests (conservation restrictions, agricultural preservation restrictions, and view easements) to ensure they are being honored.
- **Data Collection:** MVC staff conducted automatic traffic recording counts at various locations, and performed Turning Movement Counts at several intersections across the Island. MVC Staff used a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and clinometer (measuring slopes) to inventory and map downtown sidewalks in Edgartown and Vineyard Haven. Staff also collected parking observation data in downtown Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven.

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

- **Massachusetts Estuaries Project:** For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective way to solve them. In 2015, the MEP completed final reports for Chilmark and Tashmoo Ponds. The final report for the Menemsha-Squibnocket-Nashaquitsa system is expected early spring 2016. MVC Staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Committee, and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.
- **Fertilizer Controls:** In 2014 the MVC designated the Martha's Vineyard Lawn Fertilizer Control District of Critical Planning Concern, allowing Island towns to adopt local lawn fertilizer regulations as a low-cost tool to combat excess nitrogen in coastal ponds. In 2015, the regulations took effect and the Island Boards of Health offered well-attended license training classes.
- **Water Testing:** MVC Staff took water samples of Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, and Tisbury Great Ponds.

MVC staff assisted and collected samples with Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown as part of their Collaborative Nantucket Sound Monitoring Program looking for pharmaceuticals in coastal ponds.

- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC offices, and all Island pond advisory committees.

Collaboration: The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

- **Education and Training:** The Commission hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the general public. Two fall workshops for planning board and zoning board members, *Site Plan Review and Introduction to the Zoning Act*, included discussion of the legislature's proposed comprehensive changes to the Act that will affect towns. The *Zoning Act* workshop was free to town employees and officials. Other programs included *Certified Aging in Place Certification*, Cape Light Compact's *Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficient Programs and Three Year Plan*, and a webinar on *Trail Wayfinding Systems for Public Agencies*. The MVC loans resource documents to planning boards. The MVC helped sponsor the *Living Local* event for the first time and invited Gordon Peabody to present his low-tech method for sustainable erosion control.
- **Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates meetings of town boards and other organizations to foster exchange of information and collaboration, such as the Joint Affordable Housing Group and Island conservation commissions. MVC Staff participated in meetings of the All-Island planning boards and supported an effort initiated by the All-Island Selectmen to improve taxi regulations. The MVC hosted a visit by Mass-Development explaining the new TA Connect program to coordinate state technical assistance programs of local benefit; as a result, West Tisbury submitted a request for help addressing pedestrian circulation at the town center. The Commission also provides town officials legislative updates, information about federal and state programs, grant opportunities, and workshops.
- **Inter-Regional Collaboration:** The MVC Executive Director meets monthly with other members of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies, to discuss legislation and funding programs with senior Commonwealth officials, and to collaborate on many fronts. Staff participated in a series of online sessions with other Regional Planning Agencies ("RPAs") and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health exploring the health implications of transportation and development, including state mechanisms helping localities address health issues when evaluating development proposals. The MVC became one of eight RPAs on a 15-member Rural Policy Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of rural communities and advance the health and well-

being of rural residents. MVC staff participated in the *Summit on Climate Resiliency* at UMass Dartmouth where the Coastal Planner made a presentation on the MVC's climate change adaptation activities.

Regulatory Activities:

- **DRIs:** The Commission reviews Developments of Regional Impact ("DRI") that potentially would impact more than one Vineyard town whether due to water quality, transportation, affordable housing or other factors affecting the character and vitality of Martha's Vineyard. In 2015, forty (40) projects were before the MVC for DRI review.
 - Ten were full DRIs with public hearings, eight of which were approved with conditions, one project was withdrawn by the applicant before a decision was made, and one was under review at year's end.
 - No DRIs were denied.
 - Ten minor modifications of previously approved DRI's were approved without public hearings.
 - Six projects were referred to the MVC for concurrence review. All but one was sent back to their towns as not needing DRI review;
 - Five previously approved DRIs returned for LUPC approval of their landscape plans.
 - At year's end, the MVC had five projects at various stages of DRI review.
 - Four additional projects are awaiting town referral, applicant documentation, or are on hold at the applicant's request.
- **DRI Checklist Review:** The MVC's Land Use Planning Committee ("LUPC") held a series of public meetings attended by town officials and members of the public and the Executive Director met town planning boards, building inspectors, and other professionals to get input for the biennial evaluation of the standards and criteria for what should be reviewed by the MVC as Developments of Regional Impact. At year's end, the Executive Director was compiling comments, a review of the past decade's referrals, and recommendations into a report for Commissioners.
- **DCPCs:** Districts of Critical Planning Concern are designated by the Commission to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, supporting special town regulations.
 - Island Road District: The MVC and the Town of West Tisbury amended the Special Ways Zone of the Island Road District by adding four new ways: Pine Hill Road, Red Coat Hill/Motts Hill Road, Shubael Weeks Road, and Old Coach Road.
 - Litigation: In 2015, the MVC continued in litigation defending the Special Ways in Edgartown and the Town of Aquinnah District.

Finances: The Commission's FY2015 income was \$1,512,259, of which 69% came from town assessments, 27% from grants and contracts, and 4% from

other sources. Expenses were \$1,563,105 of which 51% was for salaries, 20% for salary-related costs, 3% for legal fees, and 26% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and audited financial statements are on the website.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR WEST TISBURY

In addition to the efforts described above, assisting the whole Island or all of the towns including West Tisbury, the MVC undertook the following activities in West Tisbury.

Economic Development and Affordable Housing

- MVC staff met with West Tisbury's Planning Board Assistant to discuss options to advance the board's efforts to develop a Master Plan for the Town.

Geographic Information Systems

- Mapping:** The Planning Board received mapping support to visualize the proposed Special Ways at Town Meeting. These Ways were adopted by the Town and formally added to the Commission's Overlay Zoning data layer. The Board also requested maps depicting the lands with agricultural and conservation restrictions in West Tisbury. The MVC's cartography team assisted the Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee by providing maps of the watershed, streams, dams, and data logger locations.

Transportation

- Old County Road Intersection:** The MVC had worked with the Town and MassDOT for several years to come up with a design for the intersection of Old County Road and State Road that improved safety, increased green space, and respected the integrity of the vegetated island. Last year's construction used federal and state funding.

Water Quality

- Water Testing:** Fourteen samples were collected in two rounds during the summer to assess changes in nitrogen concentration and salinity that will be used by the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP) to continue to monitor the flushing characteristics of the system.
- Mill Brook:** MVC staff collected stormwater and dry weather samples of the Mill Brook system as part of the study to evaluate the Mill Brook Watershed study. This stream is a major contributor of fresh water and the nutrients it carries to Tisbury Great Pond.
- Community Assistance:** The MVC Water Resource Planner serves as technical advisor to the Mill Brook Watershed Committee and the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian owners.

Regulatory Activities

- DRI:** West Tisbury referred four projects to the MVC as DRIs in 2015.
 - Two were full DRIs reviewed with a public hearing and approved with conditions (Huseby Mountain Farm subdivision, Polly Hill education center);

- One was referred to the MVC as a concurrence review and determined to not require DRI review (Checamo Path Subdivision);
- One was a previously approved DRI whose archeological investigation was approved by LUPC (Polly Hill education center).

•**DCPC:** MVC staff worked with the Planning Board and Byways Committee up to and following nomination of several new Special Ways as amendments to the Island Road District, namely Pine Hill Road, Red Coat Hill/Motts Hill Road, Shubael Weeks Road and Old Coach Road. The nominations were considered by the MVC early in 2015 and the new Special Ways added. The Annual Town Meeting voted approval with the exception of a portion of Old Coach Road. After another public hearing, the MVC concurred with the Town Meeting and approved the boundary for Old Coach Road as amended by vote of the Town Meeting. MVC staff continued through the end of 2015 in support of the Byways Committee in review of possible update to the Special Ways regulations, to be presented to the Planning Board.

Staff Liaison

- Senior Planner Bill Venio is the main staff liaison with the West Tisbury Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Sederholm
West Tisbury elected Member-at-large

Linda Sibley
West Tisbury elected Member-at-large

Ernest Thomas
Member appointed by the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen

Mark London and Adam Turner
Executive Directors

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council 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 Island residents. Our grants may be modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

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 at work on projects in the arts, humanities or interpretative sciences. Instructions, program guidelines and forms are available at www.mass-council.org, as well as at each town hall and public library. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In December 2015 the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$25,800 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted to donate \$1,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$2,500, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$39,086.

In 2015 the MVCC received 48 applications requesting a total of \$118,647.

The awards granted by the MV Cultural Council in their November 1, 2015 Annual Grant Meeting are listed below.

Holly Alaimo	<i>MV Wind Festival</i>	\$904
West Tisbury Free Public Library		
	<i>World of the Troubadours and Trobairitz VII</i>	\$517
Island First Grades	<i>The Drum Workshop</i>	\$1928
Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA)		
	<i>MV Mini Maker Faire</i>	\$1392
	<i>StarLab Planetarium</i>	\$1175
Worcester Women's History Project	<i>Yours for Humanity</i>	\$225
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute, Inc		.
	<i>National Fossil Day Celebration</i>	\$686
Lara O'Brien	<i>Connecting to Old Ireland</i>	\$143
Cinema Circus	<i>Free Filmmaking Workshop</i>	\$1508
Martino, Dan	<i>Oyster Farm Biodiversity</i>	\$621
Friends of MVY Radio	<i>Posters for Free Concert</i>	\$185

The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	
<i>Family-Friendly Outdoor Films for All</i>	\$767
Featherstone Center for the Arts	<i>Teen Art Cafe</i>
	\$2246
Kirn, Roberta	<i>Winter Concert and Community Sings</i>
	\$1786
U.S. Slave Song Project, Inc - 1854	
<i>1954, an original Martha's Vineyard opera</i>	\$389
MV Film Society	<i>Family Film Saturday</i>
	\$679
Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society (MV CMS)	
<i>Annual Thanksgiving Concert</i>	\$432
MV Film Society	<i>MV Film Scholarship</i>
	\$504
Limber, Richard	<i>Trophy House Project</i>
	\$501
MV Film Society	<i>2016 Int. Film Festival</i>
	\$1007
Vineyard Conservation	<i>Art of Conservation</i>
	\$957
African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard	
<i>Lost Histories</i>	\$686
Rosenthal, Dean	<i>"Island: A Soundscape"</i>
	\$596
Vineyard Playhouse Co.,Inc.	<i>Winter Series at MV Playhouse</i>
	\$1231
Jane Dreeben	<i>The Urge to Create</i>
	\$912
David Bates	<i>Celebrating the Sea</i>
	\$467
Island Community	<i>ChoruAnniversary Concert</i>
	\$2068
Margaret Emerson	<i>Community ArtSpace</i>
	\$1093
Lara O'Brien	<i>MV Teens Write</i>
	\$367
McCarthy, Chelsea	<i>Canaries</i>
	\$800
Sandy Broyard	<i>Dance Improvisation</i>
	\$624
Piti Theatre Co.	<i>Innocenzo</i>
	\$71
Sassafras Earth Educ.	<i>Women Fire Circles</i>
	\$36
Lydick McKenney	<i>Follow the Cannon</i>
	\$343
The Yard Inc.	<i>Winter Performance NUT/CRACKED</i>
	\$904
Laura Sargent Hall and Abby Bender for Built on Stilts	
<i>Built on Stilts Community Dance Festival</i>	\$2132
IMP Improv	<i>Performance Skills</i>
	\$1693
Aquinnah Cultural Center	
<i>10th Annual Native American Artisan's Festival</i>	\$2136
Mass Audubon's Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	
<i>Felix Neck Labyrinth</i>	\$300
Clark, Richard	<i>Barrymore</i>
	\$300
Tisbury School	<i>Boston Ballet Nutcracker Field Trip</i>
	\$852
Tisbury School - First Graders	<i>Big Apple Circus in Boston</i>
	\$483

Consenses	<i>Consenses</i>	\$1761
MV Public Charter School	<i>Model UN</i>	\$337
West Tisbury School	<i>Whale Watch</i>	\$342

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Christy, Chair

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council
2015 Membership**

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
THERESA MANNING	HARVEY BETH
ELIZABETH WITHAM, Sec	WENDY PALMER
JAMIE VANDERHOOP	
Chilmark	Tisbury
J. CHRISTY, V. Chair	NOAVAKAY WIBEL
LINDA THOMPSON	NOREEN BAKER
ALISON MEAD	ROBERT CROPPER
Edgartown	West Tisbury
BRIAN DITCHFIELD	MARTA CAMARGO, Treas.
WILLIAM G. VENO	PAUL LEVINE
JAN POGUE	
Ex-Officio	
WIET BACHELLER	DAN WATERS (emeritus)
CHRIS DREYER	PIA WEBSTER
DEBORAH SILLIMANWASS	
BETH KRAMER	

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REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

3324.0 acres, representing 5.8% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

Acquisitions

The Chappaquiddick open space committee — an informal but energetic group of citizens dedicated to raising cash to supplement Land Bank funds — engineered its most recent achievement: the conservation of 30.6 acres of succeeding farmland surrounding Pease's Pond, off the Dike Road in Edgartown. Some 40% of the \$5,170,000 price was donated and much of the balance was loaned to the Land Bank via volunteer creditors solicited by the committee and its chairman, Nancy Hugger. The **Toms Neck Preserve** will be opened in 2016.

Nathaniel Wice and his family sold, for \$50,000, a 2.1-acre lot to expand the abutting **Toad Rock Preserve** off Moshup Trail in Aquinnah.

The Land Bank's most recent collaboration with the island's affordable housing entities occurred in 2015 and involved the so-called Bridge Housing site in Tisbury. 8.9 acres were conserved, for \$600,000, and the remaining 5.9 acres of the Bridge land will be used by the Island Housing Trust Corporation for the construction of permanent affordable housing units. As a result, the **Ripley's Field Preserve** expanded to 86.0 acres.

An enduringly popular property, the **Manaquayak Preserve** in West Tisbury, required a relocation of its access — its original trailhead was located at the end of a sinuous road. By purchasing 22.6 acres from the Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools, Inc. (FOCUS), the Land Bank not only protected a woodland in the vicinity of the Ice House Pond but obtained a trailhead fronting on the Lamberts Cove Road. The price was \$2,350,000.

The **Fulling Mill Brook Preserve**, which was the Land Bank's first land purchase back in 1986 when the institution was created, was expanded for the first time. Siblings Emily and Oliver Rothschild sold their 17.1-acre property abutting the preserve for \$1,775,000.

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

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Doug's Cove Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Toms Neck Preserve, Wapatequa Woods Reservation, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

A management plan for the Cove Meadow Preserve was approved; pending from the commonwealth is approval for management plans at Toms Neck and Wapatequa Woods.

Staff completed a grassland survey and wetland delineation at the Wompesket Preserve, as part of a plan to control the invasive and exotic reed canary grass. Staff also planted some 400 plugs of native big bluestem at six Land Bank properties around the island; they had been harvested at the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve and propagated over the winter by the Polly Hill Arboretum.

Much was accomplished at the Cove Meadow Preserve. The Edgartown fire department used a house on the former Baldwin Self property for practice drills, ultimately burning it to the ground; within days the Land Bank staff filled and regraded the site in preparation for springtime seeding. The field crew also completed the grassland restoration project on this preserve, which has resulted in a 15-acre ridgetop meadow overlooking Cape Poge Pond.

The grasslands at the Ocean View Farm Preserve were expanded, resulting in both a broadened meadow and a widened long-distance view of Nomans Island.

Trails were improved at the Doug's Cove Preserve and the Moshup Beach portion of the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, the latter for erosion control and the former to provide universal access. The Doug's Cove trail consisted of an attractive 4" layer of crushed oyster shells.

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

Cross-island hike

The Land Bank's twenty-third annual cross-island hike celebrating National Trails Day — the first Saturday in June — ranged from Chilmark Pond Preserve to Pecoy Point Preserve, crossing fifteen conservation properties. Seventy-five hikers started in the morning, sixty-five were present at the launch of the afternoon session and about forty-five finished at Pecoy Point. For the second consecutive year, a record thirty-seven hikers completed the entire 20-mile, 8-hour hike.

Budget and related matters

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

	fiscal year 2015 budgeted	fiscal year 2015 actual	fiscal year 2016 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$8,500,000	\$10,829,652	\$9,500,000 *
administrative expenses	(\$ 511,888) 6%	(\$ 479,980) 4%	(\$ 523,949) 5%
land management expenses	(\$ 864,586) 10%	(\$ 879,263) 8%	(\$ 978,458) 10%
debt service expenses	(\$6,842,928) 81%	(\$ 6,694,410) 62%	(\$5,884,461) 62%
reserve expenses	(\$ 30,000) 0%		(\$ 30,000) 0%
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 250,598 3%	\$ 2,775,999 26%	\$2,158,132 23%

As of December 1, 2015 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$9.0 million in unencumbered funds.

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

Gifts

The Land Bank gratefully accepted several gifts of cash: \$100 from Rebekah Zanditon; and \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2015 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 133,498	2 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 353,983	7 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 1,195,768	22 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 366,157	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 415,366	8 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 242,642	4 %
<i>central fund</i>	\$ 5,414,826	50%
	\$ 10,829,652	100%

This represented an 8% increase over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

The Land Bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; April Hamel, commonwealth; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; John Anthony Nevin, Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, foreman; James Dropick, conservation land assistant; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lengyel
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. Our program received funding from the six Island towns, The US Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe, the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Chilmark Ponds Association, the Farm Neck Foundation, Patagonia and other private donors. Highlights of our 2015 program are as follows:

Solar Shellfish Hatchery - The key mission of our shellfish program is to augment natural shellfish recruitment and maintain a critical mass of brood-stock in the Island ponds. To that end, we annually produce millions of seed shellfish for release in the ponds. In 2015, we produced 10 million seed quahogs, almost 18 million seed scallops, over 82 million scallop larvae and eggs, over 6 million eyed oyster larvae, over 616,000 single oyster seed. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful ongoing shellfish enhancement effort. We produced an additional 5 million blue mussel seed to support the development of private shellfish farms.



Single oysters were also cultured in the Chappy Nursery.

Expansion into the John T. Hughes Hatchery – In 2015 we continued a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) expanding our shellfish culture operations into the John T. Hughes

Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. Under the lease agreement, DMF provided funding for utilities and one part-time technician. The arrangement provides additional hatchery and nursery capacity to complement our operations at the Solar Hatchery and Chappaquiddick Shellfish Nursery resulting in increased shellfish seed production.

Improvements at the Chappaquiddick Nursery – Under private foundation funding, the Edgartown Shellfish Department installed new seawater lines to improve water flow and seed production at our satellite shellfish nursery facility.

Oyster Restoration – In 2015, with funding from the Jewish Communal Fund and the Great Pond Foundation, we continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. The overall goal of these projects is to restore the number of oysters in the ponds to levels at which this keystone species can again provide its vital ecosystem functions to restore ecological balance to the local marine environment. Following our restoration efforts, we are observing a continued expansion of the oyster populations in both ponds.

Shell Recycling Project – When shellfish are harvested, shells are removed from the pond. Shell provides critical habitat for oysters and is increasingly important as a natural buffer to reduce the negative effects of acidified seawater on marine organisms, including shellfish. With funding Patagonia and the Farm Neck Foundation, we continued our shell recovery program.

Pilot Seaweed Culture Project – Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we continued a pilot study of the potential to culture edible seaweeds on the Island. Like shellfish, cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen and to provide a healthful local food product. This year we successfully grew kelp sporelings in an improved seaweed culture system constructed at the Hughes Hatchery.

Nitrogen Bioremediation - Nitrogen overloads are recognized as one of the greatest threats to estuarine water quality and shellfish resources. Conventional nitrogen removal by way of the construction and operation of sewage treatment facilities will be very expensive. With supplemental funding from the towns of Chilmark and Tisbury, and grants from the Edey Foundation, Chilmark Ponds Association and Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, we continued investigations of alternative, biological means of nitrogen mitigation including the use of oyster reefs, ribbed mussels, floating islands, living shorelines, and the harvest of invasive *Phragmites* reeds. In October we were awarded \$135,693 from the EPA to conduct an innovative investigation of nitrogen removal through *Phragmites* harvest.

More detailed reports of our work are posted on our website www.mvshellfishgroup.org. and on our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Karney Shellfish Biologist/Director

SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2015

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
Quahogs	Aquinnah	2,000,000	
	Chilmark	2,000,000	
	Edgartown	2,000,000	
	Oak Bluffs	2,000,000	
	Tisbury	2,000,000	
	Total Quahog Seed	10,000,000	
Scallops	<u>Seed on Burlap (estimated)</u>		
	Aquinnah	3,500,000	
	Chilmark	3,500,000	
	Edgartown	3,500,000	
	Oak Bluffs	3,500,000	
	Tisbury	3,500,000	
	Gosnold*	160,000	
	Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000	
	Total Scallop Seed	17,810,000	
Scallop Larvae & Eggs	Lagoon Pond	26,625,000	
	Sengekontacket Pond	26,500,000	
	Menemsha (Quitsa) Pond	20,000,000	
	Katama Bay	6,700,000	
	Lake Tashmoo	2,435,000	
	Total Scallop Larvae & Eggs	82,260,000	
Oysters (Disease-resistant)	Oyster Larvae & Eggs		
	Tisbury	Edgartown	Lagoon Pond***
	Great Pond	Great Pond**	
	Fertilized eggs	51,711,000	51,711,000
	8 Day old larvae	2,000,000	
	10 Day old larvae	2,575,000	4,575,000
	11-12 Day old larvae	5,090,000	5,090,000
	23 Day old larvae	300,000	
	Eyed -larvae		
	(Remotely Set)	3,728,750	1,350,000
	Total Oyster Larvae & Eggs	129,130,750	
Single Oyster Seed	Edgartown Great Pond**	308,427	
	Tisbury Great Pond	308,427	
	Total Single Oysters	616,854	
Blue Mussels***	Total Mussel Eyed-Larvae (Remotely Set)	5,000,000	

*Provided under contract

**Provided under private foundation funding

*** Produced under special project funding

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Advisory Board

Alice Butler, Chairman, Oak Bluffs
John Alley, West Tisbury
June Manning, Aquinnah
Jay Grande, Tisbury
Leonard Jason, Chilmark
Louis Paciello, Edgartown
Russell Ashton, Rider Community Representative, Oak Bluffs
Angela E. Grant, Administrator, Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

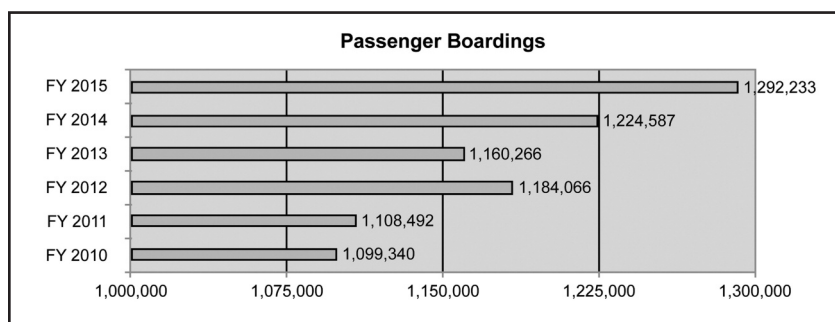
Ridership

Fiscal Year 2015 showed an increase in ridership for both the in-season and off-season, and a continuing increase of multi-day travel passes and annual passes purchased.

Fiscal Year 2015 showed an overall increase of 5.6% in passenger boardings compared to FY 2014. Passenger boarding analysis shows a 4.5% increase in the FY 2015 off-season ridership from FY 2014.

Fixed Route Ridership

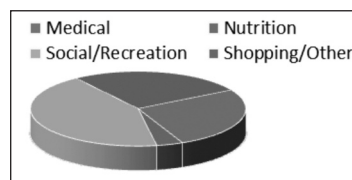
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
July	245,214	269,237	290,248	275,455	282,606	293,708
August	265,384	265,686	268,749	291,568	303,175	323,949
September	131,257	118,462	133,887	126,859	129,661	140,739
October	60,675	63,907	67,217	57,637	71,666	76,286
November	28,092	29,096	29,635	29,986	30,053	32,380
December	22,859	23,309	24,760	24,661	24,617	28,628
January	20,364	21,060	22,839	22,162	21,299	22,395
February	20,040	19,673	22,456	20,106	21,624	20,032
March	26,987	25,694	28,798	27,036	26,033	26,877
April	39,630	35,092	42,834	39,240	41,834	42,506
May	91,324	88,395	90,976	87,167	92,847	106,798
June	147,514	148,881	161,667	158,389	179,172	177,935
Total	1,099,340	1,108,492	1,184,066	1,160,266	1,224,587	1,292,233



“Lift” Ridership

Fiscal Year 2015 showed a minimal increase in social/recreational service trips on “The Lift” resulting in an 8.8% increase over FY 2014.

Fiscal Year	Ridership	Change
FY 2007	14,408	
FY 2008	15,265	5.9%
FY 2009	14,578	-4.5%
FY 2010	15,997	9.7%
FY 2011	15,577	-2.6%
FY 2012	14,681	-5.8%
FY 2013	13,219	-10.0%
FY 2014	13,302	0.6%
FY 2015	14,471	8.8%



Bicycles

Each VTA bus is equipped with a bike rack that can hold two or three bikes. These racks are used by passengers on a first come, first serve basis. In FY 2015 the VTA carried 22,981 bicycles – a 0.08% increase over FY 2014.

Fare Increase

The VTA Advisory Board approved a multi-year fare increase, beginning January 2014:

	Date of Last Increase	Current Fare	1/1/2016
One Day Pass	January 2014	\$8.00	same
Three Day Pass	January 2014	\$18.00	same
Seven Day Pass	January 2014	\$25.00	\$30.00
Annual Pass	January 2014	\$120.00	\$130.00
Senior Annual - Island	January 2014	\$25.00	\$30.00
Youth Annual - Island	January 2014	\$35.00	\$40.00
Zone Fare - Fixed Route	January 2014	\$1.25	same
Zone Fare - Lift	May 2004	\$2.00	same
Senior/Disabled Zone Fare	May 2002	\$0.75	same
Medivan	May 2006	\$15.00	same

Financial

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	2015	2014
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,165,492	\$ 1,121,824
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,773,403	\$ 2,156,801
Other current assets	\$ 413,595	\$ 314,675
Total current assets	<u>\$ 3,352,490</u>	<u>\$ 3,593,300</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,311,369	\$ 377,720
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 456,985	\$ 74,893
Total restricted assets	\$ 1,768,354	\$ 452,613
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 495,342	\$ -
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 10,185,325</u>	<u>\$ 9,341,887</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>\$ 12,449,021</u>	<u>\$ 9,794,500</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 15,801,511</u>	<u>\$ 13,387,800</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 199,505	\$ 178,869
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 199,505</u>	<u>\$ 178,869</u>

Restricted and noncurrent liabilities

Liabilities payable from restricted assets

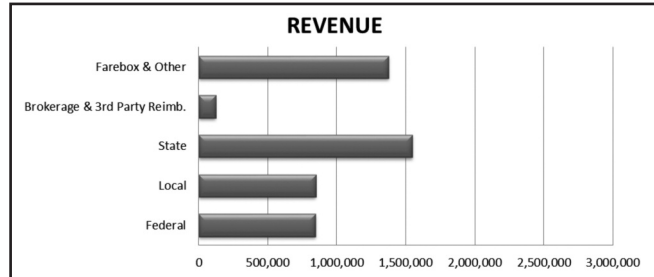
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,625,469	\$ 220,071
Other postemployment benefits	\$ 86,246	\$ 114,440
Net pension liability	\$ 245,465	\$ -
Revenue anticipation notes	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 3,457,180</u>	<u>\$ 1,834,511</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,656,685</u>	<u>\$ 2,013,380</u>
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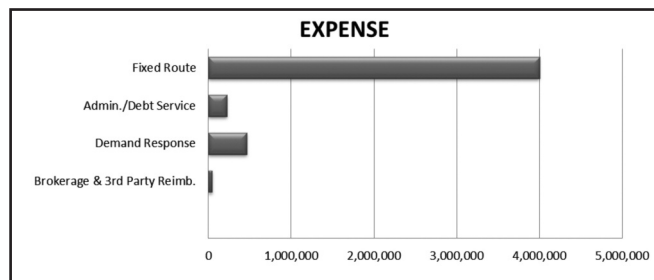
NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets	\$ 10,185,325	\$ 9,341,887
Restricted	\$ 142,885	\$ 118,102
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 1,816,616</u>	<u>1,914,431</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 12,144,826</u>	<u>\$11,374,420</u>

Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Report



Note: The increase in *State* revenue is due to the legislature changing the funding structure of regional transit authorities from funding in the arrears to current year financing.



REPORT OF THE MILL BROOK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Residents of the Town of West Tisbury:

The Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee usually meets twice each month and spent the past year overseeing the execution of all facets of the Mill Brook watershed study. It also hosted two “progress report” public forums to provide updates and obtain comments from Town residents and others. As the foundation of our work the following is the purpose statement for the Mill Brook Watershed Study:

The Mill Brook Watershed Study will collect the necessary data to establish a baseline reading for determining the water quality and general health of the Mill Brook, the Mill Brook Watershed, including all streams and ponds, the watershed ecosystem, and their impacts on the Tisbury Great Pond. The data will become the basis for drafting a Mill Brook Watershed Management Plan. The study will establish the criteria and standards for an on-going, Town-sponsored watershed monitoring and evaluation program that measures progress against established watershed management goals.

To this end the committee worked throughout the year with the ESS Group, Inc., BiodiversityWorks, the Polly Hill Arboretum, Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition and the Martha’s Vineyard Commission collecting Mill Brook water quality samples and data, watershed rain water quality samples and data, water temperature readings, Mill Brook water flow data, plant identification along the Mill Brook and aquatic macroinvertebrates surveys (animals without backbones that live in fresh water and are large enough to see with the naked eye) and were done at 11 different site along the Mill Brook, above and below the ponds, Waskosim’s Rock Reservation and from two Mill Brook tributaries (Witch Brook and the unnamed tributary above Priester’s Pond).

Our task in the coming year will be to work with the ESS Group to organize and analyze the data. We would be remiss to not recognize the contributions to date and future assistance from Kent Healy and Bill Wilcox as we enter the next phase of our work. Perhaps one of the most exciting aspects for the committee has been the involvement and support of so many Town residents who helped collect field data and sort aquatic invertebrates. These thanks go to 27 West Tisbury year-round and summer residents, their extended families and student interns for contributing over 350 hours of volunteer service under the direct supervision of biologist Richard Johnson for BiodiversityWorks. They are: John Auerbacher, Howard Attebery, Sharon Britton, Katie Carlson

(intern, The Nature Conservancy), Margaret Curtin, Wendy Culbert, Alysa Emden, Emily Goetz (intern, BiodiversityWorks), Douglas Green, Daniel Kaeka (intern, BiodiversityWorks), Cristina LaRue, Jess Lerner, Laura Murphy, Ken Neagle, Ann Nelson, Greg Palermo, John Patrick, Sharon Pearson, Cynthia Riggs-Attebery, Ellen Rogers, Bill Roman, Danielle Roman, Selena Roman, Wendy Shields, Hanna Snyder-Samuelson (intern, The Nature Conservancy), Val Watson and Nancy Weaver.

Lastly, the Committee reluctantly accepted the resignations of Sue Hruby and John Christensen who had to leave the committee because of other pressing time commitments. They were both a tremendous help in drafting the watershed study purpose statement and awarding the study to the ESS Group. As each door closes another opens and we welcomed the addition of Kristen Fauteux to the Committee. Her education, talent and experience as Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's Director of Property Stewardship have already provided many contributions to our work.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve. With your continued support and patience, we are optimistic for success in providing the baseline study and eventual plan for effective future management of this watershed which is so important to our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Hodgkinson, Co-Chair
Cynthia Mitchell, Co-Chair
Tim Boland
Prudy Burt
Kristen Fauteux
Nancy Huntington
Selena Roman
Rez Williams

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Parks and Recreation Committee is pleased to report another successful year providing quality programs and activities to the community of West Tisbury.

