# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

# **REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JUNE 30, 2018

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Change in Accounting Principle**

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, in Fiscal Year 2018 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, *GASBS No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, and Dukes County Contributory Retirement System schedules - Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and Town's contribution, Other Postemployment Benefits schedules - Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Town's contribution, schedule of investment return, and notes to required supplementary information on pages 3 - 9, 60 - 61, 62 - 64 and 65 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Rolat S. Bront

Certified Public Accountant March 14, 2019

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of West Tisbury (the Town), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. We encourage readers to consider this information in addition to the statements and notes.

The Town complies with financial reporting requirements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the authoritative standard setting body that provides guidance on how to prepare financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Users of these financial statements, such as investors and rating agencies, rely on the GASB to establish consistent reporting standards for all governments in the United States. This consistent application is the only way users can assess the financial condition of one government compared to others.

# Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2018 by \$15.2 million (net position). Of this amount, a negative \$3.2 million is considered unrestricted (net unrestricted position). The unrestricted balance includes a net pension liability of just under \$2.4 million, a postemployment liability of \$1.9 million, and another positive \$1.0 million that may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The governmental activities total net position decreased by \$1,149,869, down 7.0% from fiscal 2017; primarily due to a net change in the Community Preservation fund of -\$1,258.701 which included the funding of a significant affordable housing project.
- For fiscal 2018, the Town continued to recognize other postemployment benefits expense (OPEB) under GASB 74 and changed from GASB 45 to GASB 75 for reporting OPEB in the financial statements. The change from GASB 45 to GASB 75 resulted in a one-time prior period adjustment of \$821,130 to fully recognize the Town's outstanding OPEB liability under the new GASB. For fiscal 2018 the Town budgeted and transferred \$200,000 to the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust. This contribution combined with \$78,416 in investment earnings left the Town's balance in the trust as of June 30, 2018 at \$1,929,773.
- At the end of FY2017, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following funding policy for OPEB: "1) To gradually increase annual contributions to the OPEB Trust such that we reach the Normal Cost from the most recent actuarial study for FY2019. 2) To switch to fully funding the ARC when our pension liability is fully funded (currently projected at 2032)." This funding policy, combined with the town's history of funding a portion of the OPEB liability through its budget since FY2014, resulted in the new 7.5% discount rate in the most recent study, and commensurate reductions in the Accrued Actuarial Liability (AAL) and Net OPEB Obligation (NOO) from the prior study. The fifth actuarial study of the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust (as of July 1, 2017), shows the Town's AAL, assuming a 30-year amortization and a 7.5% discount rate, at \$3,571,142 of which 54.0% is funded in the OPEB Trust as of June 30, 2018.
- The Town's general fund reported an unassigned fund balance of \$1,418,949 at the end of fiscal 2018. This represents 7.8% of total general fund expenditures. An additional amount of \$554,000 of the assigned fund balance was designated for funding the fiscal year 2019 budget.

- The total cost of all Town governmental activities for fiscal 2018 was just over \$20.6 million, an increase of \$2.290,051 or 12.5%; over 60% of the increase was due to Community Preservation grants of \$1.4 million for an affordable housing project.
- The Town's total revenue from governmental activities increased to \$19.5 million, an increase of \$1,141,303 or 6.2%.

# **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. These basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- 1. Government-wide Financial Statements
- 2. Fund Financial Statements
- 3. Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u> – The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods, (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees or charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, education, public works, sanitation, human services, culture and recreation, employee benefits, debt service, and state and county assessments. The Town currently does not operate or maintain any business-type activities.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> – A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three main categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. The Town currently does not operate or maintain any proprietary funds.

<u>Governmental Funds</u> – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental funds statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand

the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both, the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*. The Town of West Tisbury adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements, as the resources of those funds are **not** available to support the Town's own programs. The fiduciary funds use the full accrual basis of accounting.

<u>Post Employment Benefits Trust fund & Agency funds</u> – Fiduciary funds are each reported and combined into a single, aggregate presentation in the fiduciary funds financial statements under the captions "post employment benefits trust fund" and "agency funds", respectively.

<u>Notes to the basic financial statements</u> – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and funds financial statements.

# Government-wide Financial Analysis:

The chart on the following page summarizes key financial components of the Town's financial statements.

As noted earlier, assets exceed liabilities by \$15,160,404 at the close of fiscal year 2018.

The largest component of the Town's net position is its *investment in capital assets* (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets, is \$17,023,569 or 112.3 % of total net position. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets *are not* available for future spending. Although the investment in the Town's capital assets is reported net of its related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The second largest component of the Town's net position are its *restricted assets* totaling \$1,302,163 (8.6%) which represent resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The third component of the Town's net position is its *unrestricted net position* totaling a negative \$3,165,328 (-20.9%). This negative balance is created by GASB reporting requirements for net pension and postemployment liabilities. Please refer to notes 12 and 13 for further discussion of postemployment benefits and pension plan descriptions.

The total change in net position in fiscal 2018 was -\$1,970,999, or -11.5% of which -\$821,130 was due to a prior period adjustment for recognizing OPEB liability according to GASB 75.

#### Town of West Tisbury - Financial Highlights

	Govern Acti		%	
	FY 2018	FY 2017	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Assets:				
Current assets	\$ 4,839,874	\$ 5,586,033	\$ (746,159)	-13.36%
Capital assets	24,188,569	24,601,616	(413,047)	-1.68%
Total assets	29,028,443	30,187,649	(1,159,206)	-3.84%
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	403,013	621,200	(218,187)	-35.12%
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities (excluding debt)	479,693	464,931	14,762	3.18%
Noncurrent liabilities (excluding debt)	4,429,051	4,576,798	(147,747)	-3.23%
Current debt	2,249,000	1,447,500	801,500	55.37%
Noncurrent debt Total liabilities	6,545,000 13,702,744	7,165,000 13,654,229	(620,000) 48,515	-8.65%
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	568,308	23,217	545,091	2347.81%
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Net Position: Net investment in capital assets	17,023,569	16,841,396	182,173	1.08%
Restricted	1,302,163	2,912,311	(1,610,148)	-55.29%
Unrestricted	(3,165,328