Our annual chess club began in January following the holiday break. We enrolled 45 students in grades one through six. The eight week session is held on Wednesdays in the cafeteria at the West Tisbury School. The club finishes with a tournament and awards party. All participants receive a participation trophy as well as individual awards to the top three finishers in each level; beginner 1&2, intermediate, and advanced. This year's grand winner was Delilah Hammerlund. In early March we held our 14th annual Family Skate at the ice arena. The community brought snacks to share and the Parks and Recreation Committee provided drinks and hot chocolate. We offered three eight week sessions of adult yoga held at the Howes House. Both ball fields continue to see lots of use from school leagues, MV Little League, Men's and Women's Softball leagues, MV Youth Soccer as well as many private groups. The renovation of Manter field has developed nicely and the renovation of the school field was complete in the fall.

Our summer season is always busy between Seth's Pond, Lambert's Cove Beach, and tennis courts. We added a new 350 foot boardwalk to the path at Lambert's Cove Beach to go over the dune. This was met with a great response from the community. Many people commented how easy it made the trek up over the dune. With the new basketball court we have added six weeks of basketball camp in July and August. We also saw the return of our swim program at Seth's Pond. We had 15 youngsters enrolled in the American Red Cross certified lessons. We had no closures due to high bacteria this summer. Total revenue was \$73,642. The beach wheel chair continues to get regular use for those in need. We had several private events and weddings at Lambert's Cove Beach this year. We ask the community to continue to respect the carry in carry out trash policy at the beach. The annual Halloween Party as always was a big success. The community enjoyed pizza, cider, games and prizes. The spooky hayride is still the most popular tradition as Freddie Fisher brought his horses and truck to pull approximately 150 people through the cemetery. The committee would like to thank all those who make this a special event.

The Winter Recreation is always a popular program for first through fifth graders. The ten week program runs from the weekend after Thanksgiving break to February break. Over 50 students participated in sports, art and theater activities on Saturday mornings at the West Tisbury School.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lowe, co-chair
Hap Bernard, co-chair
Lisa Amols
Suzanne Hammond
Skip Manter
Peggy Stone, Board Administrator

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board would like to acknowledge the work and community service of Ernie Mendenhall who was the Town Building Inspector for 26 years and employee representative to the Personnel Board from 2006 until 2012. Ernie passed away in 2014. His presence around town is missed.

Last year at this time, the Personnel Board was in the process of completing its evaluation of the classification and compensation plan study done for the Town by Human Resources Services Inc. of Andover MA. This study resulted in a revamping of the classification plan and adjustments to the wage scale to keep West Tisbury wages competitive. Voters approved the new classification and compensation plan at the fall town meeting held on November 17.

In 2015, annual town meeting voters approved the Board's recommendation to approve a 1.6% wage adjustment for all Town employees for FY2016.

Last year we reported that Brian Smith moved to Oak Bluffs and resigned from the board. Brian was asked to stay on the board until his successor could be appointed. We are grateful to Brian for staying on the board. If you are interested in volunteering to sit on the board, please let us know.

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,

Gerry Gallagher, Chair
Matthew Gebo, Employee Representative
Norman Perry
Brian Smith
Ken Vincent

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

2015 has been a busy year on many levels for the Planning Board, with some complex and time consuming challenges. Working with other boards, committees and town officials, we strive to maintain the rural character, open lands and scenic vistas throughout the town. It is a source of pride that we continue to protect the fields surrounding the core of town from development.

The number of Form A, Form C, and Site Plan Review Applications submitted have been typical. Most Form A applications requested a simple lot line change for the purpose of selling off a parcel or creating a home site lot, or creating space for a building. Each one that we processed was a fairly simple request and provided adequate consideration of neighboring properties. Our Site Plan Review applications have been similarly straightforward, with requests to expand or significantly renovate an existing dwelling. We are careful to physically review these properties to measure and confirm that the applicants have adhered to the zoning bylaw height restrictions on wooded and open landscape which help to conceal the structures from neighboring properties and view from the water. During the review process, for each application we request energy efficient construction with low maintenance materials, downward facing lights (if any) outside for safety purposes only, non-reflective glass in windows, native vegetation for landscaping, and organic fertilizer and pesticides. Our goal is to protect our land, air and water, as well as ourselves and flora and fauna.

In preparation of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, we worked diligently with the Byways Committee and the Martha's Vineyard Commission District of Critical Planning to request the nomination of four old roads to be designated as Special Ways. We have worked to preserve similar ways for the enjoyment of walkers, bicyclists and horseback riders as well as for the historical character they embody. Some of these ways date back to the Revolutionary War. Through careful location of driveways and the use of alternative vehicle access points when available, we can maintain the character of the ways and their immediate surroundings. By minimizing additional vehicular use, retaining natural vegetation alongside the ways, and preventing the ways from being blocked, their character is preserved for the future.

We also proposed an amendment to the Housing section of the zoning bylaws to adjust the size limits on accessory apartments and subordinate dwellings. Since affordable housing on the island is limited, and more generations of families are living together, the board felt that some of the limitations currently placed on accessory structures should be modified. We acted to make accessory dwelling units better suited to accommodate a family's needs by allowing adequate space for year-round living, as long as the dwelling unit's septic system

can support each bedroom. At Town meeting the article was passed: subordinate dwellings (guest houses) are now a maximum of 1000 square feet and accessory apartments are a maximum of 800 square feet. A proposed amendment on Town meeting floor also passed, allowing accessory dwellings to stand alone on a property rather than requiring they be attached to a building.

At the Special Town Meeting of November 2015, we presented a warrant article to amend the Sign Regulation section of the zoning bylaw by slightly shortening the length of the language. The purpose of the proposed changes were to minimize the application process by designating the Building and Zoning Inspector as the permit granting authority with a back-up review by the Planning Board if the Inspector deems it necessary. These changes alleviate lengthy public hearings and excessive application fees. These amendments were approved at the Special Town Meeting.

Board members serve the Town in many other capacities. Susan Silva represents us on the Land Bank's Town Advisory Board. Leah Smith serves on the Capital Improvements Planning Committee and is the Chairman of the Library Building Committee. Henry Geller, our associate member, currently serves as our representative to the Affordable Housing Committee, and is our representative to the All Island Planning Board, and Bea Phear is our representative and the Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Virginia Jones is a member and current chairman of the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Board members rotate attending various other board and committee meetings when the agenda is applicable to the Planning Board.

Finally, we would like to thank Town Counsel Ron Rappaport and his colleague Michael Goldsmith, The Byways Committee for their continued efforts to protect our Special Ways, Zoning Inspector Joe Tierney, Health Agent John Powers, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Tucker Hubbell and ZBA members, members of the Conservation Commission, Electrical Inspector Tom Colligan, Road Inspector Leo DeSorcy, Fire Chief Manny Estrella and the entire staff of the West Tisbury Town Hall for the guidance, assistance and hard work they have provided to our Board this year. We also greatly appreciate the assistance that we receive from the Martha's Vineyard Commission: Adam Turner, Bill Veno, Paul Foley, Priscilla Leclerc, Christine Flynn, Chris Seidel, Jo-Ann Taylor, and the rest of the staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia C. Jones, Chairman
Susan Silva, Vice-Chairman
Leah Smith
Beatrice Phear
Matthew Merry
Henry Geller, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

“Protecting and maintaining the quality of life for all”

To the Board of Selectmen:

I would like to thank the Selectmen for their continued support for the department, all the Town Boards and citizens of West Tisbury.

We have been in our station for almost two years now and have settled in nicely. This year the department has decided to become accredited. This task is long, hard and tedious to obtain. By becoming accredited, this department will meet national police standards. Lieutenant Matthew Mincone has taken on the position of Accreditation Manager. This responsibility is very time consuming and Matt takes the job very seriously. We hope that the department will reach certification by late spring 2016. I personally would like to thank Lieutenant Mincone for a job well done.

Sergeant Manter continues to be the departments' senior citizen liaison, spending time at the Howes House. Unofficially, Detective Matt Gebo acts as the assistant while on his own time, spending time with the seniors. Officers Daniel Gouldrup and Leomar DeOliveira continue as the Airport officers. Officer Garrison Vieira is the departments Firearms Licensing officer and Court officer. Sergeant James Neville is the departments training officer. Officer Bradley Cortez has started a student mentoring program with the Charter School. Brad is in his second year of the program. I would like to thank the entire department for continuing to give 100% to the community year after year. Your professionalism and caring does not go unnoticed.

As always, thank you to the Fire Department, Tri-Town Ambulance, Animal Control, Highway department, and all town employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Rossi
Chief of Police

Police Department Statistics

911 Hang-up	31	Landlord/Tenant Disputes	10
Accidents Aircraft/Alerts	2	Larceny/Larceny by Check	1
Bicycle	1	Littering/Dumping Trash	4
Moped	1	Lock Out (Assist Motorist)	64
Alarms Burglar	164	Malicious Destruction/Vandalism	2
Fire	89	Missing Person / Runaway	2
Bank	0		
Life-line	11	Motor Vehicle	
Other	26	Abandon	0
<i>Alarm Total</i>	<i>290</i>	Accidents	61
Medical Emergency	203	Citations	52
Animal Complaints	33	Stops (no citation)	739
		Disabled	48
<i>Arrest Total</i>	<i>20</i>	Unauthorized Use	0
Assault & Battery	15	Noise Complaints	30
Assist Other Agency	18	Parking Violation Complaints	23
B & E/Larceny	44	Parking Violation Tickets	63
By-Law Violation		Property Found	10
Noise	30	Reported Lost/Stolen	10
Child Abuse\Neglect 51a	12	Service of Court Documents	54
Criminal Summons	28	Sex Crimes	1
Unattended Death	1	Weapons Complaints	6
Domestic Disturbance/		Suspicious	
Restraining Order	12	Motor Vehicles	9
Domestic Related Activity	45	Persons	12
		Activity	19
Erratic MV Operator	88	Trespass	9
Harassment	8	Welfare Checks	25
Hunting Violation Complaints	8		

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee has advised the Board of Selectmen about various shell fishing opportunities for Tisbury Great Pond and acted as a sounding board for John Hoy about the herring fishery in James Pond.

Last winter was a hard winter with a lot of freezing weather. Because the Great Pond was open from mid-December, 2014 to late summer/early fall, the Pond was low/tidal for an extended time. The ice that formed on the Pond had a good deal of head space over the water and this apparently caused an oyster die off so there were a lot of dead oysters this past spring and summer. A lot of dead oysters were also found in Edgartown Great Pond. In spite of this setback, the health of the Pond and the oysters and soft shell clams remain good. The MV Shellfish Group continues to provide much valued advice and assistance as well as seed stock, and, on the Chilmark side of TGP, Isaiah Scheffer provides shellfish propagation management and expertise to the resource. This also positively affects the West Tisbury side to a limited extent. The Committee extends grateful thanks to all who assist. Rick has advised us that from spat to market size takes wild oysters from 3 to 5 years depending upon how crowded they are (less is better) so the goal is to continue to move the oysters around so that new beds form and old beds get divided up, while cultch for the spat to attach to gets added in areas of sparse populations.

Fees for both commercial and recreational permits remain the same. The current rules and regulations are included below. An area near the head of Tiah's Cove has been "reserved" for recreational only fishing – it is shallow enough for people in waders and there are enough oysters to enable a family to get a "mess."

The season will run from November 9th, 2015 to April 29th (a Friday) in 2016.

1. Any commercial licensee may take 8 bags (100 pieces a bag) per license per day (three days a week).
2. Any commercial licensee may fish 3 out of 5 days Monday through Friday -- with two weather related make up days allowed. Fishing will not be allowed on the weekends.
3. The temperature must achieve 28 degrees F by 10 am according to the thermometer monitored by Ray
4. Size: Any oysters less than 3" in length will be regarded as seed oysters and may not be harvested – there will be a fine for possession of any smaller oysters. Any oysters in excess of 4" will be regarded as brood stock as they are more disease resistant (according to Rick), and should be protected as brood oysters so that they can spawn and thus sustain the

resource. Such undersized and oversized oysters must be returned to the Pond in the seeded area. They are not to be disposed of elsewhere, nor should they be left on board culling boards or in boats.

5. Seeded areas – the areas between buoys off the stairs at Sepiessa and the rock pile at the W end of Deep Bottom (on the Jones Tssissa property) and out into the Pond and another buoy.
6. Recreational shell fishing will be allowed in the areas where the commercial fishermen are not fishing such as up in Tiah's Cove (off Spaldings) as oysters are accessible close to shore in enough numbers to allow recreational licensees to get a family mess.

Respectfully submitted

Virginia Jones, Secretary and Chairman pro tem

Current members are:

David Merry

Rick Karney

Jason Gale

Peter Vann

John Hoy

Virginia Jones

Will Whiting

The Shellfish Constable is Ray Gale. This is a very part time position.



Manter's boat house

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Colleen McAndrews, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Ms. McAndrews:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The schools on the Island continue to strive to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills they need to compete in today's economy.

There are several personnel changes that have occurred over the past year. At the high school, Gil Traverso accepted a position in New Haven, CT in August and Ms. Peg Regan was appointed as the Interim Principal for the year. Ms. Regan successfully served as principal of the high school from 1999 to 2008. Additionally, the high school had a change in leadership in its Career and Technical Education (CTE) department. Ty Hobbs left the Island and was replaced with Barbara-Jean Chauvin as our Vocational Director. Barbara-Jean comes from Norfolk County Agricultural High School where she served as the Vocational Coordinator. Finally, Cliff Dorr joins the high school staff as our new Director of Technology. Cliff served as the Technology Coordinator in Oak Bluffs before moving to the high school administrative team.

There have been several changes in personnel at central office as well. Richie Smith, formerly the principal of the Oak Bluffs School, has been hired as the Assistant Superintendent. The skills and experience that Richie brings to the position will benefit all of our students across the island. We also welcomed Hope MacLeod as our Interim Director of Student Services after the retirement of Phil Campbell in August. Hope's experience coordinating the Bridge and Social Skills programs will be an asset in her new role. Additionally, Melissa Ogden has been hired as our Shared Programs Coordinator/Consultant and has done a terrific job overseeing our Bridge, Social Skills, and Extended School Year programs. Jen Royal has moved out of the Project Headway preschool classroom and into our Early Childhood Coordinator position. Jen's experience as a teacher in the program has been a tremendous asset. Finally, we welcomed Erika Mulvey as our Title I Coordinator. Erika replaces Meredith Goldthwait who accepted a teaching position at the Tisbury School.

At the Oak Bluffs School, Megan Farrell has stepped in as Interim Principal. Megan had been serving as the Administrator for Curriculum and Support in the building. In this role, Megan has been working closely with teachers to

align curriculum and analyzing assessment data to make instructional decisions. She moves into the role after the retirement of Jacky Rizzo.

Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith and I have been working with our administrative team and the island-wide educational staff to bring Professional Development that meets the professional needs of our staff and aligns with our mission to provide a world-class education. Two initiatives in which we are currently engaged are STEAM education and confronting the challenges of anxiety. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education integrates these disciplines to foster the 21st century skills students need in order to compete in today's economy. A STEAM curriculum engages students in real world projects that require them to work independently or in teams to find solutions to difficult questions and/or situations. Our science teaching staff, along with support from central office, arranged for Dr. Yvonne Spicer of the National Center for Technological Literacy to visit the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools to speak with educators about developing a comprehensive K-12 STEAM curriculum. The visit was the first step in MVPS participating in the Gateway Project, a Boston Museum of Science program that will culminate in the development of a K-12 STEAM plan. This plan will coordinate our resources throughout the curriculum and provide our students with an extensive STEAM education.

Additionally, we have partnered with the Island-Wide Youth Collaborative and the Youth Task Force to bring Ms. Lynn Lyons to the Island. Ms. Lyons is a child psychologist who specializes in confronting and overcoming anxiety. In early December, Ms. Lyons presented her ideas to school staff, students, and parents. Her message is simple: Anxiety is a part of life, and we all need to learn how to effectively tackle the challenges that it brings and experience the benefits of successfully navigating through anxiety inducing situations.

At the high school, we have conducted several studies to examine the needs of the facility in the areas of HVAC, building envelope, cafeteria kitchen, the school track, and space needs. Tappe Architects are leading us through an examination of the findings and presenting options for a facility upgrade. In addition, the Tisbury School has applied for assistance from the Massachusetts School Business Authority (MSBA) in the hopes of receiving a grant to either build a new school or renovate the existing facility. We should know the decision of the MSBA Board by the end of January.

All five bargaining units across the Island – teachers, ESP's, custodians, ASP's, and cafeteria workers – are in the final year of their contracts. We are currently in negotiations with the teachers and will soon begin bargaining with the other units. Salary will be negotiated along with any language changes to current contracts.

Several teachers will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the Tisbury School, Mary Ellen McElroy, School Adjustment Counselor, and math teacher Lori DeBettencourt

will be moving on. Football coach and PE teacher Don Herman will be retiring from the high school along with Assistant Principal Andrew Berry. Finally, the Edgartown School will bid farewell to classroom teacher Cindy MacDonald-Smith, Reading Specialist Deb Orazem, math teacher Linda Brown, science teacher Gail Meister, and custodian Michael Lynch. Each of these staff members has between thirteen and twenty-nine years of service to the Island's students.

I am truly privileged and honored to be serving as the Island Schools' Superintendent. The Island is not only a beautiful location, but also a supportive and welcoming community.

Matthew D'Andrea, L.P.D.
Superintendent of Schools



West Tisbury School 1932 and class list.

West Tisbury School - 1932

Front Row - L. to R. - Mary Perry, Betty Maule, Dorothy Masid, Margaret Finnegan, Boris Palmer, Walter Masid, Lyle Thomas, James Maule, Albion Alley, Jr., William Silva.

Second Row - Eleanor Schultz, Ursilla Greene, Everett Greene, Betty Turner, Louis Althorn, George King, Donald Thomas, George Magnusson, Clifford Atthorn.

Third Row - Emma Taliafer, Laura DeCosta, Alma Turner, Wesley Robinson, John Finnegan, Harvey Thomas, George Silva, Anthony Silva, Stephen Norton.

Back Row - Miss Farquhar, Miss Blanchard, Robert Silvia, Joseph Thomas, Bradford Norton, Leonard Althorn.

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Weiss:

It is truly a pleasure to be the new principal of MVRHS. In all my years of education, the overwhelming commitment by the community to the High School, its programs, and students' well-being goes unmatched. The school has achieved many positive results and maintains a great deal of potential. The clubs, academic and CTE course offerings, and athletics, coupled with counselor, teacher, parent, and student connections continues to provide an excellent college and career pathway for our graduates. Our goal is to perpetuate this proud tradition by creating a school climate of teamwork and collaboration which models our educational goals for our students. The subsequent information clearly details the progress, focus, and goals by department. More importantly, these student-centered goals connected to a successful college- and career-ready graduate.

On Class Night, June 2014, over \$1,104,416.00 was awarded to seniors and post-graduates. 2014 graduates received \$716,816.00 and post-graduates received \$386,600. Our community's support for students continuing their post-secondary education astounds. SAT scores for the 2014 graduates were high, producing the third highest combined SAT scores in the history of MVRHS. 79% of the senior class was admitted to a diverse group of colleges, universities and programs throughout the Nation, 16 % entered the workforce, 3% military and 2% other pursuits.

The role of the Special Education Department is to identify eligible students and provide them with specialized instruction to help them fulfill their potential towards college and/or career readiness. The final report of The Coordinated Program Review (CPR) of the MVRHS Special Education Department was received on March 7, 2014. This report highlighted eleven areas that the department needed to address. The Director of Special Education, in collaboration of the Director of Student Services developed a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), which was approved by DESE.

The CAP involved developing and providing professional development, policies and procedures, program evaluation and restructuring, and ongoing monitoring for compliance with regulations for SY '14-15. The restructuring of the department began in July 2014 under the new leadership of Nancy W. Dugan, M.Ed., BCBA, as the Director of Special Education at MVRHS with the support of a newly hired administrative assistant, Ms. Troy Harris.

Paraprofessional positions (educational support personnel – ESP) saw changes with staff leaving and newly hired staff joining the team. Another staff change included the hiring of a teacher to replace the History Special Education teacher for this school year. The focus of the department has been to build a positive collaborative environment/department while becoming an integral part of the school community at large.

In response to the CPR/CAP, program changes and evaluations have been initiated and Professional Development has been provided to all staff at the start of the SY '14 on the areas identified in the CPR. Future Professional Development trainings will be developed to address areas of need for the school community to meet its vision and to enhance the learning of students with disabilities. New practices and procedures have been developed and implemented with ongoing revisions as needs arise. The Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, monitoring of compliance. Appropriate supports and services are assessed to ensure they are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. As representatives for the Special Education Department, each Special Education Teacher participates in monthly content department meetings. The MVRHS Special Education Department has initiated collaboration meetings with representatives of each sending school to begin the process of ensuring a smooth and successful transition for students from the 8th grade to the 9th grade at MVRHS for the next school year.

The biggest news involving the MVRHS Alternative Education department this year is that we have officially moved into our newly renovated home (formerly the Family Center). The change in venue from our temporary home came just in time, as our program continues to grow (we have already enrolled twelve new students into the program this year). In addition to our continued growth, we are always trying to provide our students with hands on, real-world learning opportunities, so we continue to reach out and extend our external partnerships with the YMCA / Alex's Place, Felix Neck, The Trustees of Reservation, Island Grown Schools, The MV Shellfish Hatchery, and MV Preservation Trust to name a few.

The Art, Design & Technology department had a full and productive year in 2014. Two new courses were offered: "Introduction to Fashion Sewing & Fiber Arts" and "Introduction to Computer Architecture and Networking." Two new clubs were formed this year: the Innovation Club and the Print Club both of which are off to good starts. Video Club and video class students work regularly in the MVTV studios, and are also involved in a project interviewing past and present MVRHS students. Art and design students won thirty awards in the 2014 Scholastic Art Awards, including six award-winning senior portfolios and six "gold key" awards. Our students won awards in the Congressional Art Contest, a best-in-show award in the Photography Center of Cape Cod's 2014 "Mass Photo Challenge," as well as an award in a *Martha's Vineyard Magazine* contest. Drawing, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture

students participated in the 2014 Vineyard Conservation Society art contest and had a successful opening and exhibit at the MV Film Center. MVRHS pottery students made and donated bowls for two Island Grown Initiative fundraisers, and held an exhibit and sale at Featherstone gallery. Our graphics students held a special "cod" show at the Centerville Museum with graphic designer Andrew Newman. Advanced art students attended Portfolio Day in Boston in October, and prepared senior portfolios for college admissions as well as the YoungArts and Scholastic portfolio contests. A number of our students also won internships and participated in prestigious programs at MIT, Art Institute of Chicago, Cal Poly, Maine Media Workshops, NSLI-Y, and others in the summer of 2014. The MVRHS Yearbook, and our art and literary magazine, *Seabreezes*, both had successful publications this year. Our photography students collaborated with students from Argentina, Yemen, and Vietnam this year, and their efforts attracted the attention of National Geographic magazine. At the end of 2014, art and design students prepared an exhibit on Circuit Avenue, and planned an exhibition for the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Architecture & Design students are designing a new pergola for the front of the school in a collaborative effort with Building Trades and Horticulture. In Freshmen Skills, students have been focusing on writing resumes for summer employment and are learning appropriate job application skills. Our annual "Evening of the Arts" was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts department; we hosted a very successful exhibition and event, drawing hundreds of community members.

The Performing Arts Department offered a wide range of classes for both performing and non-performing classes during the second semester of last year and the first semester of 2014-15. These include Band, Freshman and Mixed Choruses, String Orchestra, Vocal Ensemble, Theatre Workshop, Musical Theatre, Guitar, Piano, Sound Technology, and music theory classes which include Theory I and II, Advanced Theory Portfolio, Advanced Placement, and Independent Studies.

In addition to curricular offerings, the staff and students in the Performing Arts Department participated in many school and community events over the past 12 months. Vocal and string performers were chosen to perform in the All Cape and Southeast District Festivals in January and February. Students auditioned in November this year for the two festivals, with one vocalist being recommended for the Massachusetts All State auditions. Students, faculty, and community members collaborated to present four stellar performances of the musical 'CATS' to large and appreciative audiences, despite the snow! During Music in Our Schools Month, the department presented a concert featuring Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz, Band, Band, and Vocal Ensemble.

Minnesingers traditional spring concerts included a choral section, 'Morn to Night' and a dance section which brought back memories of the British Invasion. Minnesingers also performed for community events and the string quartet entertained at Honors' Night and the National Honor Society Induction.

Both string quartet and jazz band provided music for the senior luncheons in the high school culinary dining room. In conjunction with the Visual Arts Department, the performing groups, theatre classes, and individuals performed for Evening of the Arts in May. Choruses, band, and orchestra participated in graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle in June.

In the CTE department, the Automotive program has ordered a new alignment machine and lift, and has grown to nearly 40 students because of instructor Ken Ward's efforts to bring the program up to 21st Century standards. The Culinary program continuously hosts community luncheons and suppers, has instituted a Back Door Bistro to show off the student talents to the staff, and remains involved with Island Grown Schools with local food dinners in the spring and fall. Last spring, we held the dinner off-campus at Sweet Life restaurant with Chef/Owners Kevin and Susanne Crowell. At this fall's dinner, Chef Dan Saur worked with the students and blew away a packed house. The Culinary program continues to place students into some of the Island's great restaurants. We also replaced one of our ranges and upgraded our Deck Ovens in the kitchen. The Horticulture program designed and constructed community gardens at Thimble Farm for the Island Grown Initiative, planted and grew 10,000 beach grass plugs for the Duke's County beach restoration program, designed and constructed an eight by eighty foot brick sidewalk for the MV Sharks stadium bleachers, designed a landscape plan for the Portuguese-American club, and had another successful annual plant sale. The Building Trades program built a 12'x16' extreme weather building for the Harbormaster in Menemsha, built a Gaga Dodge Ball Pit (octagon enclosure) for the YMCA summer camp, and birdhouses for the Nature Conservancy. Additionally, on the High School campus, the students extended and repaired the split-rail fence on Sanderson Ave, rebuilt the Horticulture tool room, replaced doors in the Horticulture green house, built a handrail for the transportation department bus driver parking area, and picnic tables for the West Tisbury School. In addition to these projects, the students built nine 8'x12' sheds. The Health Assisting program has a new instructor, Susan McHugh, who has worked actively to build the Health Assisting Advisory Committee and to meet the criteria for full program approval next fall. The Health Assisting students have been able to utilize the new technology of the Laerdal patient simulator to enhance learning.

The MVRHS English Department students and teachers experienced a successful year once again. The school's student literary magazine, Seabreezes, earned a prestigious award from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Additionally, the New England Scholastic Press Association's (NESPA) honored our high school student newspaper staff at an awards ceremony held at Boston University. Our students earned the "Highest Achievement Award in Scholastic Editing and Publishing." Two students earned individual "Special Achievement Awards" for excellence in scholastic journalism. Students also distinguished themselves in pursuits including a

summer in Jordan studying Arabic, performing at the Chicago Improv Festival, and writing an original book of fiction. ESL students were selected as winners of the Della Hardman Essay Contest and readers for the Edgartown Library's 2014 Amigos Story Time program. Teachers attended professional development opportunities conferences/seminars in ELL teaching, Middlebury's Bread Loaf School, the "Walden Woods Project," and online graduate courses at Dominican University. These experiences brought new and exciting approaches to teaching students in the high school such as collaborating with elementary school classes. Finally, our students distinguished themselves on the AP exams last year. Ninety-five percent of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School students who took the 2014 exams earned a passing score--more than 30 points above the national average.

The History & Social Studies department at the Regional High School teaches every student in the school. In addition to the required history classes, they offer a full range of elective classes on topics ranging from sociology, psychology, Irish History & Culture, Brazilian History & Culture, Women's Studies, Sheltered History, and three Advanced Placement courses of study. Student activities included an educational tour of Ireland, the annual African American Heritage Trail exhibition of student work, the Close-Up trip to Washington DC, the Brazilian-American Friendship Lunch, the Government Day program in Boston, and a number of class presentations by community members. The department is committed to educating all of our students to participate in their community as active and informed citizens.

In our library, students continue to sign into the library during Learning Centers in high numbers. The 2014-2015 school year began with a new series of student talks. Over the first semester, 10 talks were presented to visiting classes in the LCR, on subjects ranging from building robots to learning Arabic in Jordan. The Wednesday lunch series began with a visit from the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival. The series aims to introduce a diversity of career paths to students. The librarian is continuing to work to expand the scope and breadth of co-planned and co-taught classes. For example, freshman skills students were taught lessons focusing on authorship, bias, and copyright. This fall, the co-taught classes on use of "Web 2.0" technologies centered around project-based learning, including the creation of online newspapers on historical topics, and Voicethread for poetry recitation and analysis. There is a growing awareness of the library and the librarian as a resource for teaching and learning information literacy. In addition, word is spreading about using the library space for authentic assessment of projects, through both displays and performance.

The Innovation Lab has been used by several students to build projects, including an Augmented Reality (AR) Sandbox and a student-produced video project modeled after the V-Sauce YouTube show. The Lab is being used for interviewing students and alumni. Footage is planned to be used to highlight the school online and possibly on cable TV.

The Library Committee met to consider how to move forward with the recommendations that were given to the school council at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. A capital improvement plan was devised. After consulting with potential grantors and discussions about capital funding in general, the committee agreed that hiring an architect would benefit a future request for funding, as several of the funding agencies asked to see plans. A productive meeting with Jay Lipman from Fielding Nair led to a proposal for library design. The design phase was approved by the school committee and we look forward to meeting with them in the spring.

The math department welcomes Michael Lavers as a cohort. Michael arrives with a wealth of experience as a math and science teacher from Sandwich High School. Carol (Sylva) Flanders received Graduate credit from Cambridge College for completing Advanced Placement training this past summer. She attended the Advanced Placement Institute at Bridgewater State through the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative. MVRHS had satisfying results with regards to the 2014 math standardized test results. The average SAT score of 547 was the second highest ever. The BC calculus AP scores averaged 4.5. The MCAS results were also solid. The math CPI continues to improve, with 87% of students score proficient or higher, and 59% scoring advanced.

Health Class students became health educators in a joint project between MVRHS and the Martha's Vineyard combined Boards of Health to prevent the spread of Lyme Disease. The initiative included Lyme Disease experts visiting health classes to provide education from the medical standpoint and then each separate section created their own preventative messages. The sixth-grade students at each elementary school were presented with 'one-act skits,' a homemade Jeopardy game, and two different slide presentations. This whole production was captured on video as a documentary being produced by Martha's Vineyard Productions, Inc. for future educational use. In Physical Education, there was a wide variety of community-based experiences all across the Island we participated in: swimming at the YMCA; skating at the MV Rink; kayaking at Felix Neck; Disc Golf at the State Forest; and biking, thanks to the use of rentals from Wheel Happy! One boastful section of juniors and seniors challenged the Sports History class to a game of Team Handball and the PE kids took the bragging rights by a landslide! Our combined Special Ed/Adaptive PE annual Special Olympics competition saw an increase in student assistants from all grades, in addition to our 9 special education athletes. In this fall's Personal Training Class, there are several personal bests, including one young woman who can dead lift 185 lbs. and one young man who can dead lift 275 lbs. Both of these lifts exceed the student's body weight by a significant percentage.

In 2014, the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and computer-based

STEM design. Teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Conference, a Social Thinking Conference, and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on-Island and off-Island), including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. The department participates in a STEAM committee within the school, and this committee serves to help evaluate and plan STEAM initiatives and experiences. This year, the Science Department engaged very actively with the Art Department to help students work on projects that bridged both disciplines. Biology teachers also collaborated with the English Department's Writing Lab to work on open response question writing in preparation for the Biology MCAS, and our ELL biology teacher is part of an ELL Co-teaching Network that meets to discuss teaching strategies. Students in science engaged in a variety of types of projects this year, including both science and engineering projects. The department hosted its 16th Annual Science Fair, supported by local donations, with over 100 student entrants. A total of 39 science professionals in our community served as judges for the fair, discussing projects at length with each of our student entrants. The students with the strongest projects in our fair proceeded on to compete at the upper-level fairs, and one of the students received an award at the Southeast Regional Science Fair in Bridgewater. The Engineering Challenge, in its second year, offered over 40 students an opportunity to engage in competitive engineering design work, and the ten strongest of these students were invited to attend the Cape and Islands Engineering Challenge in Woods Hole, which was a four-school competition and educational day at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute organized by the teachers from our STEAM group here at the High School. Students also engaged in outreach projects in which they helped teach younger students about science and engineering. Students have worked with preschoolers at MV Community Services, and a group of ten students organized an Engineering Club for elementary students at the Tisbury School. The Tisbury School project focused on energy-based engineering, and the outreach project was recognized with a 2014 School of the Year Award at the State Level as part of the 34th Annual Youth Awards for Energy Education sponsored by the National Energy Education Development Project.

The World Language Department had a busy year with lots of excitement and change. In April, 2 teachers and 24 students toured Spain, visiting five of the most famous cities while immersing themselves in the language and culture; they also enjoyed a side trip to Morocco. In May, we combined forces with the Arts and Music Department to coordinate our annual World Language Night for the second year in a row. It was a very successful evening in which students were able to showcase their work for the community. This September, we welcomed Mr. Nicholas Delaney as our new French teacher. He comes to us with degrees from McGill University and Paris IV - La Sorbonne. Another addition to our department this fall, Ms. Jane McGroarty Sampaio, a MVRHS

alum, has returned to the Island and our department after spending several years living in Brazil. Ms. McGroarty Sampaio is serving as our German and Portuguese teacher. We are currently phasing out our German program to be able to offer Portuguese. We look forward to having Portuguese be a part of our language program, and believe that this course offering helps to better serve our school population and our Island community.

The MVRHS athletic program saw some great success in 2014 and made some changes. The boys' basketball, girls' basketball, boys' hockey, and girls' hockey teams all qualified for tournaments last winter. The boys' basketball team kept their Eastern Athletic Conference championship dominance intact by sharing a conference title with Bishop Feehan. The swim team competed in their first season as a full member of the Bay Colony Conference at the varsity level. In the spring, the boys' and girls' tennis teams, as well as the boys' lacrosse team, either shared or won, outright, Eastern Athletic Conference championships. The boys' tennis team lost in the South Sectional Semi-finals. In the fall, we saw a lot of change on the soccer side of our program. Both the boys and girls had new head coaches, and we saw a great amount of support and interest in the soccer programs due to the efforts of the two new coaches. The boys' soccer team advanced to the South Sectional finals after an outstanding regular season, where we saw Jason Lages set a new single-season goals' record with 34. The field hockey team played an outstanding first-round tournament game but came up short in double overtime on the road. Lastly, the Island Cup will stay on MV for another year. The football team made a late season run to notch a winning record and defeated Nantucket 21-7. With a new trophy on the line, it was nice to bring home the hardware once again.

We will continue to promote successes in conjunction with striving for improvements. Our measured results will need to match the potential of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's students' capabilities. We look forward to serving the needs of all young adults in a safe environment which provides multiple opportunities for student and staff connections.

Respectfully submitted,

Gil Traverso
Principal

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

February 1, 2016

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, 2015.

Statement of Net Position

Government Funds Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,313,443
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,289,926
Due from Agency Fund	995,121
Total current assets	<u>5,598,490</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	179,744
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	14,171,145
Total noncurrent assets	<u>14,350,889</u>
Total Assets	<u>19,949,379</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	920,066
Accrued payroll	1,135,080
Other liabilities	49,843
Compensated absences	27,933
Wastewater connection payable	29,560
Long-term bonds and notes payable	188,799
Total current liabilities	<u>2,351,281</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated absences	251,402
Net OPEB obligation	10,792,455
Net Pension Liability	2,816,902
Wasterwater connection payable	325,147
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,510,395
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>15,696,301</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>18,047,582</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	26,349
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	12,957,193
Restricted for:	
Other specific purposes	658,836
Unrestricted	<u>(11,740,581)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,875,448</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNMENT FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

ASSETS	General	High School Roof Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,549,584	-	\$ 763,859	\$ 3,313,443
Due from Agency Fund	995,121	-	-	995,121
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	305,498	984,428	1,289,926
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,544,705</u>	<u>305,498</u>	<u>1,748,287</u>	<u>5,598,490</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants Payable	833,299	-	86,767	920,066
Accrued payroll	1,087,468	-	47,612	1,135,080
Other liabilities	49,843	-	-	49,843
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,970,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,379</u>	<u>2,104,989</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted	-	305,498	686,056	991,554
Committed	190,000	-	955,072	1,145,072

	General	High School Roof Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
FUND BALANCES				
Assigned	499,680	-	-	499,680
Unassigned	884,415	-	(27,220)	857,195
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>1,574,095</u>	<u>305,498</u>	<u>1,613,908</u>	<u>3,493,501</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,544,705</u>	<u>\$ 305,498</u>	<u>\$ 1,748,287</u>	<u>\$ 5,598,490</u>

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

REVENUES	General	High School Roof Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Member town assessments	\$ 15,269,407	\$ -	-	\$ 15,269,407
Member town assessments (Capital)			173,075	173,075
User fees	671,085		468,511	1,139,596
Intergovernmental:				
State Aid-foundation	2,756,975		-	2,756,975
State Aid-transportation	332,427		-	332,427
State Aid-school construction reimbursement	881,812		-	881,812
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	103,928		-	103,928
State Aid-circuit breaker	-		429,423	429,423
Other state and federal grants	1,694,414		1,656,759	3,351,173
Departmental Receipts	15,526		76,651	92,177
Contributions and donations	-		2,128	2,128
Investment income	20,957	-	332	21,289
TOTAL REVENUES	21,746,531	-	2,806,879	24,553,410
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	4,802,474		630,215	5,432,689

EXPENDITURES	General	High School Roof Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Special Education	1,844,234		907,327	2,751,561
Vocational	439,599		76,508	516,107
Other	70,232		25,479	95,711
Support Services:				
Pupil	1,769,455		166,090	1,935,545
Instructional	393,396		153,802	547,198
Administration	1,721,246		16,686	1,737,932
Business	70,460		-	70,460
Building and grounds	1,613,475	881	222,935	1,837,291
Transportation	1,246,197		24,938	1,271,135
Food	47,000		323,525	370,525
Community services	-		170,857	170,857
Pension benefits	1,947,850		-	1,947,850
Employee benefits	2,490,751		-	2,490,751
Property and liability insurance	265,552		-	265,552
State Assessment				
Charter school	950,231		-	950,231
Capital Outlay	544,196		32,780	576,976
Debt service-principal	665,000		-	665,000
Debt service-interest	63,425		-	63,425
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,944,773	881	2,751,142	23,696,796

	General	High School Roof Repair	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	801,758	(881)	55,737	856,614
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Premium from issuance of Bonds \$ Notes	-	501	-	501
Transfers In	-	\$0	532,718	532,718
Transfers out	(532,718)	- 0	-	(532,718)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(532,718)	\$501	532,718	501
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	269,040	(380)	588,455	857,115
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	1,305,055	305,878	1,025,453	2,636,386
FUND BALANCE, End of year	<u>\$ 1,574,095</u>	<u>\$ 305,498</u>	<u>\$ 1,613,908</u>	<u>\$ 3,493,501</u>

REPORT OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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

Dear D'Andrea:

The year 2015 has been a great year at the Chilmark School! Our school community began with 50 students in four classrooms; a K/1 class, a 2/3 class and two 4/5 classes (based on current projections the 4/5 will return to one class next year.)

New faculty members this year include: Mark Ragusa, music teacher, Caroline Fenske, 4/5 teaching assistant, Jessica Whiteley, reading teacher, and Jed Katch, enrichment teacher. These new positions will help us reach the needs of all students.

An all-school morning circle starts our day as a community. We often have several parents participating with us each morning. During this time we celebrate birthdays, have a thought for the day, pledge the flag, sing a song, share news, and end with a symphonic musical selection from the "MusicWorks! Everyday program developed by the Cape Cod Symphony.

Our school continues to focus on project-based learning. Project based learning is "a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an engaging and complex question, problem or challenge". An example of this at the Chilmark School would be the 2/3's investigation of whaling. They began the year learning about whalers, and whales ships in social studies. Their reading lessons also utilized books about whaling. Students researched why whales were hunted, so they could understand the resources that the whales provided. They built a town that would have existed in early whaling times and each student was a proprietor of a shop in town. Field trips were taken. For example they visited a whaling museum, and participated in a whale watch. These types of activities keep students actively engaged in learning when immersed in a specific topic. They ended the unit by making whales to scale, so that replicas could fit in the classroom.

Chilmark School has many Whole School Events involving the entire school community. These activities allow students to get to know, and work cooperatively with children of different ages and abilities. Whole School Events as well as the multi-age classroom model allows for maximum differentiation of curriculum, as well as helping students develop leadership skills. Teachers within each multi age classroom encourage older students to become role

models and to demonstrate leadership skills. With our proximity to the Chilmark Preschool and their participation in our various Whole School Events, even our kindergarten students can begin to learn leadership skills. Our recess time is also multiage, so students can participate in a variety of activities with students of all ages and abilities.

To promote physical awareness as well as self-regulation, we have continued to embrace mindfulness and yoga instruction. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance. Our hot lunch program continues to grow as we promote island grown foods, and healthy lunches. Outdoor recesses during the day help promote healthy living as well.

Our new math program this year is “Math in Focus Singapore Math”. This is the same program being utilized at the West Tisbury School ensuring continuity to our graduates that move on to 6th grade at West Tisbury School.

The Lucy Calkins Writing Program helps students produce a great product in the area of writing. This year teachers continue to work together monthly to be sure that students’ compositions are graded similarly, based on required skills and elements.

In the computer lab students utilize various programs to improve their skills on the computer while participating in academic learning. They use “Type to Learn”, for keyboarding skills, “Aleks” and “Dreambox” for math, and “Lexia” for reading. These programs are web based which allows the student to work at their own pace both at school and home. Students also work with the web based Suite developed by Google that incorporates creating documents, spreadsheets, drawing and more.

Many traditions make our school special, starting with the 4/5 outdoor education week of sailing aboard the tall ship Alabama during the first full week of school. Since this trip takes place during the school year, with teachers on board, students complete all of their lessons while on the ship. The 4/5 class sponsors a fundraiser at the end of October. This year we raised funds for the “Recycled Orchestra”. The K/1 and 2/3 classes visit the residents at Windemere once a month. The K/1 students do a short performance for the residents, while the 2/3 students meet with them to share photos of the island. In November, we hold the Turkey Trot, where students “race” a mile down Middle Road. We then return to school for a reading of Stone Soup, and eat Stone Soup for lunch. This year Dr. D’Andrea and Mr. Smith were our distinguished readers! In February the 5th graders visit Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine for our annual ski trip. At the beginning of May we have a May Day Celebration. The 4/5 students perform a May Pole Dance. Afterward they organize games as a Whole School event. At the end of May we travel to Menemsha to listen to “Taps”, played by students, and throw flowers in the water in memory of our veterans. An annual end of year tradition is our 5th grade graduation. A high school senior, who attended the Chilmark School, joins us to read their scholarship-winning essay about their experience here.

All 5th graders share a speech about their time at the school and then we have a Whole School potluck lunch. Our final tradition of the year is a kayak trip for the 3rd and 4th graders. This prepares the students for their adventure on the Alabama in the fall. These traditions foster community involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school.

There are many contributors that support the Chilmark School's success. The staff, a group of talented individuals, works closely to meet the needs of all students. The school PTO and School Advisory Council put in countless hours and are a valuable resource. Chilmark, especially the parent body, makes the school a true community. Volunteers bring their unique experiences and expertise, giving students another perspective. The Up-Island School Committee works to help our school be successful. I would like to thank all those who have contributed and helped the Chilmark School continue to be a place where children come "to live, to love and to learn".

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Stevens
Head of School

Chilmark School Students 2015-2016

Kindergarten

Zeb Athearn
Sam McMullen
Aki Weiner

Arjuna Begle
Emmett Taylor
Seebella Vargas

Malia Bodnar
Leah Thomson
Fletcher Zack

First Grade

Sieun Ahn
Cian Davis
Lathrop Keene

Grazina Biskis
Jean Flanders
Walter Prescott

Hunter Broderick
Grady Keefe
Claus Smith

Second Grade

Elizabeth Chvatal
Hayden Higgins
Charlotte Scott

Katherine Chvatal
Katalena Hume

Laila Fenner
Rodeo Purves-Langer

Third Grade

Axel Abrams
Kestutis Biskis
Peter Miller
Sam Zack

Clara Athearn
Oona Carroll
William Miller

Laina Benoit
Oisin McVey
Yossi Monahan

Fourth Grade

Elliott Berz
Jacob Glasgow
Jack Lionette
Henry Redfield

Christian Carroll
Allie Keefe
Declan McCarthy
Clyde Smith

Cali Giglio
Ella Keene
Gordon Prescott

Fifth Grade

Silas Abrams
William Mayberry
Tristan Scott

Tegan Fenner
Emma Mayhew
Tyler Shipway

Katelyn Goldsmith
Adam Miller
Atlas Zack

Chilmark School Staff 2015-2016

Full Time Staff:

Principal/Head of School

Susan Stevens

Teachers:

K/1

Robin Smith

2/3

Gretchen Snyder

2/3

Jennifer Passafiume

4/5

Jackie Guzalak

Educational support Professionals:

K/1

Eleanor Neubert

2/3

Celeste Drouin

2/3

Doug Pease

4/5

Jessica Whiteley

Enrichment/SPED

Jed Katch

Head Custodian:

Lisa Nichols

Part Time Staff:

School Secretary (85%)

Mary Ambulos

Specialists:

Special Education (80%)

Jill Rosenkranz

Music (20%)

Mark Ragusa

Reading (30%)

Liz Bradley

Instrumental Music (10%)

Ruth Scudere-Chapman

Physical Education (20%)

Channon Capra

Art (20%)

Kathleen Cameron

Guidance Counselor (20%)

Joan Rice

Computer coordinator (30%)

Rebecca Barca-Tinnus

School Nurse (20%)

Janice Brown

Reading (30%)

Jessica Whiteley

ELL (30%)

Barbara Reynolds

Yoga (20%)

Jen DeLorenzo

REPORT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Matt D'Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent, Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
RR 2, Box 261
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Matthew D'Andrea:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar 2015 at the West Tisbury School. In it, I highlight significant aspects of the year, as well as staffing changes. In sum, we continue to build upon the excellence that has been characteristic of the West Tisbury School and for which it is well known and widely admired. This year, as ever, we have followed Ben Franklin's guidance, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

We have seen an increase in student enrollment this past year. Our current student enrollment is 327 with the following class size breakdown:

Kindergartens ~ 19 and 20

First Grades ~ 20 and 20

Second Grades ~ 20 and 22

Third Grades ~ 14 and 15

Fourth Grades ~ 16 and 18

Fifth Grades ~ 19 and 20

Sixth Grades ~ 15, 15 and 16

Seventh Grade ~ 20

Eighth Grade ~ 38 students configured differently in various courses

New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Kristen Parece, Luke Bettencourt, Justin Kane, Ellen Rossi, Gus Hayes, Sylvie Dole, Christina Lucini, and Graham Houghton. Judy Boykin-McCarthy, the upper level guidance counselor, retired this year. We thank her for her many years of service and dedication to the West Tisbury School and its community.

We have built on the changes initiated last year including continuing to refine the implementation of our math program that uses the Singapore approach. Dr. Yeap Ban Har, a leading scholar in this approach, led a workshop for our math teachers over the summer as part of our professional development series to strengthen our knowledge and delivery of this approach. Initial student learning results are quite positive with several areas showing a marked improvement.

New this year, we began an intervention and enrichment reading block in the first and second grade. All students work in small groups for a half of an hour daily for targeted reading instruction that aligns precisely with their current

reading level. Professional development training and materials for this program were funded through several grants we received.

Additional grant support and donations allowed us to continue our yoga program in every grade in the school, install interactive whiteboards in the third, fifth, and upper level science classrooms, and continue to run a homework support club for students in third through fifth grade. We were also able to begin a technology enrichment club. Students in this club were able to learn code writing and game development and submitted their 3D simulation game “School House Chop” into a game building competition where they were acknowledged for being the youngest team members to enter the competition. Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council grants allowed us to partner with Drum Workshop for first grade drumming and the Museum of Science for a StarLab Planetarium visit to the island. It also allowed us to have seventh grade students participate in a whale watch.

Several small grants also allowed us to purchase a replica human torso for life science study in the seventh grade, offer a build your own computer kits for technology enrichment, obtain Engineering is Elementary study kits for magnets and alarm circuits, build up the sixth grade classroom reading library, offer a robotics enrichment course, start up a student store, and purchase a document camera for math intervention to partner with the Martha’s Vineyard Museum to allow student access to primary sources and as well as to participate in a variety of innovative learning experiences across several grade levels.

The staff and students are learning feeling words are part of the RULER approach curriculum, a new approach to social and emotional learning developed at Yale University. By building students’ emotional literacy skills and knowledge and understanding of a variety of feelings and emotions, students improve learning, decision making, creativity, relationships, and overall social health.

With a new state assessment system now being developed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in collaboration with the Partnership for Assessment and Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) program, we continue to shift our state testing. This year, we administered PARCC assessments in English language arts and mathematics and MCAS in science. We will continue this same assessment pattern in Spring 2016. We learned a great deal from our students’ initial interactions with this computer-based test, and are encouraged by the scores, especially considering all the unknowns of administering a new and different platform test.

Our School Advisory Council made great progress on our goals to expand enrichment opportunities in math and English language arts. They also played an essential role in many of the aforementioned initiatives. Additionally, their partnership with the Parent Teacher Organization in making a new playground a reality is commendable. With the support of the town at annual town

meeting, the new playground will be installed this upcoming summer. Along with measuring progress on our current goals, the council is steadily and carefully developing goals for next year. The new plan will be complete and presented to the UIRSD School Committee in January.

As always, the support of community members is paramount in the success of our school. I thank them all for their unstinting support of the West Tisbury School and its mission of “providing a solid academic foundation to inspire a love of learning for the sake of learning, to foster an understanding of basic human values with a working knowledge of the rights and responsibilities associated with those values, and to promote independent thinking through cooperative and inclusive learning while maintaining the unique values of our diverse, rural island community.” I am eager to continue this successful collaboration with educators, parents, volunteers, community members, organizations, and business partners, to ensure the advancement of our school and the achievements and success of all our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt
Principal

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

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February 1, 2016

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, 2015.

Statement of Net Position
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer

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

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

	Government Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,605,365
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>290,265</u>
Total current assets	1,895,630
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,599,231</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>3,494,861</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Warrants Payable	385,610
Accrued payroll	538,959
Other Liabilities	17,738
Compensated absences	7,980
Long-term bonds and notes payable	<u>150,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>1,100,287</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Compensated absences	71,824
Net OPED obligation	3,704,421
Net Pension Liability	1,034,486
Long-term bonds and notes payable	<u>900,000</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>5,710,731</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>6,811,018</u></u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of Resources Related to Pension	9,676
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	-
Restricted for:	
School Choice	234,910
Other specific purposes	34,429
Unrestricted	<u>(3,595,172)</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ (3,325,833)</u></u>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENT FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

ASSETS	General	School Choice	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,598,302	\$ -	7,063	\$ 1,605,365
Restricted Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	211,457	78,808	290,265
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,598,302</u>	<u>211,457</u>	<u>85,871</u>	<u>1,895,630</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES:				
Warrants Payable	369,018	-	16,592	385,610
Accrued payroll	562,412	(23,453)	-	538,959
Other liabilities	17,378	-	-	17,378
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>949,168</u>	<u>(23,453)</u>	<u>16,592</u>	<u>942,307</u>
 FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted	-	234,910	212,794	447,704
Committed	367,747	-	34,850	402,597
Assigned	14,254	-	-	14,254
Unassigned	267,133	-	(178,365)	88,768
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>649,134</u>	<u>234,910</u>	<u>69,279</u>	<u>953,323</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,598,302</u>	<u>\$ 211,457</u>	<u>\$ 85,871</u>	<u>\$ 1,895,630</u>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

REVENUES	General	School Choice	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Member town assessments	\$ 9,767,870	-	-	\$ 9,767,870
Charges for Services	-	-	95,947	95,947
Intergovernmental				-
State aid-foundation	812,797	-	-	812,797
State aid-transportation	189,339	-	-	189,339
State aid - charter school assessment reimbursement	103,289	-	-	103,289
Federal aid - impact aid	22,232	-	-	22,232
Other state and federal grants	681,461	315,995	207,259	1,204,715
Department and other	5,518	-	48,486	54,004
Contributions and donations	-	-	2,000	2,000
Investment Income	8,469	-	-	8,469
TOTAL REVENUES	11,590,975	315,995	353,692	12,260,662
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,787,955	250,000	-	3,037,955

	General	School Choice	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Special Education	1,519,025	-	52,801	1,571,826
Other	67,569	-	2,000	69,569
Support Services:				
Pupil	814,258	-	-	814,258
Instructional	207,002	-	32,125	239,127
Administrative	1,172,924	-	-	1,172,924
Business	61,957	-	-	61,957
Building and grounds	750,187	-	250,700	1,000,887
Transportation	273,642	-	-	273,642
Food	103,567	-	103,495	207,062
Rent	194,750	-	-	194,750
Pension benefits	824,506	-	-	824,506
Employee Benefits	1,327,685	-	-	1,327,685
Property and liability insurance	127,319	-	-	127,319
State Assessments:				
Charter School	830,881	-	-	830,881
School Choice	113,764	-	-	113,764
Debt Service - principal	150,000	-	-	150,000
Debt Service - interest	24,563	-	-	24,563
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,351,554	250,000	441,121	12,042,675
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	239,421	65,995	(87,429)	217,987

	General	School Choice	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	14,857	-	130,000	144,857
Transfers out	(130,000)	-	(14,857)	(44,857)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(115,143)	- 0	115,143	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	124,278	65,995	27,714	217,987
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year	524,856	168,915	41,565	735,336
FUND BALANCE, End of year	\$ 649,134	\$234,910	\$ 69,279	\$ 953,323

REPORT OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

Introduction to the School

<i>Name of School : Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School</i>			
Type of Charter	Commonwealth	Location	West Tisbury
Regional or Non-Regional	Regional	Districts in Region	5
Year Opened	1996	Year(s) Renewed	2001, 2006, 2011
Maximum Enrollment	180	Current Enrollment	180
Chartered Grade Span	K-12	Students on Waitlist	30
# of Instructional Days during the 2013-2014 school year	180	Current Grade Span	K- 12
School Hours	8:15 - 3:15	Age of School	19
Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School to create a public school that will cultivate lifelong learners in a multi-aged, project-based setting. Within an environment that models interdependence as the foundation of society: the <i>individual</i> student will learn to direct his/her own learning, the <i>group</i> will make decisions together and recognize the unique contributions of each member, the <i>community</i> will support and interact with the school body.			

School Performance and Program Implementation

"It is the mission of the MVPCS to create a public school that will cultivate lifelong learners in a multi-aged, project based setting....Education is most meaningful when the student is invested in the studies by choice. The curriculum evolves out of student needs and student choice in conjunction with the MA Curriculum Frameworks.... At the core of the MVPCS' educational program is the belief that self-directed learning is the deepest learning. The educational program of the MVPCS is designed to empower students to learn how to direct their own learning while sharing in the community's resources. An environment of mutual respect is fostered where success is applauded and mistakes can be made during the daily learning process." MVPCS Charter

Faithfulness to Charter

MISSION AND KEY DESIGN ELEMENTS

Community interaction and service:

All high school students (9 - 12) are required to actively participate in community service projects. This year's activities included: attended and reported back from "The Peoples' Climate March" (New York City, 9/14); conducted Teen Art Workshop (Featherstone, MV, 4/15); taught year - long gymnastics classes for young children (The Yard); and built fishing vessel – scow – with local boat builder.

Student-driven curriculum:

Independent study projects designed by students and supervised by teachers ranged from: studying anatomy and physiology, including making a life-sized display; creating an app; building an aircraft carrier model and model airplane complete with camera.

Real projects from meaningful practical themes:

Students in first and second grades showcased a family tradition in a school-wide exhibition. Third and fourth graders wrote biographies about individuals of their choice, including; Susan Butcher, Emily Dickinson, Ben Franklin, and Justin Morgan.

After studying the Renaissance period, the middle school students celebrated with an all school fair where they offered the era's food and presented a Renaissance dance in historically accurate dress.

Authentic assessment:

MVPCS continues to use its internal assessment tool to carefully monitor the progress of our students. The school also uses the Charter Learner Tool to gauge students' progress in areas related to our Charter – democratic community member, self directed learner, complex thinker, project-based learner, and interdependent worker.

Collaborative teaching and learning:

Science students in ninth and tenth grade classes created engaging, fun projects with first and second graders. This year, the students designed various activities around the substance oobleck that they all made together. "The Yard", an island contemporary dance non-profit, received a grant that allowed the fifth and sixth grade social studies class to enhance their appreciation and understanding of African culture by learning Ghanaian folk dances that they then shared in an all school presentation.

Democratic governance:

Each grade is represented in the school's Community Congress run by students with guidance by a faculty member. The kindergarten, first and second grades are represented by high school students. Older students assist and mentor younger students in the governing process. Issues in the school are discussed and then decided by consensus.

Multiage grouping:

High school students designed various curriculum-based activities, including games, for lower grade students under guidance of the school math coordinator. At the end of the year, an "Egg Drop" was conducted, using a local utility truck, so students could drop their designed egg holders to determine the best designed cushion for securely encasing their egg. In the fall, an all school Writing Day was held with multi-age student grouping to collaborate on diverse writing projects. Each morning before classes begin, the entire school community gathers to discuss upcoming events, students' announcements, birthdays, presentations, and every Friday the music teacher leads the group in a selected song.

Parent, student, and teacher partnerships (PEP - Personal Education Plan):

PEPS continue to allow students, should they choose, to design their own programs and create meaningful partnerships between parents, teachers, and the community.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

No amendments to the Charter were made during the 2014-2015 school year.

DISSEMINATION EFFORTS

- Our librarian, nurse, ELL Coordinator, special education administrator, literacy coordinator, and Spanish teacher meet regularly with their in district colleagues to collaborate, brainstorm and plan.
- Our students exhibit their work at the Martha's Vineyard Museum and perform at the Martha's Vineyard Playhouse.
- Our students and teachers closely work with the Farm to School movement on the Island by visiting local farms, participating in local gleaning efforts, and visited urban farms in and around New York City. One of our teachers attended a national conference on the Locally Grown Initiative in Austin, Texas.
- High school students worked with local food advocate, Noli Taylor, to write a bill that was passed in the Massachusetts House of Representatives supporting the local farm to school movement
- One of our students, in collaboration with her science and social studies teachers, was influential in advocating for the creation of Farm Day at the Massachusetts State House.
- The school's Literacy Coordinator writes a monthly article on literacy for the local newspaper.
- Fifteen of our high school students and two educators traveled to the city of Castellon de la Plana, Spain to participate in an exchange program.
- Our middle and high school robotic team members shared their work at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.
- Grade 5 & 6 students assisted in the running of the island Energy Carnival at a local elementary school attended by 500 in district students and 50 teachers.
- High school students present and discuss their portfolio work with outside experts.
- The school's 2014 summer school was located at the local West Tisbury Library.

Academic Program Success

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- A. The link to the Report Card for the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School published by the DESE is below:
<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/reportcard/rc.aspx?linkid=37&orgcode=04660550&fycode=2014&orgtypecode=6>
- B. The school uses a variety of assessments to monitor student progress and understanding. Running records, the school's internal assessment tool, teacher and textbook generated assessments, portfolios, Study Island, Lexia, writing prompt and rubrics, pre- and post- tests, capstone projects, exhibitions, STAR Math, Renaissance Math, DRA, and teacher/student conferences are used throughout the school to assess student work. MCAS and PARCC results are analyzed by the appropriate teachers looking for common areas that need our attention. Classroom instruction and curriculum revision work are informed by all assessment analysis. Each student in grades 3-8 are assessed using

GRADE twice a year (October and May). The scores from October, 2014 indicated improved scores as the students move through the school. The present 5th grade has a total test percentile of 56%, grade 6 has a total test percentile of 68%, grade 7 has a total test percentile of 79%, and grade 8 has a total test percentile of 81%. The range of improvement is 56% in grade 5 to 81% in grade 8.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

A math coordinator position was added to provide additional support to the lower grades. The school continued to use a “push-in” model for support personnel to work with students in the classroom setting. The Child Study protocol implemented during the 2013-2014 school year has aided in assessing and addressing the needs of diverse learners throughout the school. Some students had one on one support with several reading specialists. We had a team of licensed Direct Service personnel to coordinate the instructional strategies for students on Individual Education Plans and 504s.

Organizational Viability

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Board of Trustees

President: Nelia Decker

Administration

Director: Robert Moore

Assistant to the Director: Marie Larsen

Special Needs Administrator: Robert Louzan

Business Manager: Seth Mosler

Guidance Administrator: Claudia Ewing

Front Office Manager: Alex Taylor

School Adjustment Counselor: Hope Tripp

Administrative Assistant: Amanda Adams

Technology Coordinator: Mario Lopez

Faculty

Teacher / Advisors

Literacy Coordinator

Other Lead Teachers

Librarian

Technology Integration

Learning Facilitators

Teacher Assistants

Other Staff

Service Personnel

TEACHER EVALUATION

MVPCS uses the Massachusetts Model System of Educator Evaluation. A retired educator was hired to help with the evaluation process.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. Unaudited FY 2015 statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets (income statement)

Please see Attachment A

B. FY 2015 statement of net assets (balance sheet)

Please see Attachment B

C. FY 2015 approved school budget

Please see Attachment C

D. Capital Plan for FY16

Our capital plan continues to be acquiring our existing school building and the surrounding land which we have occupied since 1996. It meets the requirements of our growing academic needs and has the potential for growth.

Appendix A

Accountability Performance for 2014-2015

Faithfulness to Charter

ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES

	2014-2015 Performance (Met/Partially Met/Not Met)	Evidence
Objective: The school is faithful to the mission, vision and educational philosophy defined in the charter application and any subsequent approved amendments.		
Measure: Every classroom will thoroughly explore, in developmentally appropriate ways, the definition and meaning of each right and pillar during the first month of school.	Met	<i>Every advisory explore the pillars during the first month using discussion, role-playing, read aloud, etc.</i>
Measure: The rights and pillars will be posted in every classroom.	Met	<i>The rights and pillars are posted in every classroom.</i>
Measure: In school and out of school suspensions will be less than ten per year as a result of students' understandings of their rights and responsibilities.	Met	<i>There were no suspensions during the school year.</i>
Objective: The school establishes an academic program that includes the pedagogical approach, curriculum, assessment, and other unique elements defined in the charter application and any subsequent approved amendments.		
Measure: Ninety percent of the students exhibit their work according to the exhibition criteria.	Met	<i>Ninety-five percent of students exhibited their work according to exhibition criteria.</i>
Measure: Data from the "Charter Learner Assessment Tool" indicate that more than 75% of students at the end of their two-year-cycle in a particular classroom have achieved Apprentice or Practitioner levels in each of the categories (self-directed, interdependent, complex thinker, project-based and democratic community member.)	Met	<i>75% of students at the end of their two year cycle in a particular classroom achieved Apprentice or Practitioner levels in each of the categories on the Charter Learner Assessment Tool.</i>

Academic Program Success

ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES

	2014-2015 Performance (Met/Partially Met/Not Met)	Evidence
Objective: Students at the school demonstrate proficiency, or progress toward meeting proficiency targets on state standards, as measured by the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams in all subject areas and at all grade levels tested for accountability purposes		
Measure: The school shows an annual increase in the CPI in ELA and mathematics in the aggregate and for all statistically significant subgroups.	Not Met	<i>The CPI for ELA in 2013 was 93.8 and in 2014 it was 92.2. The CPI for mathematics in 2014 was 83.7 and in 2013 it was 85.8.</i>
Objective: The school achieves and maintains a median student growth percentile (SGP) of 40 or higher in the aggregate and for all statistically significant sub-groups in all subject areas tested for accountability purposes.		

Measure: Each year, the median student growth percentile is 40 or higher in the aggregate and in all statistically significant sub-groups in all subject areas tested for accountability purposes.	Met	<i>The median student growth in 2012 was 60.5 in ELA and 62.5 in Mathematics.</i>
Objective: Each year, the school makes cumulative PPI greater than 75%.		
Measure: Each year, the school makes a cumulative PPI greater than 75%.	Not Met	<i>The school's cumulative PPI was 71% in 2014.</i>
Objective: Student performance is strong and demonstrates improvement as indicated by the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School's Internal Assessment Instrument in the curricular areas of Math and English Arts.		
Measure: A minimum of 80% of students reach Apprentice or Practitioner levels in math and English language arts as indicated by the Internal Assessment Instrument at the end of their two year cycle in a classroom (Grades 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.)	Met in all grades in ELA; Not Met in Math	<i>A minimum of 80% of students in English Internal Assessments and 74% in Math Internal Assessments reached Apprentice or Practitioner levels. Not all Math data was available.</i>

Organizational Viability

ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES

	2014-2015 Performance (Met/Partially Met/Not Met)	Evidence
Objective: The school develops an annual budget that can be sustained by enrollment and is in support of student academic achievement.		
Measure: The school's annual budget is sustained by its enrollment.	Met	<i>The annual budget is developed to ensure that the school's programs are fully funded to meet our educational goals. The fiscal 2015 budget reflected the student enrollment of 177</i>
Objective: The school demonstrates a history of positive net assets, adequate cash flow to sustain operations and support the academic program, and consistently operates within budget		

Measure: Each year, the school demonstrates a history of positive net assets, adequate cash flow to sustain operations and support the academic program, and consistently operates within budget.	Met	<i>The 2015 fiscal year ended with a deficit of about 1.2%. The approved budget for 2016 continues to fund the school's academic and physical space needs and it is anticipated that 2016 will be a year of adequate cash flow and a stable reserve account.</i>
Objective: The school's annual independent audit is free of material or repeated findings.		
Measure: There is an absence of material or repeated audit findings in annual audits by qualified independent auditor.	Met	<i>The school has undergone a full annual audit from Powers and Sullivan, Certified Public Accountants of Woburn MA, every year since 1996 and has had a clean audit report every year with no material or repeated findings. The Fiscal 2015 audit is scheduled for Sept. 8, 2015 and will be submitted to the State on time.</i>
Objective: The school implements the student recruitment, retention, and enrollment process intended in the charter, in the school's recruitment and retention plans, and as defined by statute and regulations.		
Measure: Each year, student applications to available openings average a 2:1 ratio.	Met	<i>The school has met the measure as the school had 60 applicants and 30 openings.</i>
Measure: The five-year average of the annual student retention rate in Kindergarten through Grade 7 and in Grades 9 through 11 exceeds 90%.	Met	<i>The school has exceeded a 90% average retention rate over five years. The school continues to meet that goal with 3 students in grades Kindergarten through 7 and in grades 9-11 leaving at the end of the school year.</i>

Appendix B Recruitment and Retention Plan

Recruitment and Retention Plan 2015-2016

Recruitment Plan 2015 – 2016

School Name: Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School

Date: June 24, 2015

Summary of the Implementation of the 2014-2015 Retention Plan

A variety of recruitment strategies were implemented during the school year. Special Education staff attended the Enrollment Open House. Special Education teachers were available to meet with prospective families. The school's ELL Coordinator attended the annual Enrollment Open House. A special education PAC meeting was held during the Open House to inform visitors about the special education program. We maintain a special education section on our website and a special education staff member attends every event.

The Application for Enrollment, a school brochure and other enrollment documents were translated into the dominant second language on Martha's Vineyard, which is Portuguese. The ELL coordinator was available to meet with prospective families when they visited the school.

Prominent members of the Brazilian community on Martha's Vineyard posted the school's enrollment brochure on their Facebook pages. The school's brochure was also posted on community bulletin boards and at other public places. Administrators reached out to all pre-schools including low income pre-schools to inform parents about the school. The school director met with Brazilian church leaders and congregations to answer questions about the school.

Administrators made phone calls to guidance counselors from sending districts in January to remind them about our open house and to invite them to send students and their families to the open house. A letter from the Director was mailed home to all families in the sending district describing the school's program and the fact that it is open to all students.

Recruitment activities are continuous throughout the year. Beginning in September, the school advertises weekly "Visiting Days" in the local newspapers and in posters that are posted on community bulletin boards and at the many preschools on the island. These Visiting Days occur whenever interested families ask for them. When families visit the school, they have a tour of the school and they meet with the Director and other administrators who describe the school's history, program and educational philosophy. Families are encouraged to ask questions and to contact the school with additional questions and to visit a classroom for a more extended time, if desired.

The school advertises the Open House in the local papers and community bulletin boards and at the pre-schools throughout the island. The Open House takes place during the last week in January. At the Open House, prospective families meet the grade level teachers and visit the classrooms to learn about the educational program available at the school.

The school is hosting garden days during the school year. The community is invited to come and help out in our garden and learn more about the school in the process. The community will also be invited to our project period exhibitions, which are held twice a year.

Throughout the year, articles about the school are written in the local papers. These articles serve to familiarize the wider island community with the accomplishments and activities that occur at the MVPCS.

As per the CHART data, several of the school's subgroups fall below the comparison index. MVPCS is committed to closing this gap with a variety of enhanced strategies listed below.

Recruitment Plan –Strategies	
List strategies for recruitment activities for each demographic group.	
Demographic Group	Strategies
Special Education students	<p><i>Goal: To increase enrollment of Special Education students.</i></p> <p>Have school Special Education staff attend the Enrollment Open House.</p> <p>Parent representatives from the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) attend the annual Enrollment Open House.</p> <p>Provide all applicants with special education in charter schools Right to Attend document.</p> <p>Make sure Special Education staff are available to meet with families during school tours.</p> <p>Administrators will build up participation of parents in the PAC by hosting beginning of the year activities.</p> <p><i>Enhanced strategies:</i></p> <p>Maintain a Special Education section on our website.</p> <p>The school recently expanded its Special Education department and a Special Education staff member will be present at all special events and functions at the school.</p> <p>Work with the regional school district to obtain accurate lists of all students and their addresses for mailings.</p>

Limited English-proficient students	<p>The school's ELL Coordinator will attend the annual Enrollment Open House.</p> <p>Translate the Application for Enrollment and other enrollment documents into the dominant second language on Martha's Vineyard, which is Portuguese.</p> <p>Make sure the ELL coordinator is available to meet with families during school tours.</p> <p>Distribute translated notices of the Open House and Visiting Days.</p> <p><i>Enhanced strategies:</i></p> <p>Host a Brazilian culture day at the school</p> <p>Host a community dinner at the school featuring Brazilian food.</p> <p>Provide information to local church congregations.</p>
Students eligible for free or reduced lunch	<p>Make enrollment information accessible in public places such as food pantries, churches and libraries.</p> <p>Reach out to low income pre-schools to inform parents about the school.</p> <p><i>Enhanced strategies:</i></p> <p>Continue to make the application for free/reduced lunch easily accessible to all families by having it available on the school's website, mailed in the summer mailing, and reminding families, through the weekly director's bulletin, that the application is available.</p>
Students who are sub-proficient	<p>Contact all guidance counselors from sending districts in January, prior to the Open House to suggest that they invite families of students who are sub proficient to the Open House.</p> <p>Mail a letter home to families in the sending district that describes that the school is public and open to all on a first come first serve basis, allowing for district cap restrictions.</p>
Students at risk of dropping out of school	<p>Meet with guidance counselors from the sending district High School to identify particular students who might benefit from our school and contact those families that are suggested.</p>
Students who have dropped out of school	<p>Contact Department of Children and Families, parole officers and the YMCA to connect with youth who have dropped out of school. Distribute information about the high school program to the leaders in those organizations.</p>
Other subgroups of students who should be targeted to eliminate the achievement gap	<p>Contact and distribute information about the MVPCS and enrollment information to the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah.</p>

Recruitment Plan 2014 – 2015

Summary of retention strategies from 2013-2014 Retention Plan

Implementation Summary:

The Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School is committed to retaining students and families. A number of structures are in place to help achieve that goal. The academic program is designed to be both challenging and meaningful. Innovative and unique educational activities are included in the curriculum such as an artists-in-residence program for kindergarten through grade eight students and a mentorship program in the high school. Support personnel are numerous throughout the building. The low student / teacher ratio ensures that each student is cared for and that no student is neglected. Every student has an advisor, who is a teacher who meets with him or her regularly throughout the school year to refine and define that student's academic and non-academic goals. The advisor, parent and student meet regularly.

Overall Student Retention Goal	
Annual goal for student retention (percentage):	95%

The school's attrition rate is equal to or above the third quartile of comparison schools. We are a K-12 school and many of our eighth graders leave us for the Regional high school. This is mainly due to sports; we are too small to have our own teams and our students cannot play for the Regional district. If we did not include these eighth grade students, we believe MVPCS would be in line with comparable schools in our district. That being said, we are forming many club sports teams to entice many of these students to stay, but it remains a difficult challenge.

Retention Plan –Strategies List strategies for retention activities for each demographic group.	
Demographic Group	Strategies
Special Education students	The school will provide a variety of supports for all students, including students with Special Needs. These supports will include: teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the Special Education Administrator and families with students with special needs; support personnel will be present in every classroom throughout the school; homework club will take place at least two times per week for Grades 3-8; teachers will regularly participate in Child Study meetings to discuss particular students' needs and next steps.

Limited English-proficient students	The school will provide a variety of supports for all students, including limited English-proficient students. These supports will include: teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the ELL Coordinator and families; support personnel will be present in every classroom throughout the school; teachers will receive ELL training; homework club will take place at least two times per week for Grades 5-12; teachers will regularly participate in Child Study meetings to discuss particular students' needs and next steps.
Students eligible for free or reduced lunch	The school will provide a variety of supports for all students, including students eligible for free or reduced lunch. These supports will include: teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the administrator in charge of the free/reduced lunch program and the families; support personnel will be present in every classroom throughout the school; free homework club will take place at least two times per week for Grades 5-12; other free after school activities will take place during the school year.
Students who are sub-proficient	The school will provide a variety of supports for all students, including students who are sub-proficient. These supports will include: teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the Director and the Special Education teachers and families with students who are sub-proficient; Response to Intervention program will continue to be implemented in the lower grades along with differentiation of instruction throughout the school; support personnel will be present in every classroom throughout the school; homework club will take place at least two times per week for Grades 5-12; teachers will regularly participate in Child Study meetings to discuss particular students' needs and next steps.
Students at risk of dropping out of school	The school will provide a variety of supports for all students, including students who are at risk for dropping out. These supports will include teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the Director and the Director of Special Education (if applicable) and families with students who are at risk for dropping out. The school will continue to differentiate instruction. Teachers will regularly participate in Child Study meetings to discuss particular students' needs and next steps.

Students who have dropped out of school	The school did not have any students enrolled in this sub-group during the 2014-15 school year. Supports will include teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the Director and the Special Education Administrator (if applicable) and families; and differentiation of instruction. Teachers will regularly participate in Child Study meetings to discuss particular students' needs and next steps.
Other subgroups of students who should be targeted to eliminate the achievement gap	Supports will include teacher/advisors for each student; home/school connection between the Director and the Special Education Administrator (if applicable) and families; and differentiation of instruction. Teachers will regularly participate in Child Study meetings to discuss particular students' needs and next steps.

CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE CRITERIA RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONAL VIABILITY

Complaints

There were no complaints received during the 2014-2015 school year.

Budget and Finance Reports

Unaudited FY 2015 statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets (income statement)

Please see Attachment A

FY 2015 statement of net assets (balance sheet)

Please see Attachment B

FY 2016 approved school budget

Please see Attachment C

FY2016 Capital Plan

Our capital plan is to acquire our existing school building and surrounding land which we have occupied since 1996. It is a 12,000 square foot building located on 6 acres in the town of West Tisbury, MA. It meets requirements for our expanding academic programs and has room for growth if needed.

The current owner has now projected the land and building to be for sale at a cost of \$1,400,000 in June of 2016. Our goal is to purchase it for cash, thus eliminating our annual rent payments of \$ 180,000. This savings will allow us to maintain and possibly increase our educational programs in the arts and technology and retain and hire qualified teachers and staff.

Our current Capital Project Reserve account is \$ 900,000. We hope to add to the reserve through fundraising to reach our goal.

Additional Information

APPENDIX C: SCHOOL AND STUDENT DATA TABLES

Student demographic information can be found on the Department's website using MVPCS's profile. Below is the link to the MVPCS's profile on the Department's website.

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/profiles/student.aspx?orgcode=04660550&orgtypecode=6&>

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC AND SUBGROUP INFORMATION		
Race/Ethnicity	# of students	% of entire student body
African-American	14	08%
Asian	5	3%
Hispanic	10	6%
Native American	6	4%
White	142	79%
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	2	1%
Multi-race, non-Hispanic	*12	7%
Special education	38	21%
Limited English proficient	12	7%
Low income	45	25%

*Twelve of our students identified themselves through more than one category.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROSTER FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR			
Name, Title	Brief Job Description	Start date	End date (if no longer employed at the school)
Robert Moore, Director	Responsible for the overall administrative and educational management of the school and effectively supporting staff in implementing the charter in a legally and programmatically responsible manner within broad policy guidelines and plans adopted by the MVPCS Board of Trustees, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.	July 1, 1998	
Marie Larsen Assistant to the Director	Responsible for assisting the Director with the overall administrative and educational management of the school, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.	July 1, 2014	
Robert Louzan, Special Education	Responsible for working with the Director and Assistant	September 1, 2012	

Administrator	Director to ensure that the school is in compliance with all Special Education Laws and regulations, and NCLB and 504 requirements.		
Seth Mosler, Business Manager	Responsible for the overall financial management of the school in compliance with Charter School Office financial policies and MA General Laws.	July 1, 1996	

TEACHERS AND STAFF ATTRITION FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR			
	Number as of the last day of the 2014-2015 school year	Departures during the 2014-2015 school year	Departures at the end of the school year
Teachers	34	0	3
Other Staff	15	0	3

In addition to completing this table, please provide a summary of the reasons for teacher and staff departures:

Two assistant teachers left at the end of the school year to pursue lead teaching positions. Two direct service personnel left at the end of the school year to pursue work off-island. One teacher/advisor left to pursue a alternated kind of teaching position. The food service manager resigned to move off island.

BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR				
Name	Position on the Board	Committee affiliation(s)	Number of terms served	Length of each term (including date of election and expiration)
Nelia Decker	President	Graduation	1	7/1/15-6/30/18
Steve Nierenberg	Vice President	Teaching and Learning	1	7/1/2014-6/30/17
Rubin Cronig	Treasurer	Finance	2	7/1/10-6/30/13 7/1/13-6/30/16
Laura Hearn			2	7/1/14-6/30/2017
Dan Seklecki			2	7/1/15-6/30/18
Linda Hughes	Secretary	Trusteeship	1	7/1/11-6/30/14 7/1/14-6/30/17
Joan Richards			1	7/1/13-6/30/16
Beth O'Connor			1	7/1/15-6/30/18

APPENDIX D: ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION

Key Leadership Changes

Please make sure your district/school profile and directory administration is up-to-date with the correct names and contact information for key leaders. Please ask your school's directory administrator (see

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/info services/data/diradmin/list.aspx>)

to update this data in Directory Administration and please input any changes in this survey for the key positions listed below (and simply input "NA" if there is no change).

Your directory administrator can contact Lee DeLorenzo at ldelorenzo@doe.mass.edu or 781-338-3227 for assistance.

Position	Name
Board of Trustees Chairperson	Nelia Decker
Charter School Leader	NA
Assistant Charter School Leader	NA
Special Education Director	Robert Louzan
MCAS Test Coordinator	NA
SIMS Coordinator	NA
English Language Learner Director	NA

Enrollment

Action	Date(s)
Student Application Deadline	February 6
Lottery	February 7

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Voters and Taxpayers:

Collected

Fiscal 2016 Real Estate	\$6,736,281.53
Fiscal 2015 Real Estate	7,516,691.63
All Other Years Real Estate	39,233.00
Fiscal 2016 Personal Property	443.35
Fiscal 2015 Personal Property	190,775.68
All Other Years Personal Property	2,688.67
2015 Motor Vehicle Excise	524,537.41
All Other Years Motor Vehicle Excise	33,894.04
 TOTAL	 \$15,044,545.31

Respectfully submitted,

Brent B. Taylor
Tax 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, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and Appropriations for the period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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, 2015
- 2) Activity including receipts and expenditures of all other town funds for the year ended June 30, 2015
- 3) Payments to Vendors in excess of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015
- 4) Wages Paid to Employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015
- 5) Appropriation Analysis for fiscal year 2015
- 6) Combined Balance Sheet showing all funds as of June 30, 2015
- 7) Report of Balance Sheet accounts for all funds as of June 30, 2015
- 8) Schedule of Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2015
- 9) Summary of Appropriation Accounts for the period July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

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, 2014 - June 30, 2015

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
REVENUE			
Tax Revenue			
Real Estate Tax	13,491,679.59	13,323,495.33	(168,184.26)
Personal Property Tax	189,037.08	201,312.37	12,275.29
Tax Liens Redeemed	46,705.97	0.00	(46,705.97)
Vessel Excise	98.89	0.00	(98.89)
Penalties & Interest	119,307.54	60,000.00	(59,307.54)
Motor Vehicle Excise	510,403.07	500,000.00	(10,403.07)
In Lieu of Taxes	1,028.60	1,000.00	(28.60)
Sub-total : Tax Revenue	14,358,260.74	14,085,807.70	(272,453.04)
Fines & Forfeits			
Fines & Forfeits	4,127.92	3,000.00	(1,127.92)
Sub-total : Fines & Forfeits	4,127.92	3,000.00	(1,127.92)
Departmental Revenues			
Other Dept Revenue	251,653.07	237,000.00	(14,653.07)
Park & Recreation	72,443.00	74,000.00	1,557.00
Inspections	60,830.00	65,000.00	4,170.00
Rentals	48,721.08	45,000.00	(3,721.08)
Sub-total : Departmental Revenues	433,647.15	421,000.00	(12,647.15)
Licenses & Permits			
Licenses	14,292.50	13,700.00	(592.50)
Permits	73,786.05	71,300.00	(2,486.05)
Sub-total : Licenses & Permits	88,078.55	85,000.00	(3,078.55)
State Revenue			
Cherry Sheet	926,253.00	925,714.00	(539.00)
School Construction Reimbursement	236,920.00	236,920.00	0.00
CMVI	1,832.50	0.00	(1,832.50)
Miscellaneous	408.00	0.00	(408.00)
Veterans Benefits	66.00	0.00	(66.00)
Sub-total : State Revenue	1,165,479.50	1,162,634.00	(2,845.50)
Intermunicipal Revenue			
Council on Aging	145,189.71	138,000.00	(7,189.71)
Sub-total : Intermunicipal Revenue	145,189.71	138,000.00	(7,189.71)
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	25,478.42	2,000.00	(23,478.42)
Sub-total : Miscellaneous	25,478.42	2,000.00	(23,478.42)
Investment			
Investment	6,065.38	6,000.00	(65.38)
Sub-total : Investment	6,065.38	6,000.00	(65.38)
Transfers In			
From Capital Projects	8,200.00	0.00	(8,200.00)
From Trust Funds	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
Sub-total : Transfers In	22,700.00	14,500.00	(8,200.00)
Total : REVENUE	16,241,346.62	15,917,941.70	(331,085.67)

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
EXPENDITURES			
FY 2014 Appropriations/Budget			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	242.00	370.00	128.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	829.00	970.00	141.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	10,000.00	11,050.00	1,050.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	143,073.05	143,073.05	0.00
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	8,118.57	14,500.00	6,381.43
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	918.88	2,516.85	1,597.97
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	1,174.38	2,225.00	1,050.62
132-5700 Reserve Fund	0.00	23,294.88	23,294.88
133-5300 Annual Audit	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	86,337.43	86,337.43	0.00
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,284.36	1,520.00	235.64
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	127,608.06	131,141.10	3,533.04
141-5305 Assessors Legal	525.00	30,000.00	29,475.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	26,036.46	30,375.00	4,338.54
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	76,642.80	80,224.61	3,581.81
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	4,211.89	4,720.00	508.11
146-5110 Collector Salaries	81,841.56	81,841.56	0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses	16,911.03	21,685.00	4,773.97
151-5305 Legal	20,868.19	60,000.00	39,131.81
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	8,819.34	10,017.72	1,198.38
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	508.25	800.00	291.75
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	67,340.32	71,520.00	4,179.68
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	4,714.34	10,750.00	6,035.66
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	0.00	150.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	50,020.65	50,020.65	0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,603.90	1,655.00	51.10
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	1,367.00	2,300.00	933.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	250.00	0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	567.14	900.00	332.86
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	43,930.58	43,935.35	4.77
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	1,152.69	3,350.00	2,197.31
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	40,955.22	44,927.63	3,972.41
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	1,778.33	6,245.00	4,466.67
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	44,622.87	44,626.32	3.45
176-5305 ZBA Legal	1,303.50	4,000.00	2,696.50
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	2,718.81	3,725.00	1,006.19
177-5600 MV Commission	138,250.00	138,250.00	0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	5,864.44	8,742.00	2,877.56
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	237.50	1,000.00	762.50
179-5305 AHC Legal	1,830.75	3,000.00	1,169.25
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	80,545.95	80,550.00	4.05
193-5700 Property Insurance	94,905.12	94,905.12	0.00
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	0.00	250.00	250.00
Sub-total : General Government	1,235,009.36	1,386,814.27	151,804.91

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	952,394.89	964,706.99	12,312.10
210-5700 Police Expenses	124,664.83	127,130.00	2,465.17
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	105,500.00	134,000.00	28,500.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	177,309.38	186,600.00	9,290.62
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	197,508.73	197,508.73	0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	104,888.16	115,549.85	10,661.69
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	10,089.16	10,555.00	465.84
291-5120 Emer Mgmt Pers Serv	8,107.00	9,000.00	893.00
291-5700 Emergency Managment	4,380.11	5,970.00	1,589.89
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	58,291.07	62,177.07	3,886.00
292-5700 ACO Expenses	7,264.10	9,400.00	2,135.90
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Expenses	176.00	1,200.00	1,024.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	3,965.68	10,000.00	6,034.32
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	0.00	800.00	800.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
298-5120 Shellfish Dept Pers Serv	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Dept Expenses	3,115.16	3,650.00	534.84
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Public Safety	1,801,154.27	1,883,147.64	81,993.37
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	6,368,210.12	6,368,210.12	0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,522,665.41	2,522,665.41	0.00
Sub-total : Education	8,890,875.53	8,890,875.53	0.00
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Serv	19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	98,086.80	100,802.42	2,715.62
422-5700 Highway Expenses	62,983.82	63,000.00	16.18
423-5700 Snow & Ice	134,602.82	40,000.00	(94,602.82)
424-5700 Street Lights	2,553.12	7,900.00	5,346.88
Sub-total : Public Works	317,726.56	231,202.42	(86,524.14)
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	0.00	50.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	23,195.14	46,000.00	22,804.86
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	2,236.96	3,400.00	1,163.04
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	111,859.04	111,859.07	0.03
Sub-total : Sanitation	137,291.14	161,309.07	24,017.93
Health & Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,216.76	2,500.00	283.24
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	10,447.99	17,900.00	7,452.01
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	83,097.38	83,097.38	0.00
510-5700 BOH Expenses	7,609.59	8,445.00	835.41
522-5700 Health Services	12,696.25	17,636.00	4,939.75
540-5700 MV Center for Living	43,739.24	43,739.24	0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	233,218.94	234,021.96	803.02
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	13,077.35	18,150.00	5,072.65
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Sub-total : Health & Human Services	409,103.50	432,489.58	23,386.08

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	376,037.88	376,037.88	0.00
610-5700 Library Expenses	217,167.93	218,600.00	1,432.07
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	664.00	830.00	166.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	19,283.10	20,232.72	949.62
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,245.06	1,450.00	204.94
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	71,827.53	75,252.07	3,424.54
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	9,940.83	12,325.00	2,384.17
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	6,423.04	9,914.48	3,491.44
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	8,738.45	8,750.00	11.55
650-5700 Town Grounds	3,479.50	7,250.00	3,770.50
691-5700 Historical Commission	0.00	350.00	350.00
690-5700 Historic District	256.05	500.00	243.95
692-5600 MV Cultural Council	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : Culture & Recreation	717,063.37	733,492.15	16,428.78
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	824,000.00	824,000.00	0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	262,026.76	264,426.75	2,399.99
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Sub-total : Debt Service	1,086,026.76	1,089,676.75	3,649.99
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	341,840.00	341,840.00	0.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	7,644.31	8,000.00	355.69
913-5170 Unemployment	3,978.00	4,400.00	422.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	605,490.37	637,000.00	31,509.63
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,144.16	2,200.00	55.84
916-5170 Employers Medicare	36,678.71	36,700.00	21.29
945-5740 Public Official Liability	13,777.00	14,950.00	1,173.00
Sub-total : Benefits	1,011,552.55	1,045,090.00	33,537.45
Cherry Sheet Assessments			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,167.00	3,167.00	0.00
821-5600 State-RTA	111,898.00	111,898.00	0.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	4,180.00	4,180.00	0.00
830-5600 County Assessment	64,577.77	66,260.00	1,682.23
Sub-total : Cherry Sheet Assessments	183,822.77	185,505.00	1,682.23
FY2015 Warrant Articles			
ATM2014 Term Employees Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM2014 Assessors Revaluation	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	18,000.00	20,000.00	2,000.00
ATM2014 DCRHA FY 2015	38,593.00	38,593.00	0.00
ATM2014 Fire Stabilization Fund	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
ATM2014 School Comm Adult Ed	13,482.00	13,482.00	0.00
ATM2014 State Rd Crosswalk	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ATM2014 County Health Access	31,342.00	31,342.00	0.00
ATM 2015 LC Beach Boardwalk	24,375.09	24,500.00	124.91
ATM2015 TH Bathrooms	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
ATM2015 Howes House Repairs	0.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
ATM2015 Transfer to WTAHTF	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2014 Warrant Articles	230,792.09	283,917.00	53,124.91
Total : FY 2015 Appropriations/Budget	16,020,417.90	16,323,519.41	303,101.51

	Actual	Revised Budget	Under (Over) Budget
PRIOR YEAR CARRIED FORWARD			
FY2014 Encumbrances			
Cemetery Mapping	746.24	827.54	81.30
Police Equipment	6,662.80	6,662.80	0.00
Fire Dept Maintenance	14,350.00	14,350.00	0.00
Assessors Printer Duplex	179.00	179.00	0.00
Computer Upgrades	2,995.00	2,995.00	0.00
Highway Equipment	4,007.29	4,007.29	0.00
EMD Laptop and Printer	1,840.00	1,840.00	0.00
BOH Landfill Maintenance	1,005.00	1,005.00	0.00
Sub-total : FY2014 Encumbrances	31,785.33	31,866.63	81.30
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2013 4 Police Vehicle	0.00	90.47	90.47
ATM2013 4 Fire Station 1 Generator	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
ATM2013 5 School Admin Bldg	31,976.00	31,976.00	0.00
ATM2013 9 Library from Dog Funds	2,897.19	2,897.19	0.00
ATM2013 18 Assessors Reval	1,376.88	24,000.00	22,623.12
ATM2014 16 Watershed Study	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
ATM2014 17 Courthouse Rd Bldg	6,366.13	10,000.00	3,633.87
ATM2014 37 Library Construction	7,362.63	18,390.00	11,027.37
ATM 2012 Fire Truck Acquisition	57.25	5,844.79	5,787.54
ATM 2013 Mill Brook Watershed	14,649.28	15,030.00	380.72
ATM 2012 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM2011 21 Triennial Revauation	17,236.62	17,236.62	0.00
STM 11-15-11 Greenlands	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ATM2012 Road Reconstruction	0.00	65,430.03	65,430.03
ATM 4-2010 Facilities Manager	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
ATM 4-2010 Hydrant Maintenance	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Hall Renovation	0.00	23,974.54	23,974.54
ATM 2010 HH/Library Well	0.00	531.74	531.74
ATM 2010 Police Tactical	0.00	33.39	33.39
ATM 2010 Microfiche Project	0.00	228.42	228.42
ATM 2010 Town Building Inspections	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ATM 4-10-07 Estuary Study Yr 3	5,589.31	5,589.31	0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	111,511.29	317,252.50	205,741.21
Total : PRIOR YEAR			
CARRIED FORWARD	143,296.62	349,119.13	205,822.51
Total : EXPENDITURES	16,163,714.52	16,672,638.54	508,924.02

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
Other Fund Activity (Non-General Fund)
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Island Drug Task Force (Forfeitures)	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	15,168.03
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(7,705.45)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	7,462.58
Emergency Management Grant	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	1,771.23
FY 2015 Transfer to General Fund	(1,771.23)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00
Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	34,531.92
FY 2015 Receipts	36,887.61
FY 2015 Expenditures	(33,371.11)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	38,048.42
MV Fire Training Council	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	9,738.00
FY 2015 Receipts	12,000.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(13,413.45)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	8,324.55
Winter Relief Highway	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	(7,213.81)
FY 2015 Receipts	12,370.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(17,526.19)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	(12,370.00)
MEMA (FEMA) Snow Emergency	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(20,045.63)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	(20,045.63)
MHA Safety Grant	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	(199.90)
FY 2015 Receipts	199.90
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Refuse District Revolving Fund

7/01/14 Opening Balance	8,574.00
FY 2015 Receipts	95,872.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(104,446.00)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

State Aid, Elderly Persons

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	5,352.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(5,352.00)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Green Community Grant

7/01/14 Opening Balance	34,707.50
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	34,707.50

Library MVCC Grant

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	1,240.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(1,240.00)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Library Toubador Grant

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	1,025.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	1,025.00

Library, County Dog Funds

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	2,917.13
FY 2015 Transfer to General Fund	<u>(2,917.13)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

State Aid to Libraries

7/01/14 Opening Balance	11,116.95
FY 2015 Receipts	6,744.15
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(1,900.59)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	15,960.51

State Library LSTA Grant

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	10,350.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(7,621.97)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	2,728.03

State Library LEED Grant	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	100,000.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	100,000.00
Library, Beagary (Morse Memorial) Grant	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	4,468.00
FY 2015 Receipts	7,500.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(7,218.00)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	4,750.00
Library, Comcast Technology Grant	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	1,476.27
FY 2015 Receipts	5,000.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(382.41)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	6,093.86
Library, Friends WTFPL Grant	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	14,100.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	14,100.00
BOH Health Services	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	1,406.50
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	1,406.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	44,910.65
FY 2015 Receipts	3,600.00
FY 2015 Transfer from General Fund	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	48,510.65
Wetlands Protection	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	26,952.86
FY 2015 Receipts	3,144.50
FY 2015 Expenditures	(1,074.65)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	29,022.71
Septic System Repairs	
7/01/14 Opening Balance	81,737.80
FY 2015 Receipts	3,545.04
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	85,282.84

Insurance Proceeds

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	8,292.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(8,292.00)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Wetlands By-Law Fees

7/01/14 Opening Balance	25.00
FY 2015 Receipts	475.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	500.00

Gifts

7/01/14 Opening Balance	17,941.54
FY 2015 Receipts	27,765.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(23,582.08)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	22,124.46

Gifts/Library Expansion

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	124,536.71
FY 2015 Expenditures	(124,536.71)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Community Preservation Fund

7/01/14 Opening Balance	1,070,006.48
FY 2015 Receipts/Surcharge	362,350.73
FY 2015 Receipts/State Match	174,047.00
FY 2015 Receipts/Penalties & Interest	1,445.76
FY 2015 Receipts/Investment	6,007.99
FY 2015 Receipts/Tax Liens Redeemed	1,277.02
FY 2015 Receipts/Tax Liens Pen & Int	417.87
FY 2015 Expenditures	(425,920.35)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	1,189,632.50

CAPITAL PROJECT**Police Station Construction**

7/01/14 Opening Balance	15,433.75
FY 2015 Bond Proceeds	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(7,753.00)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	7,680.75

Library Building Project

7/01/14 Opening Balance	12,657.50
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(4,457.50)
Transfer Balance to Gen Fund	(8,200.00)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care

7/01/14 Opening Balance	54,990.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	54,990.00

F.E. Mayhew

7/01/14 Opening Balance	1,000.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	1,000.00

W.J. Rotch

7/01/14 Opening Balance	4,000.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	4,000.00

J.C. Martin

7/01/14 Opening Balance	200.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	200.00

P. Hancock

7/01/14 Opening Balance	5,343.45
6/30/15 Closing Balance	5,343.45

EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Perpetual Care

7/01/14 Opening Balance	4,369.59
FY 2015 Interest Earned	583.82
FY 2015 Expenditures	(980.00)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	3,973.41

F.E. Mayhew

7/01/14 Opening Balance	142.94
FY 2015 Interest Earned	3.65
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	146.59

W.J. Rotch

7/01/14 Opening Balance	562.33
FY 2015 Interest Earned	9.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	571.33

J.C. Martin

7/01/14 Opening Balance	73.21
FY 2015 Interest Earned	0.68
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	73.89

P. Hancock

7/01/14 Opening Balance	1,909.51
FY 2015 Interest Earned	18.13
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	1,927.64

Library Gift Fund

7/01/14 Opening Balance	1,251.52
FY 2015 Additions	2,821.29
FY 2015 Expenditures	(1,449.65)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	2,623.16

Conservation Fund

7/01/14 Opening Balance	62,395.81
FY 2015 Interest Earned	158.67
6/30/15 Closing Balance	62,554.48

Affordable Housing Trust Fund

7/01/14 Opening Balance	141,431.41
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Interest Earned	358.24
FY 2015 Transfer from General Fund	20,000.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	(4,730.75)
6/30/15 Closing Balance	157,058.90

Stabilization Fund

7/01/14 Opening Balance	492,409.80
FY 2015 Interest Earned	3,227.35
FY 2015 Transfer from General Fund	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	495,637.15

Stabilization Fund-Ambulance

7/01/14 Opening Balance	53,927.68
FY 2015 Interest Earned	533.04
FY 2015 Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	54,460.72

Stabilization Fund-Fire Equip

7/01/14 Opening Balance	71,875.96
FY 2015 Interest Earned	650.16
FY 2015 Transfer From General Fund	70,000.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	142,526.12

Separation Benefits Reserve

7/01/14 Opening Balance	15,034.28
FY 2015 Interest Earned	136.91
FY 2015 Transfer From General Fund	15,000.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	30,171.19

Stabilization Fund-Building Maintenance

7/01/14 Opening Balance	25,007.19
FY 2015 Interest Earned	156.51
FY 2015 Transfer to General Fund	<u>(14,500.00)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	10,663.70

AGENCY FUNDS**Retiree & Firefighters Benefits Contribution**

7/01/14 Opening Balance	230.90
FY 2015 Receipts	3,527.28
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(3,527.28)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	230.90

Due to County--Dog Tax

7/01/14 Opening Balance	(41.00)
FY 2015 Receipts	41.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Due to Police Special Detail

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	86,584.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(86,584.00)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

Due to Comm. of Mass.(PD Firearm Licenses)

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	2,550.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(2,082.50)</u>
Transfer to General Fund	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	467.50

Due to Comm Of Mass F&W (Town Clerk)

7/01/14 Opening Balance	32.50
FY 2015 Receipts	4,341.75
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(4,493.25)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	(119.00)

Consultants, Chap. 44, Sect. 53G

7/01/14 Opening Balance	21,326.59
FY 2015 Interest	23.61
FY 2015 Receipts	4,814.96
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(19,186.77)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	6,978.39

Misc Escrow

7/01/14 Opening Balance	25,022.58
FY 2015 Interest	62.59
FY 2015 Receipts	0.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	0.00
6/30/15 Closing Balance	<u>25,085.17</u>

Due to Collector's MLC Fees

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	3,250.00
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(3,250.00)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

WT School Share of Solar Project

7/01/14 Opening Balance	0.00
FY 2015 Receipts	3,693.07
FY 2015 Expenditures	<u>(3,693.07)</u>
6/30/15 Closing Balance	0.00

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
PAYMENTS TO VENDORS (OVER \$2,000)
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

VENDORS

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Up-Island Regional School District	6,368,210.12	Educomp Inc.	51,244.43
M.V. Regional High School District	2,554,641.41	NStar/Eversource	49,640.24
Edgartown National Bank	1,500,382.08	Baker & Taylor	48,889.81
US Bank	1,059,338.76	David A Merry & Sons Inc.	46,220.00
Cape Cod Municipal Health Group	655,509.76	MV Center For Living	43,739.24
Dukes County Contributory Retirement	641,817.27	Patriot Properties Inc	40,768.75
EFTPS (Federal Withholding)	362,270.95	M.V. Shellfish Group	36,000.00
M.V. Refuse District	238,665.18	Reynolds Rappaport & Kaplan	35,996.39
Island Housing Trust Corp	232,268.86	M. V Law Enforcement Council	27,011.97
Town of Chilmark	197,588.73	Amazon	26,887.76
M.V. Insurance Agency	168,778.12	Whiting Construction	26,770.00
Great-West Retirement Services	161,449.03	Unibank For Savings	26,100.00
M.V. Commission	138,250.00	L. B. Form Co	25,000.00
Comm of Mass (Withholding)	123,276.13	Mister Boardwalk	24,375.09
Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust	120,000.00	CLAMS Inc.	22,952.41
Dukes County Reg Housing Authority	110,243.00	Cafeteria Plan Advisors Inc.	22,499.92
Builders Systems Inc.	109,013.00	Industrial Protection Services	19,395.08
County of Dukes County	100,468.51	daRosa Corporation	19,360.87
Richard T Olsen & Son Inc.	94,152.72	M.V. Transit Authority	19,297.86
Oakleaf Landscape Inc.	74,864.05	Human Resources Services Inc.	18,000.00
Foggy Bottom Company LLC	56,540.00	Nauset Construction Corp.	15,000.00

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
M.V. Regional High School	13,482.00	Automatice Lawn Sprinklers of M.V. Inc.	8,031.00
R. L. Fullin & Daughters	13,440.00	Beth Kramer (Expense Reimb)	7,973.00
Middletown Nursery	12,862.80	Verizon Wireless	7,969.72
Polly Hill Arboreteum	12,755.68	CAI Technologies	7,950.00
R.M. Packer Co. Inc.	12,409.95	Mid-Island Repair Inc.	7,743.98
ESS Group Inc.	12,275.66	M.V. Times	7,471.50
R E Brown & Company	12,000.00	Billtrust	7,418.51
Goodale Construction Co. Inc.	11,956.65	Land By Hand	6,941.00
Vna/Cape Cod	11,496.25	Witmer Public Safety Group	6,847.99
Lawrence Lynch Corp	11,157.73	Serusa Welding	6,845.50
Jl Maintenance Inc.	11,080.00	Verizon	6,778.94
Accela Inc.	10,776.67	Vision Government Solutions Inc.	6,575.00
Travis T. Thurber D/B/A	10,725.00	Associated Elevator Companies Inc.	6,515.75
Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Inc.	10,001.77	E.C. Cottle Inc.	6,498.63
About Signs & Design	9,717.49	Tea Lane Nursery & Farms Inc.	6,374.00
Hanschka Fine Metalworks	9,700.00	Tom Barlosky Painting & Sanding LLC	6,350.00
M.V. Museum	9,426.27	Vineyard Land Surveying	6,347.50
Comcast Business	9,216.34	Vineyard Gardens Inc.	6,280.00
MSGovern	8,946.00	Demco	6,001.40
Richard M. Hull	8,834.55	LEC Environmental Consultants Inc.	5,674.65
Trippi's Uniforms Inc.	8,571.00	Bardwell Electronics	5,647.50
Fort Dearborn Life	8,463.51	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	5,589.31
Tyler Technologies Inc.	8,370.20	Steamship Authority	5,392.50
MIA Property & Casualty Group Inc.	8,208.31	Servpro	5,329.66
AP Fortes Plumbing & Heating Inc.	8,185.00	Reserve Account (Postage)	5,300.00
Comcast	8,152.92	Overdrive Inc.	5,249.55
Linda Carnegie	8,100.00	EBSCO	5,229.72

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Cellebrite USA Inc.	5,185.00	Sullivan Tire Co.	3,027.68
Haynes Plumbing & Caretaking Inc.	5,081.67	Katherine Frantz And Heidi Frantz-Dale	3,000.00
Buddy's Auto & Truck Repair	4,829.03	M. C. Clements Tree Service	3,000.00
Stop & Shop	4,800.00	American Heritage Life	2,949.96
Vineyard Propane & Oil	4,764.47	W B Mason Co Inc.	2,927.14
LHS Associates Inc	4,738.21	Roundabout LLC	2,895.75
MV Crack Sealing	4,500.00	NCPERS Group Life Ins.	2,880.00
Vineyard Generator LLC	4,395.72	Boston Mutual Life Ins Co-Partic	2,863.44
Jurek Brothers Inc.	4,017.00	Joseph K Tierney Jr (Expense Reimbursement)	2,860.40
ATS Equipment Inc.	4,007.29	M. E. O'Brien & Sons Inc.	2,830.00
MA Div of Unemployment Assistance	3,978.00	Gallery System Art Displays Inc.	2,814.25
Office Resources Inc.	3,883.83	MV Home Technologies Inc.	2,772.96
Oudens Ello Architecture LLC	3,802.50	MV Agricultural Society	2,755.54
W S Darley & Co.	3,796.50	Interstate Arms Corp.	2,645.80
Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.	3,783.60	Bruno's Rolloff Inc.	2,625.49
New Horizon Communications	3,731.29	Vineyard Auto Supply	2,588.28
Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Co.	3,706.80	DSC Goods LLC	2,584.09
Bruce K. Stone (Expense Reimbursement)	3,706.37	MV Film Society	2,582.00
J. P. Uranker	3,700.00	Coppola & Coppola	2,559.34
AT&T Mobility	3,605.54	Wex Bank	2,544.18
Thomas H Colligan D/B/A	3,548.14	Dukes County Fire Chiefs Assn.	2,521.60
Maria Mcfarland	3,463.50	Division 10 Specialties Inc.	2,450.00
Cronig's Market	3,450.00	Carol L. Aranzabe	2,400.00
John J. Powers (Expense Reimbursement)	3,297.84	Hi-Way Safety Systems Inc.	2,379.04
Margaret Stone (Expense Reimbursement)	3,244.14	Biodiveristworks	2,373.62
Ralph J. Perry Inc	3,142.85	Electronic Security Systems LLC	2,364.00
Keenan & Kenny Architects LTD	3,075.00	Dukes County Registry of Deeds	2,359.61

Name	Amount
Norfolk Power Equipment	2,324.49
Advanced Lock & Key of M.V.	2,318.00
W H Russell	2,200.00
Vineyard Gazette	2,189.09
Advanced Imaging Technologies Inc.	2,184.08
Tisbury Printer	2,177.73
Alarm New England	2,154.36
MHQ Municipal Vehicles	2,146.00
Emergency Communications Network Inc.	2,144.39
Vanguard ID Systems	2,134.52
Aquinnah Cultural Center	2,131.00
Isotrope	2,053.20
Vineyard Bottled Waters	2,039.07
Aaron D. Araujo	2,000.00
Emergency Services Marketing Corp Inc.	2,000.00
MV Cultural Council	2,000.00
Unibank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc.	2,000.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
EMPLOYEE WAGES
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

Name	Department/Position	Wages	Overtime	Paid Details	Total
Rossi, Daniel	Police	124,290.87	1,393.92	880.00	126,564.79
Gouldrup, Daniel	Police	77,208.53	16,397.76	23,838.00	117,444.29
Mincone, Matthew	Police	98,852.35	13,806.24		112,658.59
Vieira, Garrison	Police	82,764.41	20,229.54	2,464.00	105,457.95
Gebo, Matthew	Police	77,165.48	18,850.67	8,514.00	104,530.15
Rand, Jennifer	Town Administrator	103,487.64			103,487.64
Cortez, Bradley	Police	62,863.96	14,142.69	16,874.00	93,880.65
Manter, Jeffrey	Police	93,169.93			93,169.93
Kramer, Beth	Library	86,460.16	632.45		87,092.61
Stone, Bruce	Town Accountant	85,555.03			85,555.03
Stone, Bruce	Data Processing	1,500.00			1,500.00
De Oliveira, Leomar	Police	74,924.24	10,611.99		85,536.23
Taylor, Brent	Tax Collector	85,091.56			85,091.56
Powers, John	Health Agent	79,983.92			79,983.92
Bowker, Joyce	Council on Aging	79,983.92			79,983.92
Neville, James	Police	69,650.92	6,526.47	1,584.00	77,761.39
Logue, Katherine	Treasurer	75,577.29			75,577.29
Logue, Katherine	Data Processing	2,000.00			2,000.00
Barnes, Dawn	Assessors	70,215.04			70,215.04
Reynolds, Ellen	Council on Aging	66,245.91			66,245.91
Tierney, Joseph	Inspector	64,423.45	445.15		64,868.60
Decker, Cornelia	Library	58,876.40			58,876.40
Oliver, Jesse	Highway	57,235.54	735.77		57,971.31

Name	Department/Position	Wages	Overtime	Paid Details	Total
Oliver, Jesse	Fire	4,357.00			4,357.00
Blair, Hadden	Police	57,527.68			57,527.68
Sprague, Tammis	Assessors	56,809.80			56,809.80
Whiting, Tara	Town Clerk	50,020.65			50,020.65
Larsen, Tanya	Council on Aging	47,714.38			47,714.38
Durawa, Daniel	Police	17,357.92	1,749.30	26,358.00	45,465.22
Harrington, Clare	Board of Appeals	45,245.09			45,245.09
McFarland, Maria	Conservation Com	44,329.84			44,329.84
McFarland, Maria	Personnel Board	7,840.65			7,840.65
Coit, Laura	Library	43,907.03			43,907.03
Jenkinson, Joan	Animal Control	42,355.50	1,180.17		43,535.67
Thors, Pamela	Selectmen Office	40,791.15			40,791.15
Thors, Pamela	Community Preservation	5,999.20			5,999.20
Rossi, Jane	Planning Board	40,661.73			40,661.73
Hoff, Amy	Library	40,609.12			40,609.12
Estrella, Manuel, III	Fire	40,000.00			40,000.00
Kaeka, Dwight, Jr	Highway	39,473.95	207.54		39,681.49
Klebs, Stephen	Library	39,229.41			39,229.41
deBettencourt	Council on Aging	22,567.46			22,567.46
Hall, Maureen	Library	19,284.90			19,284.90
Stone, Margaret	Parks & Recreation	18,959.48			18,959.48
Olsen, Richard	Highway Supervisor	17,000.00			17,000.00
Stone, Barry	Inspector	16,920.00			16,920.00
Tseng, Jennifer	Library	16,905.74			16,905.74
Norton, Ginger	Library	16,823.26			16,823.26
Flanders, Martha	Library	15,175.59			15,175.59
Healy, Allen	Animal Control	14,502.92			14,502.92

Name	Department/Position	Wages	Overtime	Paid Details	Total
Quigley, Ann	Library	14,309.12			14,309.12
Larsen, Olivia	Library	14,018.88			14,018.88
Schroeder, Joseph	Parks & Recreation	12,487.62			12,487.62
Cotnoir, Charles	Council on Aging	11,902.59			11,902.59
Demoe, Diane	Police	5,449.16	0.00	5,456.00	10,905.16
Gervais, Alicia	Library	10,579.98			10,579.98
Ciancio, Michael	Inspector	9,430.00			9,430.00
Harcourt, Maya	Parks & Recreation	8,617.23			8,617.23
Williston, Sarah	Parks & Recreation	8,472.10			8,472.10
Christensen, John	Emergency Management	8,000.00			8,000.00
Neville, Julia	Parks & Recreation	7,190.70			7,190.70
Penicaud, Marie	Parks & Recreation	7,101.42			7,101.42
Pachico, Gregory	Fire	6,905.00			6,905.00
Vergura, Julieanne	Parks & Recreation	6,641.77			6,641.77
Mendenhall, Ernest	Building Inspector	6,462.35			6,462.35
Conley, Rhonda	Afford Housing Com	5,931.27			5,931.27
Schaffner, Brynn	Fire	5,193.00			5,193.00
Knabel, Richard	Selectman	5,000.00			5,000.00
Mitchell, Cynthia	Board of Selectmen	5,000.00			5,000.00
Gale, Raymond	Shellfish Warden	4,950.00			4,950.00
Myers, Travis	Parks & Recreation	4,473.53			4,473.53
Dorr, Katherine	Parks & Recreation	4,334.41			4,334.41
Ferry, Shelby	Parks & Recreation	3,894.74			3,894.74
Schroeder, Michael	Parks & Recreation	3,760.88			3,760.88
Mastromonaco, Kenneth	Fire	3,741.00			3,741.00
Haynes, William	Inspector	3,740.00			3,740.00
Marzbanian, Wendy	Council on Aging	3,509.61			3,509.61

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Position</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Paid Details</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dorr, Alexander	Fire	3,258.00			3,258.00
Hennessey, Robert	Fire	3,100.00			3,100.00
Cotterill, John	Fire	3,050.00			3,050.00
Stone, Brittany	Parks & Recreation	3,032.88			3,032.88
Early, John	Fire	3,000.00			3,000.00
Marzbanian, Peter	Fire	3,000.00			3,000.00
Hull, Richard	Fire	2,900.00			2,900.00
Medeiros, Eric	Fire	2,853.00			2,853.00
Brown, Jeremiah	Tree Warden	2,500.00			2,500.00
Olsen, Keith	Highway Supervisor	2,500.00			2,500.00
Hartenstine, Russell	Fire	2,307.00			2,307.00
Alley, John	Cemetery	2,292.16			2,292.16
Stone, Matthew	Parks & Recreation	2,281.38			2,281.38
Estrella, Manuel	Fire	2,250.00			2,250.00
Cordray, Bruce	Fire	2,200.00			2,200.00
De Geofroy, Louis	Fire	2,200.00			2,200.00
Rivers, Marques	Fire	2,100.00			2,100.00
GordonBeck, Alexander	Parks & Recreation	2,068.82			2,068.82
Branch, James	Fire	2,049.84			2,049.84
West, Christopher	Fire	1,952.00			1,952.00
Barton, Mathew	Library	1,773.48			1,773.48
Schwab, David	Inspector	1,650.00			1,650.00
Bettencourt, Mark	Fire	1,600.00			1,600.00
Broadley, Shawn	Fire	1,547.00			1,547.00
Fontes, Michael	Fire	1,500.00			1,500.00
Shannon, John	Fire	1,400.00			1,400.00
Pate, Peter	Fire	1,350.00			1,350.00

Name	Department/Position	Wages	Overtime	Paid Details	Total
Sudarsky, luke	Fire	1,286.00			1,286.00
DeBlase, Glenn	Fire	1,200.00			1,200.00
Edwards, Kenneth	Fire	1,200.00			1,200.00
Hathaway, Christopher	Fire	1,200.00			1,200.00
Haynes, Bruce	Fire	1,200.00			1,200.00
Lowe, Erik	Fire	1,200.00			1,200.00
Girouard, John	Library	1,168.02			1,168.02
Jones, Virginia	Planning Board	1,150.00			1,150.00
Silva, Susan	Planning Board	1,080.00			1,080.00
Cohen, Richard	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
Colaneri, Michael	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
McFarland, Maria	Board of Assessors	1,000.00			1,000.00
Merry, Mathew	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Phear, Beatrice	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Smith, Leah	Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00
Barnett, Timothy	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Lowe, Erik	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Merry, David	Board of Health	1,000.00			1,000.00
Miner, Lindsay	Finance Committee	889.74			889.74
Post, Michael	Fire	800.00			800.00
Scott, Madeline	Fire	800.00			800.00
Colligan, Thomas	Inspector	770.00			770.00
Edwards, Clay	Fire	700.00			700.00
Uva, Joseph	Fire	700.00			700.00
Townes, Zachary	Police	0.00	0.00	616.00	616.00
Chaves, Jose	Parks & Recreation	615.44			615.44
Thurber-Carbone, Brahmin	Library	597.31			597.31

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Position</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Paid Details</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gatchell, Kyle	Fire	544.00			544.00
Clements, Mark	Fire	500.00			500.00
Patterson, Darby	Parks & Recreation	455.52			455.52
Kaeka, Dwight	Fire	400.00			400.00
Kaeka, Elizabeth	Fire	400.00			400.00
Reinhardsen, Richard	fire	400.00			400.00
White, Granville	Fire	400.00			400.00
Baldwin, Benoit	Parks & Recreation	395.64			395.64
Vanderwekken, Lisa	Parks & Recreation	310.50			310.50
Faraca, Lee	Parks & Recreation	295.74			295.74
Montrowl, Dionis	Elections	292.00			292.00
Gongola, Matthew	Fire	255.00			255.00
Waters, Daniel	Moderator	242.00			242.00
Leland, Gregory	Fire	238.00			238.00
Koohy, Dwayne	Fire	204.00			204.00
Wojtkielo, Nikolaj	Police	202.88			202.88
Amols, Lisa	Parks & Rec Board	166.00			166.00
Bernard, Mark	Parks & Rec Board	166.00			166.00
Hammond, Suzanne	Parks & Rec Board	166.00			166.00
Lowe, Cheryl	Parks & Rec Board	166.00			166.00
Maley, Timothy	Elections	145.00			145.00
Rolston, James	Fire	136.00			136.00
Carroll, Timothy	Fire	102.00			102.00
Tierney, Joseph	Fire	102.00			102.00
Whiting, Tara	Elections	100.00			100.00
Steere, Bonnie	Elections	80.00			80.00
LaRue, Elijah	Parks & Recreation	72.88			72.88

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department/Position</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Paid Details</u>	<u>Total</u>
Barnett, Timothy	Elections	72.00			72.00
Perry, Norman	Elections	72.00			72.00
Scanlan, Thalia	Elections	72.00			72.00
Barnett, Elaine	Elections	64.00			64.00
Colaneri, Karen	Elections	64.00			64.00
Kirby, Bernice	Board of Registrars	50.00			50.00
Peebles, Rufus	Board of Registrars	50.00			50.00
Rezendes, Antone H.	Board of Registrars	50.00			50.00
Jones, Kenneth	Asst Shellfish Warden	50.00			50.00
Powers, Linda	Elections	40.00			40.00
Dreyer, Hilary	Elections	36.00			36.00
Haynes, Janice	Elections	32.00			32.00
Hierta, Ebba	Elections	32.00			32.00
Pace, Elaine	Elections	32.00			32.00

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
APPROPRIATION ANALYSIS FY 2015**

FY 2015 BUDGET	\$	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	\$	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	\$	Revised Total Appropriations	\$	Expenditures/ Charges	\$	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	\$	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
General Government												
114-5110 Moderator Salary		370.00				370.00		242.00				128.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses		970.00				970.00		829.00				141.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries		11,050.00				11,050.00		10,000.00				1,050.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv		143,073.05				143,073.05		143,073.05				0.00
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses		14,500.00				14,500.00		8,118.57				6,381.43
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv		2,516.85				2,516.85		918.88				1,597.97
131-5700 FinCom Expenses		2,225.00				2,225.00		1,174.38				1,050.62
132-5700 Reserve Fund		46,000.00		(22,705.12)		23,294.88						23,294.88
133-5300 Annual Audit		12,000.00				12,000.00		12,000.00				0.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv		86,337.43				86,337.43		86,337.43				0.00
135-5700 Accountant Expenses		1,520.00				1,520.00		1,284.36				235.64
141-5110 Assessors Salaries		3,000.00				3,000.00		3,000.00				0.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv		131,141.10				131,141.10		127,608.06				3,533.04
141-5305 Assessors Legal		30,000.00				30,000.00		525.00				29,475.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses		30,375.00				30,375.00		26,036.46				4,338.54
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries		80,224.61				80,224.61		76,642.80				3,581.81
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses		4,720.00				4,720.00		4,211.89				508.11
146-5110 Collector Salaries		81,841.56				81,841.56		81,841.56				0.00
146-5700 Collector Expenses		19,285.00		2,400.00		21,685.00		16,911.03				4,773.97
151-5300 Legal		60,000.00				60,000.00		20,868.19				39,131.81
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv		10,017.72				10,017.72		8,819.34				1,198.38

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00		800.00	508.25		291.75
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00		0.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	71,520.00		71,520.00	67,340.32	2,375.00	1,804.68
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	10,750.00		10,750.00	4,714.34		6,035.66
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00		150.00	0.00		150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	50,020.65		50,020.65	50,020.65		0.00
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,655.00		1,655.00	1,603.90		51.10
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,300.00		2,300.00	1,367.00		933.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	3,100.00	2,500.00	5,600.00	5,600.00		0.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00		250.00	250.00		0.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	900.00		900.00	567.14		332.86
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	43,935.35		43,935.35	43,930.58		4.77
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00		3,350.00	1,152.69		2,197.31
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	44,927.63		44,927.63	40,955.22		3,972.41
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,245.00		6,245.00	1,778.33		4,466.67
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	44,626.32		44,626.32	44,622.87		3.45
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00		4,000.00	1,303.50		2,696.50
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,725.00		3,725.00	2,718.81		1,006.19
177-5600 MV Commission	138,250.00		138,250.00	138,250.00		0.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	8,742.00		8,742.00	5,864.44		2,877.56
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	237.50		762.50
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,830.75		1,169.25
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	73,050.00	7,500.00	80,550.00	80,545.95		4.05
193-5700 Property Insurance	87,000.00	7,905.12	94,905.12	94,905.12		0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00		0.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00		250.00	0.00		250.00
Sub-total: General Government	1,389,214.27	(2,400.00)	1,386,814.27	1,235,009.36	2,375.00	149,429.91
Public Safety						
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	964,706.99		964,706.99	952,394.89		12,312.10
210-5700 Police Expenses	127,130.00		127,130.00	124,664.83		2,465.17
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	134,000.00		134,000.00	105,500.00		28,500.00
220-5700 Fire Expenses	186,600.00		186,600.00	177,309.38	4,100.00	5,190.62
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	197,508.73		197,508.73	197,508.73		0.00
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	115,549.85		115,549.85	104,888.16		10,661.69
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	10,555.00		10,555.00	10,089.16	412.00	53.84
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	9,000.00		9,000.00	8,107.00		893.00
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	5,970.00		5,970.00	4,380.11		1,589.89
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	62,177.07		62,177.07	58,291.07		3,886.00
292-5700 ACO Expenses	9,400.00		9,400.00	7,264.10		2,135.90
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00		0.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	1,200.00		1,200.00	176.00		1,024.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	10,000.00		10,000.00	3,965.68		6,034.32
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	800.00		800.00	0.00		800.00
297-5700 Insect Pest Control	1,400.00		1,400.00	0.00		1,400.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00		0.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	3,650.00		3,650.00	3,115.16		534.84
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	36,000.00		36,000.00	36,000.00		0.00
Sub-total: Public Safety	1,883,147.64	0.00	1,883,147.64	1,801,154.27	4,512.00	77,481.37
Education						

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	6,368,210.12		6,368,210.12	6,368,210.12		0.00
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,522,665.41		2,522,665.41	2,522,665.41		0.00
Sub-total: Education	8,890,875.53	0.00	8,890,875.53	8,890,875.53	0.00	0.00
Public Works						
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	19,500.00		19,500.00	19,500.00		0.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	100,802.42		100,802.42	98,086.80		2,715.62
422-5700 Highway Expenses	63,000.00		63,000.00	62,983.82		16.18
423-5700 Snow & Ice	40,000.00		40,000.00	134,602.82		(94,602.82)
424-5700 Street Lights	7,900.00		7,900.00	2,553.12		5,346.88
Sub-total: Public Works	231,202.42	0.00	231,202.42	317,726.56	0.00	(86,524.14)
Sanitation						
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00		50.00	0.00		50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	46,000.00		46,000.00	23,195.14		22,804.86
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,400.00		3,400.00	2,236.96		1,163.04
439-5600 MVRDRD Intergov	111,859.07		111,859.07	111,859.04		0.03
Sub-total: Sanitation	161,309.07	0.00	161,309.07	137,291.14	0.00	24,017.93
Human Services						
522-5700 Health Services	17,636.00		17,636.00	12,696.25		4,939.75
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,216.76		283.24
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	17,900.00		17,900.00	10,447.99		7,452.01
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		0.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	83,097.38		83,097.38	83,097.38		0.00
510-5700 BOH Expenses	8,445.00		8,445.00	7,609.59		835.41
540-5700 MV Center for Living	43,739.24		43,739.24	43,739.24		0.00
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	234,021.96		234,021.96	233,218.94		803.02

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
541-5700 Upsland COA Expense	18,150.00		18,150.00	13,077.35	436.64	4,636.01
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00		4,000.00
Sub-total: Human Services	432,489.58	0.00	432,489.58	409,103.50	436.64	22,949.44
Culture & Recreation						
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	376,037.88		376,037.88	376,037.88		0.00
610-5700 Library Expenses	218,600.00		218,600.00	217,167.93		1,432.07
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00		830.00	664.00		166.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	20,232.72		20,232.72	19,283.10		949.62
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00		1,450.00	1,245.06		204.94
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	75,252.07		75,252.07	71,827.53		3,424.54
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	12,325.00		12,325.00	9,940.83		2,384.17
640-5120 Recreation Pers Serv	9,914.48		9,914.48	6,423.04		3,491.44
640-5700 Recreation Expenses	8,750.00		8,750.00	8,738.45		11.55
650-5700 Town Grounds	7,250.00		7,250.00	3,479.50		3,770.50
690-5700 Historic District	500.00		500.00	256.05		243.95
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00		350.00	0.00		350.00
692-5600 Cultural Council	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		0.00
Sub-total: Culture & Recreation	733,492.15	0.00	733,492.15	717,063.37	0.00	16,428.78
Debt Service						
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	824,000.00		824,000.00	824,000.00		0.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	264,426.75		264,426.75	262,026.76		2,399.99
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	1,250.00		1,250.00	0.00		1,250.00
Sub-total: Debt Service	1,089,676.75	0.00	1,089,676.75	1,086,026.76	0.00	3,649.99
Benefits						
911-5170 County Retirement	341,840.00		341,840.00	341,840.00		0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,644.31		355.69
913-5170 Unemployment	2,000.00	2,400.00	4,400.00	3,978.00		422.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	637,000.00		637,000.00	605,490.37		31,509.63
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,144.16		55.84
916-5170 Employers Medicare	36,700.00		36,700.00	36,678.71		21.29
945-5740 Public Official Liability	14,950.00		14,950.00	13,777.00		1,173.00
Sub-total: Benefits	1,042,690.00	2,400.00	1,045,090.00	1,011,552.55	0.00	33,537.45
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	15,854,097.41	0.00	15,854,097.41	15,605,803.04	7,323.64	240,970.73
2015 WARRANT ARTICLES						
ATM 2015 21 LC Beach Boardwalk		24,500.00	24,500.00	24,375.09	124.91	(0.00)
ATM 2015 22 Town Hall Bathrooms		7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00
ATM 2015 24 Howes House Repairs		14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00	14,500.00	0.00
ATM 2015 43 Tranfer to WTAHTF		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00
ATM 2014 7 PB Classification Study	20,000.00		20,000.00	18,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
ATM 2014 8 DCRHA Assessment	38,593.00		38,593.00	38,593.00		0.00
ATM 2014 9 Terminated Employee Reserve	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00
ATM 2014 15 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
ATM 2014 18 Fire Truck Stabilization	70,000.00		70,000.00	70,000.00		0.00
ATM 2014 33 Crosswalk improvement	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
ATM 2014 35 All Island School Comm ACE-MV	13,482.00		13,482.00	13,482.00		0.00
ATM 2014 36 Vineyard Health Access	31,342.00		31,342.00	31,342.00		0.00
TOTAL FY 2015 WARRANT ARTICLES	217,417.00	66,500.00	283,917.00	230,792.09	53,124.91	(0.00)

PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARD

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
Police Equipment	6,662.80		6,662.80	6,662.80		0.00
Fire Dept Bldg Maintenance	14,350.00		14,350.00	14,350.00		0.00
Assessor Printer Duplexer	179.00		179.00	179.00		0.00
Data Processing Upgrades	2,995.00		2,995.00	2,995.00		0.00
Highway Dept Equipment	4,007.29		4,007.29	4,007.29		0.00
Emergency Management Laptop	1,840.00		1,840.00	1,840.00		0.00
BOH Landfill Maintenance	1,005.00		1,005.00	1,005.00		0.00
Cemetery Mapping	827.54		827.54	746.24	81.30	0.00
Sub-total: FY 2014 Encumbrances	31,866.63	0.00	31,866.63	31,785.33	81.30	0.00
Prior Year Warrant Articles						
ATM 2013 Police Vehicle	90.47		90.47	0.00	90.47	0.00
ATM 2013 Fire Station 1 Generator	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00
ATM 2013 School Administration Bldg	31,976.00		31,976.00	31,976.00		0.00
ATM 2013 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	1,376.88	22,623.12	0.00
ATM 2013 Library form Dog Fund	2,897.19		2,897.19	2,897.19		0.00
ATM 2014 Mill Pond Watershed Study	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM 2014 Courthouse Rd Building	10,000.00		10,000.00	6,366.13	3,633.87	0.00
ATM 2014 Library Building Project	18,390.00		18,390.00	7,362.63	11,027.37	0.00
ATM2012 Fire Truck	5,844.79		5,844.79	57.25	5,787.54	0.00
ATM2012 Triennial Revaluation	24,000.00		24,000.00	24,000.00		0.00
ATM2013 Mill Brook Watershed Study	15,030.00		15,030.00	14,649.28	380.72	(0.00)
ATM 2012 Road Reconstruction Balance	65,430.03		65,430.03	0.00	65,430.03	0.00
ATM2011 21 Triennial Revaluation	17,236.62		17,236.62	17,236.62		0.00

	Appropriations/ Balance Forwards as of 07/01/2014	During FY Appropriations/ Transfers/	Revised Total Appropriations	Expenditures/ Charges	Balance Forward 06/30/2015	Closed to Surplus Revenue 06/30/2015
STM 11-15-11 Greenlands Maint	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
ATM 4-2010 Fire Hydrant Maintenance	10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
ATM 4-2010 Facilities Manager	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00		15,000.00
Town Hall Capital Project Balance	23,974.54		23,974.54	0.00	23,974.54	0.00
ATM 4-2010 Howes House/Library Well	531.74		531.74	0.00		531.74
ATM 4-2010 Police Tactical	33.39		33.39	0.00		33.39
ATM 4-2010 Microfiche Project	228.42		228.42	0.00		228.42
ATM 4-2010 Town Building Inspections	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
ATM 4-2007 Estuary Study Year 3	5,589.31		5,589.31	5,589.31		0.00
Sub-total : Prior Year Warrant Articles	317,252.50	0.00	317,252.50	111,511.29	178,947.66	26,793.55
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS	349,119.13	0.00	349,119.13	143,296.62	179,028.96	26,793.55
Other Budget Items						
Debt Service Int Raised on Recap			0.00			0.00
State Cherry Sheet Assessments	185,505.00		185,505.00	183,822.77		1,682.23
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND	16,606,138.54	66,500.00	16,672,638.54	16,163,714.52	239,477.51	269,446.51

Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of 30 June 2015

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	General Long-term Obligations	Totals (Memo Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency		
Assets & Other Debits						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,921,641	1,599,764	7,681	1,062,043		4,591,128
Property Tax Receivable:						
Real Estate	268,439	9,118				277,557
Personal	38,408					38,408
Allowance for A/E	(205,421)					(205,421)
Other Receivables						
Motor Vehicle Excise	191,290					191,290
Boat Excise	2,188					2,188
Tax Liens	76,815	6,997				83,812
Septic Loans		8,641				8,641
Other Assets (Foreclosures)	75,064	258			0	75,322
Bonds Authorized (Memo)						0
Amounts to be provided for retirement of long term obligations						
Total Assets & Other Debits	2,368,423	1,624,779	7,681	1,062,043	9,204,000	9,204,000
Liabilities & Fund Equity					9,204,000	14,266,925
Warrants Payable	176,958	22,500	0	1,483		200,941
Other Liabilities	34,190			32,638		66,828
BAN Payable						0

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	General Long-term Obligations	Totals (Memo Only)
Deferred Revenue						
Property Tax	101,427	9,118				110,545
Motor Vehicle Excise	191,290					191,290
Boat Excise	2,188					2,188
Tax Liens	76,815	6,997				83,812
Foreclosures	75,064	258				75,322
Septic Loans		8,641				8,641
Bonds Authorized and Unissued (Memo)					0	0
Landfill Closure & post closure cost					91,000	91,000
Total Liabilities	657,931	47,514	0	34,121	9,204,000	9,943,566
Fund Balances						
Bonds Authorized-Offset (Memo)						0
Reserved						
Encumbrances & Continuing Articles	247,678	500,954				748,632
Endowments/Non-Expendable				65,533		65,533
Unamortized Bond Premium	27,529					27,529
Unreserved						
Designated	498,000	1,076,310	7,681	466,751		2,048,742
Unprovided Abatement/Exemptions	0	0				0
Appropriation Deficit (Snow & Ice)	(94,603)					(94,603)
Undesignated	1,031,889			495,637		1,527,526
Total Fund Equity	1,710,492	1,577,264	7,681	1,027,922	0	4,323,359
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,368,423	1,624,779	7,681	1,062,043	9,204,000	14,266,925

TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET BY FUND
as of June 2015

GENERAL FUND

Assets/Debit Balances		Liabilities/Fund Equity	
Cash	1,921,640.85	Allowance Abatements & Exemptions	205,421.02
Real Estate Tax Receivables	347,039.98	Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable	115,231.76
Personal Property Tax Receivables	38,408.41	Warrants Payable/Payroll	61,726.34
Deferred Revenue/FY 2016 RE Tax	78,600.86	Unclaimed Checks	34,190.27
Tax Liens	76,814.87	FY 2016 RE Tax Receivable	78,600.86
MVE Tax Receivables	191,289.63	Deferred Revenue/Property Taxes	180,027.37
Vessel Tax Receivables	2,187.57	Deferred Revenue/Tax Liens	76,814.87
Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66	Deferred Revenue/Tax Foreclosures	75,063.66
UFB/Appropriation Deficit (Snow)	94,602.82	Deferred Revenue/MVE	191,289.63
		Deferred Revenue/Vessel Excise	2,187.57
		Fund Balance/Encumbrances	7,404.94
		Fund Balance/Continuing Appropriations	240,272.57
		Fund Balance/Reserved for Expenditure	498,000.00
		Fund Balance/Reserved for	
		Unamort Bond Premium	27,529.00
		Undesignated Fund Balance	1,031,888.79
	<u>2,825,648.65</u>		<u>2,825,648.65</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE		
Cash		4,317.03
CPA Surcharge Receivables	1,599,764.33	18,182.82
CPA Surcharge Tax Liens Receivables	9,118.12	9,118.12
CPA - Tax Foreclosures	6,997.05	6,997.05
Septic Loans Receivable	257.98	257.98
	8,641.30	8,641.30
CPA:		
Warrants Payable/Payroll		500,954.33
Warrants Payable/Accounts Payable		0.00
Deferred Revenue CPA Surcharge		198.57
Deferred Revenue CPA Tax Liens		1,000.00
Deferred Revenue CPA Foreclosures		10,493.06
Deferred Revenue Septic Loans		676,986.54
		7,462.58
Fund Balance/Reserved for Appropriations		0.00
Fund Balance/Encumbrances		38,048.42
Fund Balance/Reserved for Open Space		15,960.51
Fund Balance/Reserved for Housing		2,728.03
Fund Balance/Reserved for Historic Preserv		34,707.50
Fund Balance/Unrestricted		(12,370.00)
Fund Balance/Island DTF Forfeitures		(20,045.63)
Fund Balance/Emergency Management (State)		8,324.55
Fund Balance/MV Cultural Council (State)		1,025.00
Fund Balance/State Aid to Libraries		14,100.00
Fund Balance/Library LSTA (State)		4,750.00
Fund Balance/Green Community Grant (State)		6,093.86
Fund Balance/WRRRP Highway Grant (State)		
Fund Balance/MEMA Snow		
Fund Balance/Other Government		
Fund Balance/MVCC Grant		
Fund Balance/Library Friends Grant		
Fund Balance/Library Morse Mem Grant		
Fund Balance/Comcast Tech Grant		

	Fund Balance/Sale of Cem.Lots	48,510.65
	Fund Balance/Wetlands Protection	29,022.71
	Fund Balance/Septic Sys. Repairs	85,282.84
	Fund Balance/Library LEED Grant	100,000.00
	Fund Balance/Gifts	22,124.46
	Fund Balance/Revolving Fund Refuse Dist	0.00
	Fund Balance/Revolving Fund BOH	1,406.50
	Fund Balance/Revolving Wetland By-Law Fees	500.00
		<u>1,624,778.78</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Cash	Fund Balance/Public Safety Building	7,680.75
		<u>7,680.75</u>

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	Fund Balance/Cemetery Funds	59,990.00
	Fund Balance/Library Funds	5,543.45
		<u>65,533.45</u>

EXPENENDABLE TRUSTS

Cash	Warrants Payable	0.00
	Fund Balance/Stabilization	495,637.15
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Ambulance	54,460.72
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Bldg Maint	10,663.70
	Fund Balance/Stabilization-Fire Department	142,526.12

SCHEDULE OF DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

	Balance 06/30/2014	Issued FY 2015	Retired FY 2015	Balance 06/30/2015	Interest Paid FY 2015
<u>Long Term Debt</u>					
Public Safety Building	150,000.00		150,000.00	0.00	2,183.00
Land Purchase (H.Goethals)	30,000.00		30,000.00	0.00	562.00
Town Hall Renovation	3,500,000.00		235,000.00	3,265,000.00	102,806.26
Field Gallery Property	152,000.00		64,000.00	88,000.00	2,668.00
Library Renovation	2,200,000.00		100,000.00	1,400,000.00	33,275.00
Reconstruction of Roads	2,445,000.00		160,000.00	2,040,000.00	47,282.00
Police Station Construction	0.00		125,000.00	2,320,000.00	72,600.00
Total - Long Term Debt	9,977,000.00	0.00	864,000.00	9,113,000.00	262,026.76
<u>Short Term Debt</u>					
None					
Total - Short Term Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Bonds Authorized and Unissued</u>					
None					

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS
July 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2016 BUDGET			
General Government			
114-5110 Moderator Salary	370.00	185.00	185.00
114-5700 Moderator Expenses	1,170.00	300.00	870.00
122-5110 Selectmen Salaries	15,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
122-5120 Selectmen Pers Serv	154,920.01	71,046.65	83,873.36
122-5700 Selectmen Expenses	13,700.00	3,019.55	10,680.45
131-5120 FinCom Pers Serv	2,683.80	44.39	2,639.41
131-5700 FinCom Expenses	2,225.00	541.60	1,683.40
132-5700 Reserve Fund	46,000.00	0.00	46,000.00
133-5300 Annual Audit	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
135-5120 Accountant Pers Serv	89,771.51	42,739.13	47,032.38
135-5700 Accountant Expenses	1,670.00	259.71	1,410.29
141-5110 Assessors Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
141-5120 Assessors Pers Serv	135,834.81	63,906.26	71,928.55
141-5305 Assessors Legal	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
141-5700 Assessors Expenses	26,950.00	9,447.59	17,502.41
145-5110 Treasurer Salaries	85,309.51	38,794.49	46,515.02
145-5700 Treasurer Expenses	4,720.00	640.60	4,079.40
146-5110 Collector Salaries	86,645.86	43,322.89	43,322.97
146-5700 Collector Expenses	24,160.00	6,083.29	18,076.71
151-5300 Legal	50,000.00	4,976.08	45,023.92
152-5120 Personnel Bd Pers Serv	10,558.38	1,313.71	9,244.67
152-5700 Personnel Bd Expenses	800.00	200.00	600.00
155-5120 Data Proc Pers Serv	3,500.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
155-5700 Data Proc Expenses	75,613.00	38,490.07	37,122.93
158-5305 Tax Foreclosure Legal	7,500.00	600.00	6,900.00
158-5700 Tax Foreclosure	150.00	0.00	150.00
161-5110 Town Clerk Salaries	53,565.90	26,782.99	26,782.91
161-5700 Town Clerk Expenses	1,545.00	336.12	1,208.88
162-5120 Elections Pers Serv	2,131.00	0.00	2,131.00
162-5700 Elections Expenses	6,450.00	237.00	6,213.00
163-5120 Registrars Salaries	250.00	50.00	200.00
163-5700 Registrars Expenses	900.00	0.00	900.00
171-5120 ConCom Pers Serv	45,398.54	20,130.36	25,268.18
171-5700 ConCom Expenses	3,350.00	868.65	2,481.35
175-5110 Planning Bd Salaries	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
175-5120 Planning Bd Pers Serv	48,071.04	20,341.73	27,729.31
175-5700 Planning Bd Expenses	6,245.00	727.10	5,517.90
176-5120 ZBA Pers Serv	55,939.04	23,132.17	32,806.87
176-5305 ZBA Legal	4,000.00	258.00	3,742.00
176-5700 ZBA Expenses	3,725.00	852.15	2,872.85
177-5600 MV Commission	132,716.00	66,358.00	66,358.00
179-5120 AH Com Pers Serv	8,907.00	3,110.04	5,796.96

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
179-5700 AH Com Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
179-5305 AHC Legal	3,000.00	335.88	2,664.12
192-5700 Town Hall Expenses	84,000.00	33,436.74	50,563.26
193-5700 Property Insurance	99,650.00	88,854.76	10,795.24
195-5700 Town Report Expenses	6,100.00	0.00	6,100.00
196-5120 Town Clock Pers Serv	250.00	0.00	250.00
197-5600 DCRHA Administrative	39,406.00	39,406.00	0.00
Sub-total: General Government	1,495,851.40	661,878.70	833,972.70
Public Safety			
210-5120 Police Pers Serv	1,034,788.50	529,755.55	505,032.95
210-5700 Police Expenses	125,645.00	83,495.22	42,149.78
220-5120 Fire Pers Serv	134,000.00	48,649.98	85,350.02
220-5700 Fire Expenses	189,700.00	64,806.41	124,893.59
231-5600 Tri-Town Ambulance	265,062.04	0.00	265,062.04
241-5120 Bldg Inspect Pers Serv	111,251.12	53,114.23	58,136.89
241-5700 Bldg Inspect Expenses	13,095.00	1,671.37	11,423.63
291-5120 Emer Mgt Pers Serv	9,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
291-5700 Emer Mgt Expenses	5,970.00	2,727.72	3,242.28
292-5120 ACO Pers Serv	64,057.05	33,653.62	30,403.43
292-5700 ACO Expenses	9,400.00	2,611.72	6,788.28
294-5110 Tree Warden Salaries	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
294-5120 Tree Warden Pers Serv	704.00	352.00	352.00
294-5700 Tree Warden Expenses	8,500.00	2,496.30	6,003.70
296-5700 Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
298-5120 Shellfish Pers Serv	5,000.00	2,475.00	2,525.00
298-5700 Shellfish Expenses	3,650.00	3,244.17	405.83
299-5700 MV Shellfish Group	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
Sub-total: Public Safety	2,020,322.71	871,803.29	1,148,519.42
Education			
311-5600 Up-Island RSD	6,819,530.78	3,409,765.38	3,409,765.40
313-5600 MVRHS District	2,581,929.86	1,290,964.94	1,290,964.92
Sub-total: Education	9,401,460.64	4,700,730.32	4,700,730.32
Public Works			
421-5120 Super Streets Pers Srv	24,500.00	12,250.00	12,250.00
422-5120 Highway Pers Serv	104,176.85	48,861.51	55,315.34
422-5700 Highway Expenses	63,000.00	16,304.68	46,695.32
423-5700 Snow & Ice	50,000.00	2,433.59	47,566.41
424-5700 Street Lights	2,300.00	874.67	1,425.33
Sub-total: Public Works	243,976.85	80,724.45	163,252.40
Sanitation			
433-5120 Town Landfill Pers Serv	50.00	0.00	50.00
433-5600 Town Landfill Intergov	46,000.00	5,913.42	40,086.58
433-5700 Town Landfill Expenses	3,400.00	607.70	2,792.30
439-5600 MVRDRRD Intergov	111,531.34	55,765.67	55,765.67
Sub-total: Sanitation	160,981.34	62,286.79	98,694.55

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
Human Services			
491-5120 Cemeteries Pers Serv	3,200.00	1,598.48	1,601.52
491-5700 Cemeteries Expenses	16,900.00	7,406.30	9,493.70
510-5110 BOH Salaries	3,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
510-5120 BOH Pers Serv	87,193.96	41,215.73	45,978.23
510-5700 BOH Expenses	9,065.00	1,579.10	7,485.90
522-5700 Health Services	17,636.00	3,344.17	14,291.83
525-5600 Vineyard Health Access	37,747.07	18,873.53	18,873.54
540-5700 Island COA	53,511.11	26,755.56	26,755.55
541-5120 UpIsland COA Per Serv	255,755.60	120,941.19	134,814.41
541-5700 UpIsland COA Expense	19,680.00	10,606.87	9,073.13
543-5700 Veterans Benefits	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Sub-total: Human Services	507,688.74	233,820.93	273,867.81
Culture & Recreation			
610-5120 Library Pers Serv	442,103.55	196,186.67	245,916.88
610-5700 Library Expenses	245,250.00	99,278.00	145,972.00
620-5110 P&R Com Salaries	830.00	332.00	498.00
620-5120 P&R Pers Serv	20,703.36	10,183.71	10,519.65
620-5700 P&R Expenses	1,450.00	666.43	783.57
632-5120 Beaches Pers Serv	79,496.71	68,660.05	10,836.66
632-5700 Beaches Expenses	19,325.00	6,002.92	13,322.08
640-5120 Rec Programs Pers Serv	10,273.68	4,512.83	5,760.85
640-5700 Rec Programs Expenses	8,650.00	2,689.90	5,960.10
650-5700 Town Grounds	7,750.00	1,099.75	6,650.25
690-5700 Historic District	500.00	59.50	440.50
691-5700 Historical Commission	350.00	0.00	350.00
692-5600 Cultural Council	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Sub-total: Culture & Recreation	839,182.30	392,171.76	447,010.54
Debt Service			
710-5910 Principal-Long Term	644,000.00	519,000.00	125,000.00
751-5915 Interest-Long Term	249,101.00	125,292.88	123,808.12
752-7925 Interest-Short Term	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
Sub-total: Debt Service	894,351.00	644,292.88	250,058.12
Benefits			
911-5170 County Retirement	385,607.00	378,544.00	7,063.00
912-5170 Workers Comp Ins	8,800.00	8,844.00	(44.00)
913-5170 Unemployment	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
914-5170 Health Insurance	698,000.00	323,361.24	374,638.76
915-5170 Life Insurance	2,300.00	1,062.44	1,237.56
916-5170 Employers Medicare	39,000.00	20,753.45	18,246.55
945-5740 Public Official Liability	14,700.00	14,191.00	509.00
Sub-total: Benefits	1,151,407.00	746,756.13	404,650.87
TOTAL BUDGET ITEMS	16,715,221.98	8,394,465.25	8,320,756.73

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
FY 2016 STATE CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS			
820-5600 State-Air Pollution	3,158.00	1,580.00	1,578.00
821-5600 State-RTA	114,696.00	57,348.00	57,348.00
824-5600 State Non-Renew MVE	4,180.00	2,092.00	2,088.00
830-5600 County Assessment	65,732.00	32,061.38	33,670.62
TOTAL FY 2016 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS	187,766.00	93,081.38	94,684.62
FY 2016 WARRANT ARTICLES			
ATM2015 Term Emp Reserve	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
ATM2015 Assessors Reval	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM2015 Bldg Main Stab	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
ATM2015 Fire Truck	375,000.00	0.00	375,000.00
ATM2015 Police Vehicle	39,500.00	39,216.53	283.47
ATM2015 Highway Bldg Design	50,000.00	7,133.22	42,866.78
ATM2015 Com Center Upgrade	7,626.66	7,228.33	398.33
ATM2015 School Com Adult Ed	7,490.00	7,490.00	0.00
ATM2015 Dukes Cty ISC Debt	33,667.20	0.00	33,667.20
ATM2015 Dukes Cty Health Aging	11,993.94	11,993.94	0.00
ATM2015 Mill Brook Watershed	6,600.00	2,262.37	4,337.63
ATM2015 Veteran Memorial	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
STM 11-2015 Oakleaf PY Bill	1,741.15	1,741.15	0.00
STM 11-2015 Howes House Repairs	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00
STM 11-2015 Old County RD	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
STM 11-2015 Cemetery Fence Repair	6,000.00		
STM 11-2015 Cemetery Fence Repair	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
TOTAL FY 2016 WARRANT ARTICLES	632,118.95	77,065.54	555,053.41
PRIOR YEAR BALANCE FORWARDS			
FY2015 Encumbrances			
Cemetery Mapping	81.30	0.00	81.30
Datat Processing Educomp	2,375.00	1,906.25	468.75
Fire Dept Singns Uranker	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
Bldg Dept Code Books ICC	412.00	341.00	71.00
COA Windows Marvin	436.64	436.64	0.00
Sub-total: FY2015 Encumbrances	7,404.94	6,783.89	621.05
Prior Year Warrant Articles			
ATM2014 Assessors Revaluation	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
ATM2014 Personnel Comp Study	2,000.00	950.00	1,050.00
ATM2014 State Rd Crosswalk	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
ATM2015 LC Beach Boardwalk	124.91	0.00	124.91
ATM2015 TH Bathrooms	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
ATM2015 Howes House Repairs	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
ATM2013 Police Vehicle	90.47	90.47	0.00
ATM2013 Aseorsors Revaluation	22,623.12	0.00	22,623.12

	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Year To Date	Appropriation Balance
ATM2014 Watershed Study	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
ATM2014 Courthouse Rd Bldg	3,633.87	0.00	3,633.87
ATM2014 Library Construction	11,027.37	0.00	11,027.37
ATM 2012 Fire Truck Acquisition	5,787.54	0.00	5,787.54
ATM 2013 Mill Brook Watershed	380.72	380.72	0.00
STM 11-15-11 Greenlands	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Balance of TH Renovation	23,974.54	0.00	23,974.54
Library Project Balance	8,200.00	0.00	8,200.00
Police Station Balance	7,680.75	0.00	7,680.75
Road Resurfacing ATM 2012	65,430.03	0.00	65,430.03
Sub-total: Prior Year Warrant Articles	217,953.32	30,921.19	187,032.13
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR			
BALANCE FORWARDS	225,358.26	37,705.08	187,653.18

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

JUNE 30, 2015

To the Selectmen and Citizens of West Tisbury:

The Town began the fiscal year with \$9,977,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt, and we retired \$864,000 in principal. So the year ended with \$9,113,000 in outstanding long-term direct debt. In addition, the town shares responsibility for regional debt through entities such as the school and refuse districts. I invite you to review the annual report of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee for a projection of future capital spending, including projected borrowing.

We continued to receive substantial payments on parcels in tax title foreclosure, with a number of taxpayers paying regularly on payment plan agreements. Ten parcels were paid off entirely, none were foreclosed, one was disclaimed, and 12 had new tax liens recorded. So the year began with 12 and ended with 13 parcels with tax liens.

My reports on Receipts and Expenditures and on Assets follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Logue
Treasurer

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT	
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014:	\$4,274,296.44

RECEIPTS:

Total Receipts	\$17,530,947.76
(including taxes, interest and other investment income, bond proceeds, and departmental and miscellaneous receipts)	

EXPENDITURES:

Orders of Selectmen	(\$17,243,173.63)	
Less Voided Checks	\$29,057.90	
Net Expenditures:		((\$17,214,115.73))

BALANCE IN CASH AND INVESTMENT	
ACCOUNTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2015:	\$4,591,128.47

**REPORT OF ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2015**

CASH/CHECKS IN OFFICE: \$255.000

CHECKING ACCOUNT: \$46,567.46

SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS:

Library Postage \$150.63

SUBTOTAL, SAVINGS/NOW ACCOUNTS: \$250.63

MONEY MARKET AND OTHER INVESTMENTS:

Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$159,451.96
Ambulance Stabilization Fund	54,460.72
Bond Proceeds	97,241.48
Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund	10,663.70
Community Preservation Fund	1,188,439.79
Conservation Fund	63,554.48
Escrow Account (Projects)	25,076.15
Fire Equipment Stabilization Fund	142,526.12
Floss E. Mayhew Fund (Cemetery)	1,146.59
ICS Investment	1,240,279.87
Jessie C. Martin Fund (Library)	273.89
Library Gift Fund	9,143.49
M. V. Regional Cultural Council	40,923.22
Perpetual Care (Cemetery)	59,459.15
Priscilla Hancock Fund (Library)	7,271.09
Project Review/53G Account	8,465.23
Stabilization Fund (Undesignated)	495,637.15
Sweep/Investment Money Market	905,298.78
Tax Revenue Lockbox	0.00
Terminated Employees Compensated Absence	30,171.19
William T. Rotch Fund (Cemetery)	4,571.33

SUBTOTAL, INVESTMENTS: \$4,544,055.38

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS: \$4,591,128.47

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Hello All:

This past year was about average regarding tree removal. There is no new information about the Gall Wasp. I expect to plant at least 3 new trees this year

Thanks as always to Jen, Jesse, Richie, Vinny, Mark, and new this year, thank you Darren. You all make my job easy.

As I do every year, I attended the annual New England Grows Conference in Boston to see the latest in techniques, tools and ideas, and speak with industry professionals, and learn about the issues, bugs and diseases of concern in our area. The highlight this year was attending a lecture by Dr Michael Dirr. He is always a joy to hear speak.

This past year my work included the following:

- 8 dead trees removed from the sides of town roads
- 27 phone calls from town residents with questions or concern
- 6 site visits
- 3 days of pruning work
- 3 stumps ground
- 1 tree removed from school property
- 1 Cemetery consult

And as always, I am happy to serve.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE

To the Honorable Board of Selectman
and Residents of the Town of West Tisbury:

Tri-Town Ambulance is proudly staffed by a team of dedicated and well trained Emergency Medical Technicians (at the Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, and Paramedic levels) who are committed to serving their island community. Tri-Town Ambulance continues to change and adapt to the changing needs of its community, as well as its residents. The volunteers, that make up the majority of Tri-Town Ambulance, are dedicated to providing top notch care to both summer and year round residents, and without them Tri-Town Ambulance would not be able to function.

There are several significant changes that have occurred over the past year.

- We are happy to welcome several new EMT's this year to our staff. We have four EMT's who passed the EMT course this year, they are Rebecca Cournoyer (West Tisbury), Nisa Webster (West Tisbury), Gary Robinson (Chilmark), Katherine Smith (Chilmark), and Adam Wilson (Aquinnah). In addition, Haley Krauss, Dawn Gompert, and Belinda Booker have started the training process to become Paramedics. We look forward to the completion of their training.
- November of this year, I was appointed Chief of Tri-Town Ambulance. I have been a member of the squad for many years, and previously served as the Deputy Chief of Tri-Town Ambulance for four years, before becoming chief.
- October of this year, The Town of West Tisbury generously donated one of their police vehicles to Tri-Town ambulance, to create a new Response Vehicle for the service. The new vehicle allows EMTs and Paramedics to respond quickly, and safely, to emergencies in an effort to provide the best patient care possible.
- In July, we converted one of our aging ambulance into a Special Operations Vehicle. This Vehicle, while not up to standards for patient care, is a great addition to our fleet. With it, we are able to provide better services for Fire department personal during working fires, as well as a mobile command unit for prolonged situations.
- During the visit of President Obama, Tri-Town Ambulance was again able to serve the President by assisting in the Presidential Motorcade. With equipment donated by the Oak Bluffs Fire and EMS Department, Tri-Town was able to provide and Ambulance for the Presidential Motorcade, whenever needed while still providing the up island communities with three ambulances during the busiest part of the year. This venture would

not have been possible without the service of island wide EMTs and Paramedics who assisted Tri-Town with this venture.

- During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight for breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon. In addition to having the ribbon as part of our uniform, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association also donated over \$200.00, to the Island Cancer Support Group.
- Tri-Town Ambulance welcomes and thanks all donations that we receive, but this year we would like to extend a personal Thank You to Marjorie Manter Rogers, for the extremely generous donation to our benevolent association.

This year remained a busy year, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2015:

Total Ambulance Runs: **380**

- West Tisbury: **242** Ambulance Runs (63.68% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: **223**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **16**
 - Fire Standby: **3**
- Chilmark: **111** Ambulance Runs (29.21%)
 - Medical Emergencies: **93**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **16**
 - Fire Standby: **2**
- Aquinnah: **25** ambulance runs (6.57%)
 - Medical Emergencies: **25**
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **0**
 - Fire Standby: **0**
- Mutual Aid to Tisbury: **2** Ambulance Runs (0.52%)

Tri-Town Ambulance would like to thank its Committee members for their continued service and guidance. The committee is comprised of one selectman from each of the three towns as well the medical director from MVH. The committee members are as follows:

- West Tisbury- Selectman Cynthia Mitchell
- Chilmark- Selectman Jonathan Mayhew
- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman (Chairperson)
- Medical Control- Dr. Karen Casper

We would like to thank the following organizations/people for their continued support over the past year. Without these organizations, we would not be able to provide the highest level of patient care to the people of Tri-Town.

- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Fire Departments
- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Police Departments
- The Dukes County Sheriff's Department:
Communication Center Dispatchers

- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital –
Emergency Department Personnel, Pharmacy Personnel
- Bardwell Electronics
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- SBS

Without the members of the squad, Tri-Town Ambulance would not function. These EMTs make themselves available year round to ensure that the people of their communi-ty receive high quality medical care in a timely manner. Please join us in our deep admi-ration and gratitude for the following:

Full Time Staff:

Benjamin Retmier-Chief
Matthew Montanile-Deputy Chief
Jason Blandini
Traci Monteith
Allison Grazykowski-Admin Assistant

EMT-Paramedics:

Hadley Antik
Renee Atherton
Brenden Cooney
Christpophier Cowan
Kyle Gatchell
Christopher Greim
Myriah Hallinan
Tracey Jones
Jeff Pratt
Eamonn Solway
Jason Hallett
Max Moreis
Heather McElhinney

EMT-Intermediates:

Peter Tennant

EMT-Basics:

Randhi Belain
Belinda Booker
Robyn Bollin
Simon Bollin
Curtis Chandler
Roger Cook
Diane Demoe
Rebecca Cournoyer
Alan Ganapol
Dawn Gompert
Ruby Antik
Pierce Harrer
Bruce Haynes
Jennifer Haynes
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter
Paul Manning
Jim Osmundsen
Farley Pedley
Katherine Smith
Luke Sudarsky
Garrison Vieira
Cindy West
Nisa Webster
Adam Wilson
Gary Robinson

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Retmier
Ambulance Chief

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGER DIRECTOR

Winter, and not tropical, weather events provided the greatest challenge this year. Departments in our well-managed small town communicate effectively, and frequent informal meetings keep the lines of communication open. Record keeping during weather events has developed to better match FEMA requirements in case of Emergency Declarations and subsequent application for Public Assistance or Mitigation Grants. This allowed us to apply for and receive \$20,045 from FEMA for snow removal.

We applied for and received \$2,450 in an Emergency Management Program Grant allowing the purchase of a weather station.

Development of an Emergency Plan for the WT Library is in process.

The position of Assistant to the Director has been filled by Russell Hartenstine.

We organized a major island-wide ICS 300 training, presented by MEMA trainers, and held at Fire Station 2 recently. This is the penultimate level of training. 24 attended, predominantly WT fire and police, but other Island towns and other disciplines were represented. Attempts have been made over much of the last decade by several different entities to bring this training to the Island, but we finally brought this to fruition.

In addition to this training, the Director and Assistant have attended MEMA region 2 managers' meetings, "Hurrevac" software training (evacuation planning!), hurricane preparedness, regional sheltering planning, sheltering drills, and worked with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Town Tisbury in "standing up" a regional shelter during the worst of the winter weather.

Respectfully submitted,

John Christensen
Emergency Management Director

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 172 hours per month in 2015.

↑ = increase

↑35% of the total population of West Tisbury is 60 years of age & over

↑39% of the total population of Chilmark is 60 years of age & over

↑42% of the total population of Aquinnah is 60 years of age & over

↑19.9% of the total population of MA is 60 years of age & over

The proportion of Massachusetts's population that is 60 & older is growing more rapidly than other components of the population. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than 25% of Massachusetts's population will be 60 & older by the year 2030.

Service Indicator Highlights January 1 – December 31, 2015 Unduplicated Count

Approximately ↑965 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older and ↑45 individuals under the age of sixty received services and/or participated in our programs in 2015.

Social, Recreational & Cultural Programs

326 individuals participated in the following:

Day Trips (theatre, museums, symphony)

Recreational games (bridge, Mah Jong)

Lobster Picnic

Holiday Events

Off-Island Shopping Trips

Annual Cookout

Rug Hooking

Direct Service Programs

429 seniors received direct services in the following areas:

Surplus Food Distribution

File of Life (medical info. cards)

Housing Assistance

Transportation

Fuel Assistance

Notary Public Services

Health Insurance Counseling

Home Repair Program

Case Management	Telephone Reassurance Calls
Legal Assistance	Respite Care
Lifeline	Food Stamps
Client Support (assistance with errands, companionship & socialization)	
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association)	

In-Kind Services and Goods

	Durable Medical Equipment
Fish (M.V. Bluefish Derby)	DVDS/Books on Tape
Reusable Shopping bags (Cronig's Market)	
	Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners)

Educational Programs

294 people participated in the following educational programs:

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

Nutrition Programs

45 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:

Congregate Lunch
Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)

Health & Fitness Programs

272 individuals received and /or participated in the following:

Podiatry Services	Strength Training Class
T'ai Chi Chih	Parkinson's Support Group
Yoga Class	Pilates
Qi Gong	Balletics
Smile Program (Free dental checks & cleanings)	
Chair Massage	
Freestyle Dance	

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

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

Monthly Blood Pressure Checks & Nursing Clinics)
Health Promotion Visits (In-home health assessment conducted by a R.N.)

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 97 elders in 2015.

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

28 volunteers contributed approximately 410 hours in 2015. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed \$5,500.00.

Watercolor Instruction	Writing Group Facilitator
Lunch Servers	Special Event Organizers
Meals on Wheel Drivers	Community Education Speakers
Tax Preparers	Fish Baggers
Book Group Facilitator	Discussion Group Leader

Formula Grants

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging applied for and received \$15,021.00 for the following:

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

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is a non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$20,000 in 2015 for the following:

Grounds Maintenance	Interior Maintenance
Special Program Support	Monthly Cell Phone Service

&

(Friends' Gift Fund)

Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable and are struggling to put food on the table, pay for heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The Friends, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a Gift Fund to provide assistance paying for heating costs and food. Thirty-one households received a total of \$17,700 to pay for heat and food. The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

In closing, I would like to thank the tax payers for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Albertine, Director

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY
VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM
ANNUAL REPORT, FY 2014: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Client Client Services: The Access Program's core service is connecting the Island residents with affordable health insurance and helping them to retain this coverage. We provide health care program and insurance application, enrollment and retention services; information, referral and advocacy; referrals to medical providers; make doctor's appointments and help clients manage medical debt; and we facilitate access to services like specialty care, dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for low-income Island seniors. We are also a liaison agency for other public benefits including Food Stamps (SNAP), emergency cash assistance, and Social Security disability claims.

In FY2015, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for **4,025** individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; the MassHealth Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; Food Stamps and/or emergency cash assistance and Social Security Disability. We completed health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and referral assistance **9,404** times.

In August 2014, the Access Program became one of 15 programs in the Commonwealth to be part of the Massachusetts Health Connector's **Navigator Program**. The Navigator program is an outreach, education and enrollment assistance program required by the federal Affordable Care Act and is administered by the Massachusetts Health Connector. The Access Program's enrollment staff must participate in extensive training and pass an exam to become certified Navigators. As a result, we have the most up to date information about enrollment programs and systems in order to facilitate insurance enrollment and to advocate for our community.

The David Kurth Memorial Fund provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication. In 2014 we added medical transportation assistance for people with medical appointments off-Island. *In FY2015, we assisted uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get 124 prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$5,182 in financial assistance.* Contributions to the fund in FY2015 came from the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses. This fund has provided over \$60,000 in financial assistance to help Islanders get needed medications and medical transportation since its inception.

Vineyard Smiles provides school-based mobile dental services and dental education for children in grades K-12; monthly dental hygiene clinics for seniors; and care facilitation for adults with unmet oral health needs. ***In SY 2015, 252 children received dental care including exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants and fillings.*** Dental hygiene clinics for low-income adults were held once per month on average at senior centers and Island Elderly Housing. In FY2015 ***86 low income adults, including elderly and disabled patients, received services.*** These services are made possible by funding from the Town Boards of Health for health promotion services.

In FY2015 we created our new website at **www.mvhealthcareaccess.org**. The new design allows users to contact the program directly and to fill out the Vineyard Smiles registration form online.

Local and Regional Initiatives: Access Program employees have been involved in a number of additional health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council
- The MassHealth Training Forum
- The Healthy Aging Task Force
- Elder Care Providers Work Group

Technical Assistance and Training: The Access Program provides trainings including and MassHealth program updates and overviews to staff at MV Community Services and MV Hospital. We also offer a seminar titled “Understanding Medicare” via ACE MV.

Funding: The County maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the six Island Towns for the ongoing funding of the Access Program. This MOU describes the Access Program’s governance structure; the County’s role and services provided; Town obligations; Municipal Membership Assessments; and Indemnification and Insurance.

Our total FY15 budget was \$341,242.

By having agreements in place with each town, the Access Program’s funding is secured and not subject to service cuts if grant funding is reduced. When the program succeeds in obtaining grants, these will offset the Town funding in the following year. Town funding for FY15 was \$208,950.

Other FY15 funding sources included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands, and local funders including Martha’s Vineyard Hospital, the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, local businesses and individual donors.

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** Lindsey stopped working at the Access Program September, 2015.*

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REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard the following cases in 2015.

Case 2015-01 January 8

Ross Engelman; 30 Beach Pebble Road; Map 1 Lot 50; RU District
Request for a special permit for the expansion of a pre-existing, non-conforming dwelling partially within the shore zone of the coastal district was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-02 January 8

Christine P. Wiley; 22 Old Stage Road; Map 16 Lot 235.1; RU District
Request for a special permit for setback relief of 23 feet from the north property line to relocate a 12' x 12' shed was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-03 January 22, February 5, March 5, March 19

Nancy Antik; 206 Oak Lane, Map 17 Lot 97.2; RU District
Request for a special permit for the construction of a 12' x 16' shed 22 feet from the southeast property line was granted.

Case 2015-04 February 5

Israel D. Fridman & Ann Silverman; 38 West Farm Rd; Map 29 Lot 86.11; RU District
Request for a special permit to mount 9.2kw 32 panel ground-mount solar arrays to be located 10' from the north property line (sideline) was granted.

Case 2015-05 February 19

Kate Warner; 1085 State Road; Map 332 Lot 69; VR District
Request for special permit for a detached bedroom located in a garage/studio was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-06 February 19

Matthew Sudarsky; 119 Charles Neck Way; Map 29 Lot 66; RU District
Request for a special permit for an accessory apartment over an existing garage granted with conditions.

Case 2015-07 February 26, March 19, April 23

Paul Allen & Carmen MacDougall; 44 Catboat Lane; Map 17 Lot 2.269; RU District
Request for a special permit to construct a 24' x 28' two car garage with a 385 sq. ft. detached bedroom on the second floor was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-08(a) February 19

Middletown Nursey & Garden Center; 680 State Road; Map 22 Lot 55; RU District

Request to amend special permit #2008-09 to allow the sale of power equipment application was withdrawn without prejudice.

Case 2015-08 February 26

Ivory Littlefield & Lisa Epstein; 20 Manaquayak Road; Map 7 Lot 46; RU District

Request for a special permit for setback relief for a proposed one bedroom addition and proposed deck was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-09 February 26, March 19

Wes & Lisa Nagy – Joshua Scott; 1 Cournoyer Road; Map 16 Lot 98.2; Map 16 Lot 98.2; MB District

Request for a special permit for to erect an off-premise and multiple business sign was granted.

Case 2015-10 March 5

Nyssa, LLC-Joshua Scott; 22 Cournoyer Road; Map 16 Lot 104; MB District
Request for a special permit to relocate a 9' 4" cedar fence back to the south property line to construct a 6' x 6' structure on an existing porch to enclose a freezer was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-11 March 5, 2015

Brian R. Kenney; 52 Middle Road; Map 32 Lot 3.1; RU District

Request for a special permit for setback for a 30' by 60' pickleball court was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-12 March 12, 2015

David & Laura Ross, Trustee; 41 Oak Grove Road; Map 3 Lot 21; RU District
Request for a special permit to remove an existing garage and to construct a detached bedroom and a craft workshop/garage on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-13 March 12, 2015

Geoffrey C. Berresford; 101 Old Courthouse Rd; Map 22 Lot 24; RU District
Request to amend a special permit(#2014-24) from a 10'x16' pool house to 12'x20' pool house and to relocate the pool house 4 feet further east from its previously approved location was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-14 April 9, 2015

Michael Gately; 8 Norton Farm Rd; Map 1 Lot 23; RU District

Request to amend a special perm (#2013-16) to allow a change in the footprint of the proposed structure and to amend the ridge height from 25 feet to 27 feet 6 inches was granted.

Case 2015-15 April 9, 2015

Elizabeth Dowd & Simon Warren; 14 Holly Lane; Map 16 Lot 190 RU District
Request to allow relief from condition #9 in a Comprehensive Permit dated December 19, 2001, to finish a basement was granted.

Case 2015-16 April 9, April 30, 2015

Anton C. Pil; 245 Thumb Point Road; Map 39 Lot 7; RU District

Request to allow demolition of a structure in the shore zone replaced with a single family residence located outside the shore zone, height relief under ZBA 6.1-6A, and the construction of an in-ground swimming pool was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-17 April 30 and May 7, 2015

Jarret Brissette; 368 State Rd; Map 11 Lot 57.2; RU District

Request for a special permit to construct a building to include an electrical contractor service business and an owner-occupied one bedroom apartment with a garage was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-18 April 23, 2015

Petr Valach & Volha Sidaruk; 79 Great Plains Rd; Map 10 Lot 39, RU District

Request for a special permit to build a 30'x40' two car garage with storage area above was granted.

Case 2015-19 April 23, 2015

Christopher & Sheila Morse; 30 James Pond Rd; Map 7 Lot 15; RU District

Request for a special permit to allow relief from the height limitation of 24 feet in a "wooded landscape" in the coastal district was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-20 May 14, 2015

Cynthia Bloomquist; 19 Skiffs Lane; Map 17 Lot 3-46; RU District

Request for a special permit to build a 32'x40' garage with a non-habitable storage loft was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-21 May 14, 2015

Aaron Beck; 1081 State Rd; Map 32 Lot 68; VR District

Request to amend/and or alter a house and shop which is located on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot was granted.

Case 2015-22 June 4 and June 11, 2015

Beach Pebble Realty Trust, LLC c/o Tate Builders; 30 Beach Pebble Rd, Map 1 Lot 50, RU District

Request for a special permit to allow the demolition of a pre-existing single family residence located in the shore zone and replace said dwelling which will be partially located in the shore zone, height relief, construction of an in-ground swimming pool and construction of a 24'x 24' garage was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-23 June 4

Debra Ceden, Architecture & Indigo, LLC, agent for David B. Burt, 677 Old County Rd, Map 31 Lot 3, VR District.

Request for special permit to allow renovations and a minor addition to a pre-existing non-conforming structure was granted.

Case 2015-24 June 18

Marie-Louise Rouff, 150 Field View Lane, Map 11 Lot 66, RU District. A request for a special permit for a home occupation – a studio was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-25 June 18

Crawford Design Associates, agent for Michael & Margaret Patterson, 1 School House Lane, Map 14 Lot 7, RU District.

Request for a special permit for a pool, including a spa and associated pool equipment was granted with conditions.

Case 2015- 26 July 16

James Wasserloos, agent for Patricia Roads, 30A Dr. Fisher Road, Map21 Lot 13-4A. Request for a special permit for a home occupation and an above ground pool for setback relief was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-27 July 16

Fernando Parada, 60 Pin Oak Circle, Map 16 Lot 183 RU District. Request for a special permit to construct a garage was withdrawn.

Case 2015-28 July 23

Polly Hill Arboretum, 809 State Rd, Map 25 Lot 2 RU District. Request for a special permit to allow relief from height limitation was granted.

Case 2015-29 August 20

Abigail & Kenneth Bailey, 60 Halcyon Way, Map 21 Lot 14-3 RU District. Request for a special permit for the construction of an accessory apartment with carport and a studio/office was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-30 August 20

Jennifer Isbell, 7 Rock Pond Rd, Map 10 Lot200-7 RU District. Request for a special permit for a home occupation-massage business was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-31 September 10

Eli Dagostino, 189 Great Plains Rd, Map 17 Lot 125 RU District. Request for a special permit for a home occupation-photographer/life coach was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-32 September 10

Melissa Breese, 718 State Rd, Map 22 Lot 21.1 RU District. Request for a special permit for an accessory apartment application was withdrawn without prejudice.

Case 2015-33 September 24

W.H. Bennett, Inc., agent for Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society, 5 James Way, Map 25 Lot 3.1. Request for a special permit to install ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-34 October 15

Julie Prazich, 562 Lamberts Cove Rd, Map 11 Lot 19 RU District. Request for a home occupation- a studio was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-35 October 15

Mark Mazer, agent for Nancy Evoy, 95 Oak Lane, Map 17 Lot 65, RU District. Request for a special permit to allow a renovation and minor addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-36 October 29

Sourati Engineering Group, agent for Thomas & Makena Herget, 4 Windy Way, Map 1 Lot 2 RU District. Request for a special permit to amend a permit dated October 23, 2013 (#2013-27) for the renovation and addition to an existing non-conforming single family residence was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-37 October 29

Sullivan & Associates Architects, agent for Ian & Linda Rickard, 104 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd, Map 29 Lot 28, RU District. Request for a special permit to allow the construction of an addition to a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling was granted.

Case 2015-38 November 5

Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, agent for Norman & Mary Louise Perry 12 Pond Lane Map 30 Lot 2.72, RU District. Request for a special permit for a pool with associated pool equipment was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-39 November 5

Catherine Walthers, 1201 State Rd, Map 34 Lot 6, RU District. Request for a special permit for a special permit for a home occupation- cooking classes was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-40 (case filed December 4, 2015). A hearing scheduled was scheduled January 7, 2016, for Ronaldo Andrade, 472 State Rd, Map 16 Lot 81.2, MB District. Request for special permit for a roof cover to be mounted on metal containers needing setback relief was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-41 (case filed December 11, 2015). A hearing scheduled January 7, 2016, West Tisbury Public Safety Building, 454 State Rd, Map 16 Lot 97, MB District. Request for a special permit to grant setback relief to erect a chain link enclosure was granted.

Case 2015-42 (case filed December 14, 2015). A hearing was scheduled January 7, 2016, Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, Inc., agents for Stephen Bernier, 469 State Rd, Map 16 Lot 84, MB District. A request for a special permit for the construction of ground-mounted solar array greater than 1500 sq. ft. and for setback relief contingent on the Planning Board allowing a lot line change. Request for a special permit was granted with conditions.

Case 2015-43 (case filed December 22, 2015). A hearing was scheduled January 14, 2016, Bannon Custom Builders, agents for Philip Edmundson, 130 Watcha Club Rd, Map 43 Lot 3, Lot 5, Lot 6, RU District. An application to appeal an order by the Building/Zoning Inspector under 10.1-2D2 after the demolition of a single family residence without a permit. The Zoning Board voted to uphold the violation notice of the Building/Zoning Inspector with a modification.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Hubbell, Jr, Chairman
Nancy M. Cole, Vice Chairman
Antoni M. Cohen
Anthony Higgins, Jr.
Lawrence H. Schubert
Robert M Schwier, II – Associate Member
Julius B. Lowe – Associate Member



Tristram Chase - Blacksmith of Middletown

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.

**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2016
EXPENDITURES - FY 2015; APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2016;
BUDGET PROPOSAL - FY 2017**

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
		\$	\$	\$	\$
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
MODERATOR					
114-5110	Elected Official, Salary	242	370	370.00	370.00
114-5700	Expenses	829	1,170	1,170.00	1,170.00
	Total Moderator	1,071	1,540	1,540.00	1,540.00
BOARD OF SELECTMEN					
122-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$5,000	10,000	15,000	15,000.00	10,000.00
122-5120	Personal Services	143,073	154,920	160,898.99	160,898.99
122-5700	Expenses	8,119	8,700	9,200.00	9,200.00
122-5780	Miscellaneous/ Consultant Expense	3,293	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Total Board of Selectmen	161,192	183,620	185,098.99	185,098.99
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
131-5120	Personal Services	919	2,684	2,339.40	2,339.40
131-5700	Expenses	1,174	2,225	2,225.00	2,225.00
	Total Finance Committee	2,093	4,909	4,564.40	4,564.40
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					
133-5700	Expenses	12,000	12,000	12,500.00	12,500.00
	Total Annual Audit	12,000	12,000	12,500.00	12,500.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
135-5120	Personal Services	86,337	89,772	90,162.98	90,162.98
135-5700	Expenses	1,284	1,670	1,720.00	1,720.00
	Total Town Accountant	87,622	91,442	91,882.98	91,882.98
BOARD OF ASSESSORS					
141-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 3 @ \$1,000	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
141-5120	Personal Services	127,608	135,835	142,916.19	142,916.19
141-5305	Legal Services	525	30,000	30,000.00	30,000.00
141-5700	Expenses	26,036	26,950	25,260.00	25,260.00
	Total Board of Assessors	157,170	195,785	201,176.19	201,176.19
TOWN TREASURER					
145-5120	Personal Services	76,643	85,310	88,720.58	88,720.58
145-5700	Expenses	4,212	4,720	4,845.00	4,845.00
	Total Town Treasurer	80,855	90,030	93,565.58	93,565.58

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
TAX COLLECTOR					
146-5110	Elected Official, Salary	81,842	86,646	93,112.69	93,112.69
146-5700	Expenses	16,911	24,160	23,335.00	23,335.00
	Total Tax Collector	98,753	110,806	116,447.69	116,447.69
LEGAL SERVICES					
151-5305	Expenses	20,868	50,000	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Total Legal Services	20,868	50,000	50,000.00	50,000.00
PERSONNEL BOARD					
152-5120	Personal Services	8,819	10,558	10,576.92	10,576.92
152-5700	Expenses	508	800	800.00	800.00
	Total Personnel Board	9,328	11,358	11,376.92	11,376.92
DATA PROCESSING					
155-5120	Personal Services	3,500	3,500	3,500.00	3,500.00
155-5700	Expenses	67,340	75,613	79,685.00	79,685.00
	Total Data Processing	70,840	79,113	83,185.00	83,185.00
TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE					
158-5305	Legal Services	4,714	7,500	6,750.00	6,750.00
158-5700	Expenses	0	150	150.00	150.00
	Total Tax Title Foreclosure	4,714	7,650	6,900.00	6,900.00
TOWN CLERK					
161-5110	Elected Official, Salary	50,021	53,566	57,028.50	57,028.50
161-5700	Expenses	1,604	1,545	1,445.00	1,445.00
	Total Town Clerk	51,625	55,111	58,473.50	58,473.50
ELECTIONS					
162-5120	Personal Services	1,367	2,131	3,134.00	3,134.00
162-5700	Expenses	5,600	6,450	9,600.00	9,600.00
	Total Elections	6,967	8,581	12,734.00	12,734.00
BOARD OF REGISTRARS					
163-5120	Personal Services	250	250	250.00	250.00
163-5700	Expenses	938	900	900.00	900.00
	Total Board of Registrars	817	1,150	1,950.00	1,950.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
171-5120	Personal Services	43,931	45,399	45,480.76	45,480.76
171-5700	Expenses	1,153	3,350	3,350.00	3,350.00
	Total Conservation Commission	45,083	48,749	48,830.76	48,830.76
PLANNING BOARD					
175-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$1,000	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
175-5120	Personal Services	40,955	48,071	50,448.11	50,448.11
175-5700	Expenses	1,778	6,245	6,245.00	6,245.00
	Total Planning Board	47,734	59,316	61,693.11	61,693.11

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
BOARD OF APPEALS					
176-5120	Personal Services	44,623	55,939	58,861.95	58,861.95
176-5305	Legal Services	1,304	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
176-5700	Expenses	2,719	3,725	3,725.00	3,725.00
	Total Board of Appeals	48,645	63,664	66,586.95	66,586.95
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION					
177-5600	Intergovernmental	138,250	132,716	132,716.00	132,716.00
	Total				
	Martha's Vineyard Comm.	138,250	132,716	132,716.00	132,716.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE					
180-5120	Personal Services	5,864	8,907	8,955.00	8,955.00
180-5305	Legal Services	1,831	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
180-5700	Expenses	238	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Total				
	Affordable Housing Comm.	7,933	12,907	12,955.00	12,955.00
TOWN HALL					
192-5700	Expenses	80,546	74,000	77,500.00	77,500.00
	Total Town Hall	80,546	74,000	77,500.00	77,500.00
TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE					
193-5700	Expenses	94,905	99,650	104,632.50	104,632.50
	Total Property Insurance	94,905	99,650	104,632.50	104,632.50
TOWN ELECTRIC					
194-5700	Expenses	48,785	50,700	38,300.00	38,300.00
	Total Town Electric	48,785	50,700	38,300.00	38,300.00
TOWN REPORTS					
195-5700	Expenses	6,000	6,100	6,100.00	6,100.00
	Total Town Reports	6,000	6,100	6,100.00	6,100.00
TOWN CLOCK					
196-5120	Personal Services	0	250	250.00	250.00
	Total Town Clock	0	250	250.00	250.00
DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY					
197-5700	Expenses	38,593	39,406	48,032.00	48,032.00
	Total Town Hall	38,593	39,406	48,032.00	48,032.00
TOTAL					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,283,794	1,497,145	1,526,959.57	1,526,959.57
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
210-5120	Personal Services	952,395	1,034,789	1,087,216.24	1,087,216.24
210-5700	Expenses	124,665	125,645	126,700.00	126,700.00
	Total Police Department	1,077,060	1,160,434	1,213,916.24	1,213,916.24

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
220-5120	Personal Services	105,500	134,000	143,000.00	143,000.00
220-5700	Expenses	177,309	165,700	167,600.00	167,600.00
	Total Fire Department	282,809	299,700	310,600.00	310,600.00
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE					
231-5600	Intergovernmental	197,509	265,062	265,632.96	265,632.96
	Total Tri-Town Ambulance	197,509	265,062	265,632.96	265,632.96
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS					
241-5120	Personal Services	104,888	111,251	145,023.04	145,023.04
241-5700	Expenses	10,089	13,095	15,845.00	15,845.00
	Total Inspector of Buildings	114,977	124,346	160,868.04	160,868.04
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
291-5120	Personal Services	8,107	9,000	13,750.00	13,750.00
291-5700	Expenses	4,380	5,970	8,220.00	8,220.00
	Total Emergency Management	12,487	14,970	21,970.00	21,970.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER					
292-5120	Personal Services	58,291	64,057	63,961.15	63,961.15
292-5700	Expenses	7,264	9,400	9,600.00	9,600.00
292-5700	Expenses	7,789	9,400	9,400.00	9,400.00
	Total Animal Control Officer	65,555	73,457	73,561.15	73,561.15
TREE WARDEN					
294-5110	Elected Official, Salary	2,500	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
294-5120	Personal Services	176	704	528.00	528.00
294-5700	Expenses	3,966	8,500	9,000.00	9,000.00
	Total Tree Warden	6,642	11,704	12,028.00	12,028.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE					
296-5700	Expenses	0	800	0.00	0.00
	Total Dutch Elm Disease	0	800	0.00	0.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL					
297-5700	Expenses	0	1,000	500.00	500.00
	Total Insect Pest Control	0	1,000	500.00	500.00
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT					
298-5120	Personal Services	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00
298-5700	Expenses	3,115	3,650	3,950.00	3,950.00
	Total Shellfish Department	8,115	8,650	8,950.00	8,950.00
MV SHELLFISH GROUP					
299-5700	Expenses	36,000	37,000	37,000.00	37,000.00
	Total M.V. Shellfish Group	36,000	37,000	37,000.00	37,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		1,801,154	1,996,323	2,105,026.39	2,105,026.39

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
EDUCATION					
UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST*					
311-5600	Intergovernmental	6,368,210	6,819,531	7,115,410.50	
	Total Up-Island Reg. School Dist.	6,368,210	6,819,531	7,115,410.50	
MV REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL					
313-5600	Intergovernmental	2,522,665	2,581,930	2,667,400.79	
	Total M.V. Regional High School	2,522,665	2,581,930	2,667,400.79	
TOTAL EDUCATION		8,890,876	9,401,461	9,782,811.29	

	FY'16 Budget	FY'17 Budget	Change FY'16 to FY'17
* Additional Up-island Regional School District budget information			
Total Superintendent			
Shared Services Budget	5,776,254	5,949,895	173,641
Allocation of above			
Supt. Share Services budget			
To: Up-Island			
District budget	1,264,500	1,366,634	102,134
Other components of total			
Up-Island District budget			
School Committee			
(shared district costs)	1,592,605	1,627,938	35,333
Chilmark Site	1,238,389	1,203,513	(34,876)
West Tisbury Site	6,180,923	6,475,738	294,815
Debt Service & Capital			
Improvements	459,513	457,670	(1,843)
Total Up-island			
regional school district	10,735,930	11,131,493	395,563
Net Revenues used to offset budget	638,128	621,548	(16,580)
Town Assessments:			
West Tisbury	6,819,531	7,115,411	295,880
Chilmark	2,382,644	2,405,090	22,446
Aquinnah	895,627	989,444	93,817
Total Net Revenue and Assessments	10,735,930	11,131,493	395,563

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT					
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS					
421-5120	Personal Services	19,500	24,500	29,500.00	29,500.00
	Total Superintendent of Streets	19,500	24,500	29,500.00	29,500.00
GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND					
422-5120	Personal Services	98,087	104,177	107,507.90	107,507.90
422-5700	Expenses	62,984	62,600	63,700.00	63,700.00
	Total General Highway Fund	161,071	166,777	171,207.90	171,207.90
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL					
423-5700	Expenses	134,603	50,000	60,000.00	60,000.00
	Total Snow and Ice Removal	134,603	50,000	60,000.00	60,000.00
STREET LIGHTS					
424-5700	Expenses	2,553	1,200	700.00	700.00
	Total Street Lights	2,553	1,200	700.00	700.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		317,727	242,477	261,407.90	261,407.90
SANITATION					
TOWN LOCAL DROP-OFF					
433-5120	Personal Services	0	50	50.00	50.00
433-5600	Intergovernmental	23,195	46,000	46,000.00	46,000.00
433-5700	Expenses	2,237	3,400	3,400.00	3,400.00
	Total Town Local Drop-Off	25,432	49,450	49,450.00	49,450.00
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL AND RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT (MVRDRRD)					
439-5600	Intergovernmental	111,859	111,531	115,280.08	115,280.08
	Total MVRDRRD	111,859	111,531	115,280.08	115,280.08
TOTAL SANITATION		137,291	160,981	164,730.08	164,730.08
HUMAN SERVICES					
CEMETERIES					
491-5120	Personal Services	2,217	3,200	3,200.00	3,200.00
491-5700	Expenses	10,448	16,500	15,750.00	15,750.00
	Total Cemeteries	12,665	20,100	18,950.00	18,950.00
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	83,097	87,194	87,333.50	87,333.50
510-5700	Expenses	7,610	9,065	10,165.00	10,165.00
	Total Board of Health	93,707	99,259	100,498.50	100,498.50
HEALTH SERVICES					
522-5700	Expenses	12,696	17,636	17,636.00	17,636.00
	Total Health Services	12,696	17,636	17,636.00	17,636.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS					
525-5600	Expenses	31,342	37,747	47,002.18	47,002.18
	Total VHCA	31,342	37,747	47,002.18	47,002.18
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING / ISLAND SENIOR CENTER					
540-5700	Expenses	43,739	53,511	66,388.26	53,511.11
	Total MV Center for Living	43,739	53,511	66,388.26	53,511.11
UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING					
541-5120	Personal Services	233,219	255,756	260,695.76	260,695.76
541-5700	Expenses	13,077	18,580	19,525.00	19,525.00
	Total Up-Island Council on Aging	246,296	274,336	280,220.76	280,220.76
VETERANS' BENEFITS					
543-5700	Expenses	0	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Total Veterans' Benefits	0	4,000	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		440,446	506,389	534,695.70	521,818.55
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
PUBLIC LIBRARY					
610-5120	Personal Services	376,038	442,104	460,835.61	460,835.61
610-5700	Expenses	217,168	231,250	244,750.00	244,750.00
	Total Public Library	593,206	673,354	705,585.61	705,585.61
PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
620-5110	Elected Officials, Salaries 5 @ \$166	664	830	830.00	830.00
620-5120	Personal Services	19,283	20,703	20,818.52	20,818.52
620-5700	Expenses	1,245	1,450	1,450.00	1,450.00
	Total Park and Rec. Committee	21,192	22,983	23,098.52	23,098.52
LAMBERT'S COVE BEACH AND UNCLE SETH'S POND					
632-5120	Personal Services	71,828	79,497	79,736.69	79,736.69
632-5700	Expenses	9,941	19,325	15,375.00	15,375.00
	Total Lambert's Cove Beach and Uncle Seth's Pond	81,768	98,822	95,111.69	95,111.69
RECREATION PROGRAMS					
640-5120	Personal Services	6,423	10,274	10,273.68	10,273.68
640-5700	Expenses	8,738	8,650	8,600.00	8,600.00
	Total Recreation Programs	15,161	18,924	18,873.68	18,873.68
TOWN GROUNDS					
650-5700	Expenses	3,480	7,750	10,250.00	10,250.00
	Total Town Grounds	3,480	7,750	10,250.00	10,250.00

Line Item	Account	Expenditures FY 2015	Revised Appropriations FY 2016	Requested Appropriations FY 2017	Recommended by Finance Committee FY 2017
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
690-5700	Expenses	256	500	500.00	500.00
	Total Historic District Comm.	256	500	500.00	500.00
LOCAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
691-5700	Expenses	0	350	350.00	350.00
	Total Local Historical Comm.	0	350	350.00	
350.00					
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL					
691-5700	Expenses	2,000	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total MV Cultural Council	2,000	2,500	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		717,063	825,182	856,269.50	856,269.50
DEBT SERVICE					
710-5910	Principal, Long-Term Debt	824,000	644,000	742,000.00	742,000.00
710-5915	Interest, Long-Term Debt	262,027	249,101	230,702.50	230,702.50
710-5925	Interest, Short-Term Debt	0	1,250	13,500.00	13,500.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		1,086,027	894,351	986,202.50	986,202.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
911-5170	County Retirement	341,840	385,607	421,587.00	421,587.00
912-5170	Workers' Compensation	7,644	8,800	10,500.00	10,500.00
913-5170	Massachusetts Unemployment	3,978	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00
914-5170	Health Insurance	605,490	698,000	783,000.00	783,000.00
917-5170	Life Insurance	2,144	2,300	2,500.00	2,500.00
916-5170	Medicare Tax	36,679	39,000	44,000.00	44,000.00
945-5170	Public Officials Liability Ins.	13,777	14,700	15,435.00	15,435.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,011,553	1,151,407	1,280,022.00	1,280,022.00
GRAND TOTALS		15,685,930	16,675,716	17,498,124.93	7,702,436.48

Capital Budget - FY 2017

Description			Source of Capital Budget Appropriations				Capital Plan		
Department	Priority	Description/Rationale	Property Tax Levy	Issuance of Town Debt	Aid/ Grants/ Donation	Free Cash	Other Sources (Specify)	2017 Requested	2017 Recommended
Capital Budget Items:									
Highway Building	1	Request for authorization to borrow for the Highway building		857,500				857,500	857,500
Highway Dump Truct	1	Purchase a new 10-ton dump truck for the Highway department		68,000				68,000	68,000
Police: Vehicle	1	Set aside funds for purchase of the next new police vehicle in FY2018 or any necessary major repairs in the interim	15,000					15,000	15,000
Refuse District	1	Bonding authorization for redesign/ expansion of Refuse District facility	36,813					36,813	36,813
Schools	1	First year of 10-year assessed debt for repairs/renovations to the interior of the West Tisbury School	89,550					89,550	89,550
Schools *	2	First of two annual installments for design, purchase and installation of a new playground at the West Tisbury School*	160,000					160,000	160,000
Town Buildings	1	Install ventilation system to prevent CO buildup in truck bays at Fire Station #1; dehumidifier at the Howes House; further cemetery fence repairs				45,000		45,000	45,000

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Department	Priority	Description/Rationale	Property Tax Levy	Issuance of Town Debt	Aid/ Grants/ Donation	Free Cash	Other Sources (Specify)	2017 Requested	2017 Recommended
Capital Budget Items:									
Town Roads	3	Future road construction/repairs reimbursed by State funds					82,237	82,237	82,237
Up Island Council on Aging/Howes House	1	Replace House House roof and adjoining trim		60,000				60,000	60,000
Capital Items to be voted into/out of Stabilization Funds (voted separately)									
Fire: New Pumper Truck	1	Set aside funds in Fire Equip. Stabilization Fund for next new pumper truck	54,212				5,788	60,000	60,000
Community Preservation Fund (voted separately):									
Schools*		See schools above and footnote below							
Total Capital Budget			\$355,575	\$985,500	\$0	\$45,000	\$88,025	\$1,474,100	\$1,474,100

*The playground is proposed as a general fund project but will be reviewed by the Community Preservation Committee for possible funding before Town Meeting

WEST TISBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

County of Dukes County, SS
To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Tisbury,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of West Tisbury qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the **West Tisbury School**, Old County Road, in said Town on **Tuesday the Twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen, 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 Fourteenth Day of April, at Seven O’Clock** in the Morning at the Polling Place, then and there to act on Article 1 of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be opened at **Seven O’Clock in the Morning** and shall be closed at **Eight O’Clock in the Evening**.

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 Tax Collector for One Year
- One Town Clerk for One Year
- One Tree Warden for One Year
- Two Members of the Finance Committee for Three Years
- Two Library Trustees for Three Years
- One Member of Parks and Recreation for Three Years

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay the costs of constructing and equipping a new Highway Department Building, to be located at the Public Safety Building complex, including any repairs to the existing Public Safety Complex, i.e., utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, and including the cost of moving to the new location and related borrowing cost?

ARTICLE 2: To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2017. **(NOT RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer and Collector to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements during Fiscal Year 2017 as permitted by M.G.L. c.44, §53F. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw at Sections 26.3 (Pay Schedule Year Round) to reflect a wage adjustment of 0.55% effective July 1, 2016. **(RECOMMENDED 3-1)**

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of contracting for a Facilities Management Consultant for Town-owned buildings.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$857,500) for the construction and equipping of a new Highway Department Building, to be located at the Public Safety Building complex, including any repairs to the existing Public Safety Complex, i.e., utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, and including the cost of moving to the new location and related borrowing cost. Further, to authorize that this appropriation be met by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$857,500) as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sub Section 7 or any other enabling authority; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation of total taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59 Sub Section 21C (proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or take any actions relative thereto.

(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will *re-approve* up to Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements towards the restructuring of traffic flow and residential drop-off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or to take any action relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty (\$15,280) to fund the Town of West Tisbury's share of the expense of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in fiscal year 2017.

(RECOMMENDED 3-1)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, for Fiscal Year 2017, 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	\$110,000

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600) to support the CORE program, a collaborative program of the four Martha's Vineyard Councils on Aging, to provide coordinated counseling, outreach and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older. To authorize this expenditure, all six towns must vote to approve an article to fund the CORE program in an amount consistent with the 50/50 formula previously established and accepted by the towns.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to fund the cost of a hearing officer who is charged with hearing appeals to building and fire violations.

(RECOMMENDED 3-1)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to put towards the purchase and equipping of one all-wheel drive police cruiser in FY 2018 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 2010 Ford Expedition in the best interest of the Town. In the event of unforeseen major repairs to the 2010 Ford Expedition during Fiscal Year 2017, a portion of the \$15,000 may be used towards major repairs.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) to purchase and equip a new 20,000 lb dump body truck for the highway department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2006 F-350 in the best interest of the Town. Further, to authorize that this appropriation be met by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sub Section 7 or any other enabling authority.

(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$82,237), for reconstruction work on town roads under the provisions of Section 34(2)(a) of Chapter 90 of the M.G.L., which amount is the Town's FY2016 state allocation which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is therefore considered an available fund.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to be used for repairs and maintenance to Town buildings including, but not limited to, the Howes House dehumidifier, Station 1 air exchange, cemetery fence repair and other repairs as identified and needed.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to be used by the Board of Assessors for the valuation update of real and personal property to meet triennial certification of values as required by Massachusetts State Law.

RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be used for repairs to the Howes House roof. Further, to authorize that this appropriation be met by authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sub Section 7 or any other enabling authority. **(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$14,004.64), as the Town's proportionate share (15.28%) of Fiscal Year 2017 adjusted cost of \$91,653.40 to fund the *FirstStop* information and resource service as recommended by Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (previously known as the Healthy Aging Task Force). All six towns must vote in the affirmative.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to transfer to the Retired/Departing Employees Compensated Absences Reserve Fund as provided for by M.G.L. c. 40, § 13D.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$54,212.46) and transfer the remaining balance of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Fifty four Cents (\$5,787.54) from the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article #36 for the purchase of a brushbreaker truck for a total of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in a stabilization fund towards the purchase of a new pumper truck for the Fire Department..

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of repairing the swale on the capped landfill at the local drop off. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for maintenance and renovation of the tennis courts on Old County Road.

(RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$27,500) to transfer to the Police Personal Services Line item 210-5120 for Fiscal Year 2016. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

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, FY2017 revenues, in the following amounts to the following:

- a. Open Space reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Undesignated reserve \$325,000 (65% of estimated FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

And to Appropriate for the Administrative Expenditures the sum of \$25,000 from FY2017 Community Preservation Fund Revenues.

(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Ninety Two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000) to support the rental assistance program of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority for West Tisbury Households with \$26,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and \$66,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve. **(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)**

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to assist The Island Housing Trust in a regional affordable housing project to create twenty two affordable rental apartments at Kuehn's Way in the Town of Tisbury for households earning 60% or less of the area wide median income with \$20,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Community Housing reserve and \$80,000 to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve. In exchange, preference for one of the twenty two units will be given to income qualified West Tisbury residents or employees. The total cost of the project is approximately \$7.8 Million Dollars. **(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)**

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) from the Community Preservation Undesignated reserve to fund a program consisting of a community awareness brochure and a web based informational tool to assist year-round West Tisbury property owners interested in adding an accessory apartment (attached or detached) to their primary house, for the purpose of encouraging more affordable rental opportunities within the Town of West Tisbury.

(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve to assist The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head in the preservation and rehabilitation of the Mayhew Chapel roof and windows to avoid increased damage to the structure while a regional application to completely preserve and rehabilitate the structure is prepared by the Tribe.

(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Community Preservation Historic Resources reserve to assist the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association in a regional project to restore the chairs and benches in the Tabernacle.

(RECOMMENDED 3-0-1)

ARTICLE 31: TTo see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to convey and to negotiate the terms of an easement over Map 25, Lot 16 (the "new" section of the West Tisbury Cemetery) to The Whiting Farm Trust to gain access to Map 16, Lot 18 for farming purposes. The grantees conveyed the new section of the Cemetery to the Town in 1978 for no consideration.

(REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 26.1 (Year Round Classification Plan) to delete the position titled Head of Circulation at Grade 3 and further to add the position of Head of Circulation/Assistant Library Director to the year round classification plan at Grade 5.

(RECOMMENDED 2-1-1)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 26.1 (Year Round Classification Plan) to add a new full-time benefited position for the Library titled Programming Coordinator/Administrative Assistant at Grade 3. **(RECOMMENDED 2-1-1)**

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$570,000) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2017. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to amend the following section of the zoning bylaw by adding (*italicized*) and deleting (~~stricken~~) the proposed language at the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

SECTION 6.7 FLOOD PLAIN ZONE

6.7-1 Purpose

The Town of West Tisbury, recognizing the dangers inherent upon coastal flooding at times of hurricanes or severe storms and as a means of protecting its citizens and their property, hereby establishes a series of Flood Plain Overlay Districts and Zoning Regulations for construction of structures and for the use of the land within these districts.

6.7-2 Boundaries

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of West Tisbury designated as Zone AE, AO or VE on the Dukes County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Dukes County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of West Tisbury are panel numbers 25007C0079~~HH~~, 25007C0083~~HH~~, 25007C0084~~HH~~, 25007C0087~~HH~~, 25007C0089~~HH~~, 25007C0091~~HH~~, 25007C0093~~HH~~, 25007C0094~~HH~~, 25007C0111~~HH~~, 25007C0113~~HH~~, 25007C0181~~HH~~, 25007C0182~~HH~~ and 25007C0201~~HH~~, dated ~~July 6, 2010~~ July 20, 2016. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Dukes County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated ~~July 6, 2010~~ July 20, 2016. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board and Building Officials.

6.7-3 Base Flood Elevation Levels

The coastal area of the Town shall have Base Flood Elevation Levels established as Zones AE, AO and VE.

6.7-4 Flood Plain Permits

Permits for all proposed construction and uses of land within the Flood Plain Districts shall be required for the following:

- A. New construction of residential or non-residential structures.

- B. Substantial improvement (as defined) of any existing structure.
- C. The addition to existing structures of increased water, electric or sewage and septage systems which shall conform to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Health.
- D. Alterations of the land form (as defined).

6.7-5 Requirements

All Flood Plain Permits granted under Section 6.7-4 shall be subject to the following provisions:

- ~~A.~~ Any new construction or substantial improvement to be undertaken within the Flood Plain District shall be in accordance with the Massachusetts State Building Code, or Town bylaws if more restrictive.
- ~~B.~~ ~~The lowest floor of any new and substantially improved residential structures shall be elevated to or above the base flood elevation level.~~ In the Coastal District, Subsection 6.1-6(A), height shall be measured from the base flood elevation.
- ~~C.~~ In any new residential structure, there shall be no basement, and upon the making of a substantial improvement no new basement shall be installed.
- ~~D.~~ ~~The lowest floor of any new and substantially improved non-residential structures shall be elevated to or above the base flood elevation level or be floodproofed (as defined) to this level.~~

All new and replacement utility and water facilities shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.

- ~~E.~~ All new and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters. On-site waste disposal systems are to be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- ~~F.~~ Approval for any alteration of the land form (as defined) shall be obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals by Special Permit. No alteration of the land form shall be permitted where there may be the liability of altering the drainage or run-off to the detriment of other landholders of the Town. Before granting a special permit for the alteration of the land form, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall duly consider any recommendations by the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.
- ~~G.~~ ~~In Zones AO, for new construction and substantial improvements it is required that:~~
 - ~~1. Residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the crown of the nearest street to or above the depth number specified on Dukes County's Flood Insurance Rate Map.~~
 - ~~2. Non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the crown of the nearest street to or~~

~~above the depth number specified on Dukes County's Flood Insurance Rate Map or to be floodproofed (as defined) to or above that level.~~

6.7-6 Additional Requirements in V (Velocity) Zones

If proposed construction or alteration of the land form is located within a V Zone (as defined), all Flood Plain Permits granted under Section 6.7-4 shall be subject to the following additional requirements:

- ~~A. All new construction within the V Zones (as defined) shall be located landward of the reach of mean high tide.~~
- ~~B. All new construction and substantial improvement within the V Zones shall be elevated on adequately anchored pilings or columns so that the lowest floor (excluding the pilings or columns) is elevated to or above the base floor level. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the structure is securely anchored to adequately anchored pilings or columns in order to withstand velocity waters and hurricane wave wash.~~
- ~~C. All new construction and substantial improvements within the V Zones shall have the space below the lowest floor free of obstructions and shall be constructed with breakaway walls (as defined) intended to collapse under stress without jeopardizing the structural support of the structure so that the impact on the structure by abnormally high tides or wind driven water is minimized. Such temporarily enclosed space shall not be used for human habitation.~~
- ~~D. The use of fill for structural support of buildings within the V Zones is prohibited.~~
- E. A Man-made alterations of sand dunes within the V Zones is prohibited.

6.7-7 Special Permits

- A. The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a special permit in the case of:
 - 1. Non-residential structures such as boathouses, boatyards, or structures designed for education and research, the nature of which requires their location within the Flood Plain District.
 - 2. Restoration and reconstruction of structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the official State Inventory of Historic Places.
- B. Special permits shall only be issued upon a determination by the Zoning Board of Appeals that:
 - 1. Failure to grant the special permit would result in hardship to the applicant,
 - 2. The granting of the special permit will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense or conflict with existing local bylaws, and,

3. The relief granted is the minimum necessary considering the flood hazard.
- C. Following the granting of such special permit, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall notify the applicant in writing that the issuance of a special permit to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in:
 1. Increased premium rates for flood insurance, and
 2. Increased risks to life and property.
- D. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall maintain a record of special permits including the justification for their issuance.

6.7-8 Administration

The Building/Zoning Inspector shall administer this bylaw as follows:

- A. Review proposed construction and alteration of the land form (as defined) within Flood Plain Districts to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by federal, State, or Town bylaw.
- B. Obtain and maintain records of the elevation (in relation to Mean Sea Level) of the lowest floor, including basement, of all new or substantially improved structures. In addition, maintain records as to whether or not such structures contain a basement.
- C. If a structure has been floodproofed, obtain and maintain records of the elevation (in relation to Mean Sea Level) of the lowest floor and the elevation to which the structure was floodproofed. In addition, maintain records of floodproofing certification which have been prepared by registered professional engineers and architects in relation to the adequacy of floodproofing methods.

6.7-9 Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation the land owner shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- *Adjacent Communities*
- *Bordering States*
- **Conservation Commission**
- *NFIP State Coordinator*
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700
Boston, MA 02114-2104
- *NFIP Program Specialist*
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

6.7-10 Reference to Existing Regulations

~~The floodplain district bylaw is part of a federal requirement for communities that choose to participate in the NFIP. However, the state already administers regulations that take care of many floodplain management concerns. Referencing existing regulations is important to ensure that the projects have been reviewed under the appropriate state regulations and that variances to the conditions of the bylaw do not erroneously allow variances to state requirements.~~

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following;

- Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address floodplain and coastal high hazard areas;
- Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Currently 310 CMR 10.00);
- Inland Wetlands Restrictions, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
- Coastal Wetlands Restrictions, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00) (e communities only)
- Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

6.7-11 Other Use Regulations

1. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:
 - a. such proposals minimize flood damage;
 - b. all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
 - c. adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to amend the following section of the zoning bylaw by adding the italicized text.

8.5-4 Swimming Pools

A. Pools, General

1. In-ground swimming pools of any depth and above and on-ground swimming pools, as defined *in the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts State Building Code governing swimming pools, in*

effect at the time the application is submitted, shall be enclosed by a fence at least 4 feet in height which meets all the requirements of State Building Code.

2. Lighting of pools shall comply with the requirements of Section 8.6.
3. Pools must be in compliance with the regulations of *Massachusetts State Building Code*.
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 and shall be installed in a sound insulated enclosure.

B. Pools Permitted by Right

1. An on-ground portable pool may be allowed by a permit from the Zoning and Building Inspector provided that it does not exceed 250 sq. feet in area and 4' in height, or involve structural materials or any type of mechanical pool equipment.
2. All such pools must be in compliance with the regulations and requirements of *the Massachusetts State Building Code in effect at the time the application is submitted*.

C. Pools by Special Permit

1. All other on-ground pools and in-ground and above-ground pools, spas and exercise pools meeting the definitions of *the Massachusetts State Building Code in effect at the time the application is submitted*.

(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following bylaw:

Plastic Checkout Bag Bylaw

1. Findings and Purpose

- 1.1 Single-use plastic bags are an environmental nuisance; adversely affect public health; are a detriment to tourism; and impair the overall quality of life of the Town's residents and visitors.
 - Because plastic bags are lightweight, they easily become airborne even when properly disposed of, littering beaches, roadsides and sidewalks. They clog storm drainage systems, contribute to marine and terrestrial pollution, and detract from the natural beauty of the Town for visitors and residents alike.
 - Plastic bags photo-degrade, disintegrating into minute particles which adsorb toxins and pose a threat to riparian and marine environments, contaminating the food chain, water and soil. They are also a menace to marine life, killing birds, marine mammals, sea turtles and fish each year through ingestion and entanglement.

- The vast majority of plastic bags are not recycled, and recycling of plastic bags is not available on Martha's Vineyard. Their disposal adds to the Town's waste management expense, both through the cost of transporting waste to off-island landfills and due to their contamination of the single-stream recycling system.
- 1.2 Single-use plastic bag ordinances have proven to be effective in reducing plastic bag consumption and litter and are part of a growing global movement towards sustainability.
 - 1.3 The Town is committed to protecting the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. The goal of this bylaw is to reduce the common use of plastic checkout bags and to encourage the use of reusable bags by consumers, thereby reducing local land and marine pollution, advancing solid waste reduction, protecting the Town's unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Town.

2. Definitions

"Checkout Bag" means a bag with or without handles provided by a Store to a customer at the point of sale that is intended for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the Store.

"Plastic Checkout Bag" means a plastic Checkout Bag that is less than 4 mils thick (and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes such plastic bags that are marketed as 'biodegradable' or 'compostable').

"Recyclable Paper Bag" means a paper bag with or without handles that is 100 percent recyclable and contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled content (except that an eight pound or smaller paper bag shall contain a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled content) and visibly displays both the word "recyclable" and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content.

"Reusable Bag" means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of polyester, polypropylene, washable fabric, or other durable material and, in the case of plastic bags, is at least 4.0 mils in thickness.

"Store" means any commercial enterprise selling goods, food or services directly to the public, whether for or not for profit, including, but not limited to, convenience and grocery stores, markets, restaurants, pharmacies, liquor stores, take-out food purveyors, and merchandise retailers.

3. Use Regulations

- 3.1 No Store in the Town shall provide to any customer a Plastic Checkout Bag.
- 3.2 If a Store provides Checkout Bags, they may only provide Recyclable Paper Bags or Reusable Bags.
- 3.3 This bylaw does not apply to the clear or opaque plastic bags without handles provided to a customer:

- a. to transport loose produce, prepared food, bulk food, or small unpackaged products (e.g. beads and nails or other small hardware items) to the point of sale; or
 - b. to contain or wrap foods to retain moisture or to segregate foods (like meat or ice cream) or other items to prevent contamination or damage when the items are placed together in a Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag.
- 3.4 Stores may charge and retain a fee for any Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag that they provide. The fee could be used to recover the costs of the bag and/or as an incentive to customers to bring their own Reusable Bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own Reusable Bags when they shop, and Stores may offer a credit to customers who bring their own bags.

4. Administration and Enforcement

- 4.1 This bylaw may be enforced by any Town Police Officer or agent of the Board of Health.
- 4.2 A person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:
- first violation: a written warning.
 - second violation: \$50 fine.
 - third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine.
- Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

5. Effective Date

- 5.1 This bylaw takes effect on January 1, 2017. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing deadline for warrant articles or subjects now appearing in the Town Bylaws in the part entitled "Annual Town Meeting Date" by deleting the first sentence of the second paragraph ["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."] and inserting in place thereof, the following language:

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 of the January preceding said second Tuesday of April when the warrant shall be closed. **(NO ACTION 4-0)**

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to amend the following bylaw to add the language that is underlined:

WATER SOURCE - for Fire Department

To require (an) individual(s) who subdivide(s) land into (4) four lots or more or develops (4) Dwelling Units or more on a lot, to indicate water source(s); and, if not sufficient for firefighting, establish a water source for this purpose; said source to be approved by the Fire Chief after plans are presented to the Planning Board for their consideration. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0)**

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaw by relocating the following section:

Section 6.2-4 D 1 will be relocated to, and become "Section 6.3-4 C:"

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.

(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town of West Tisbury will vote to amend Section 6.2-4, Special Ways, of the zoning bylaw by replacing the existing language with the following proposed language:

6.2-4 Special Ways

A. Special Ways Definition and Purpose:

The Special Ways designation protects old cart paths and trails that are cultural and historic links to the community's past, recreational resources for the enjoyment of the outdoors, a conservation resource to accommodate and promote non-motorized forms of travel, links to other trails and roads, and spaces of quiet beauty. The goal of the regulation is to preserve the character of the old ways, retain the abutting landscape, and prevent the injurious effects that would accompany development of the Ways as a primary vehicular route.

Special Ways are often old roads which have been abandoned or used infrequently. They are usually unimproved, rustic and narrow, and generally have very little or no vehicular traffic. The oldest Special Ways are among the last vestiges of the travel network of the past. They may provide archeological resources or means or retracing historic accounts of the development of West Tisbury.

Special Ways vary in terms of their present and potential recreational and vehicular use. They may provide or allow for public access or they may be private. Determination of whether the public has the right to use a Special Way often involves complex legal principles but such a determination is not necessary for an old way to be designated a Special Way.

The Special Ways Zone includes the path or road and adjacent land within 20 feet of either side of the centerline.

Special Ways are designated after a process involving a public hearing, approval of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting.

Designated Special Ways:

Reference in this section to the West Tisbury Assessors Maps are to the maps dated January 1, 1990 unless 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 & 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 60 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)
- Checama Path a/k/a Checama Path a/k/a Little Pond Road: Beginning at its intersection with Stoney Hill Path at the Western most point of

Map 10, Lot 196 running Southeasterly to the Tisbury town line at the Northeastern corner of Map 18, lot 1. (2008 maps)

- Pine Hill Road: beginning at Old County Road at the Southern point of Assessors Map 26, Lot 14.1 opposite the Sheriff's Meadow parking lot at Nat's Farm, proceeding Northerly along the West boundary of said lot and continuing Northerly until the Northwest point of Assessor's Map 21, lot 13 where Pine Hill Road intersects Dr. Fisher Road. (2014 map)
- Red Coat Hill Road/Motts Hill Road: Beginning at the Tisbury town line on the South side of the Easternmost point of Assessor's map 8, Lot 24 and continuing Westerly and becoming Motts Hill Road to the intersection of Ben Chase Road and proceeding under the name Motts Hill Road Southwesterly to the intersection with Merry Farm Road between Assessor's Map 8, lot 22.3. (2014 map)
- Shubael Weeks Road: Beginning at the Tisbury town line at the Northernmost point of Assessor's Map 8, lot 31 and proceeding southerly to its intersection with Ben Chase Road at the southern point of Assessor's Map 8, Lot 25 continuing southerly crossing Merry Farm Road and intersecting Beaten Path near the northern most point of Assessor's Map 8, Lot 26.4. (2014 map)
- Old Coach Road: Beginning at the intersection with the Old Holmes Hole Road a/k/a Old Mail Road at the eastern corner of Assessor's Map 16, Lot 125.2, and proceeding southwesterly and westerly approximately 1,450 feet to the southeastern boundary of Assessor's Map 16, Lot 118 at the juncture of lot 125.28. (2014 map)

B. Uses Permitted:

Any residential, recreational, agricultural or open space use permitted in the respective zoning district, subject to the regulations of Section 6.2-4, provided that the development does not result in direct vehicular access to the Special Way.

C. Regulations:

1. 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.
2. There shall be no alteration of the width or surface materials of a Special Way. This provision is not intended to prevent routine maintenance and repair of Special Ways.
3. No Special Way shall be paved with any impervious material, such as bituminous concrete or asphalt, except for segments that may be approved for crossing over a Special Way.
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 or where the width of a Special Way Zone extends beyond a pre-existing fence or beyond where a fence may be allowed.

5. No stone wall shall be moved, removed or otherwise altered except for repair, except by Special Permit from the Planning Board.
6. No fences, walls, structures, excavations, fill or obstructions shall be made, erected, placed or constructed within the Special Way Zone except by Special Permit from the Planning Board, except for gates, bars or stiles designed to regulate passage for non-vehicular travel or for vehicular travel where allowed. However, pre-existing, non-conforming constructions and clearings may be maintained, but may not be expanded.

Fences exception: Where the Special Way lies within any part of a building lot that is less than one acre in area, fences may be erected within the Special Way as follows:

- Fence must be at least 50% transparent (such as picket fence or split-rail fence).
 - If fence height is under 4 feet, the fence must be at least 5 feet from the center line or 1 foot outside the top edge of the physical embankment alongside the Special Way, whichever is greater.
 - If fence height is 4 to 6 feet, the fence must be at least 10 feet from the center line.
7. Relocation of a portion of a Special Way may be approved by the Planning Board by Special Permit, after holding a public hearing and finding that the relocation would: preserve the continuity of the Way, create new trail connections, provide increased public trail access, improve safety, or otherwise enhance the way. Relocation may be considered for the purpose of aligning Ways with property lines. However it is beyond the jurisdiction of the Planning Board to either grant or extinguish public or private rights-of-way by such action.
 8. 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. Proposed crossings must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board by Special Permit. Vehicles may not use this provision to travel along the Way for any distance to gain access to a property. Consideration of such proposed crossings shall include appropriate means to draw attention to the crossing for people's safety. Proposed crossings must be reviewed and permitted by the Planning Board by Special Permit.

D. Special Ways Regulations Relating to Vehicular Use:

1. Vehicular use is permitted by right if the Way was so used prior to acceptance of a Special Way nomination by the Martha's Vineyard

Commission. The nature and extent of pre-existing vehicular use may not be increased without a Special Permit from the Planning Board.

2. In planning development along a Special Way resulting in increased vehicular use of the Way, every effort must be made to minimize the length of the Special Way travelled by vehicles, for example through driveway placement.
3. Development or subdivision of land along a Special Way may not use the Special Way for new access if alternative access is reasonably available.
4. Criteria to be used by the Planning Board in review of Special Permit applications for new or increased vehicular use:
 - a. A landowner wishes to develop or sub-divide his land and no other access is reasonably available. In this case, the access points must be located as close as possible to the end of the Way nearest a road or as close as possible to the nearest portion of the Way already traveled by vehicle.
 - b. In the case of sub-division of the property, a single access driveway or road onto the Special Way is preferred.

E. Additional Consideration:

1. The Planning Board may grant a Special Permit for other development, uses or structures for which the imposition of regulations would otherwise deprive the landowner of all other reasonable uses.

(REQUIRES A 2/3 VOTE, RECOMMENDED 4-0)

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's renovation of the playground at the West Tisbury School providing design, procurement, construction and any costs incidental and relative thereto.

(BY PETITION, NOT RECOMMENDED 4-0)

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen days at least before the holding of such meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty Third Day of March in the Year Two Thousand Sixteen.

Cynthia E. Mitchell, Chair

Richard R. Knabel

Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter
WEST TISBURY SELECTMEN

DATE:

I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen (14) days before such meeting.

Timothy A. Barnett, Constable

A true copy, attest:

Tara J. Whiting
Town Clerk



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 14, 2016**

Tara J. Whiting
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

FOR MODERATOR

One Year Vote for ONE

DANIEL A. WATERS

18 Christiantown Road Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

FOR SELECTMAN

Three Years Vote for ONE

CYNTHIA E. MITCHELL

62 Panhandle Road Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years Vote for ONE

☐

(Write-in)

**FOR BOARD
OF ASSESSORS**

Three Years Vote for ONE

RICHARD COHEN

511 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

One Year Vote for ONE

BRENT B. TAYLOR

63 Willow Tree Hollow Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

FOR TOWN CLERK

One Year Vote for ONE

TARA J. WHITING

488 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

FOR TREE WARDEN

One Year Vote for ONE

JEREMIAH ARMSTRONG BROWN

2 Holly Lane Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years Vote for TWO

LINDA M. CHAPMAN

86 Pond Road

☐

WAYNE SMITH

40 Right Fork Road

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(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**FOR FINANCE
COMMITTEE**

Three Years Vote for TWO

CHARLES A. HODGKINSON

171 Oak Lane

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DOUGLAS RUSKIN

100 Stoney Hill Road Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**FOR PARK AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Three Years Vote for ONE

MARK 'HAP' BERNARD

153 Otis Bassett Road Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

QUESTION

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay the costs of constructing and equipping a new Highway Department Building, to be located at the Public Safety Building complex, including any repairs to the existing Public Safety Complex, i.e., utilities, paving and landscaping, or any site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, and including the cost of moving to the new location and related borrowing cost?

YES ☐

NO ☐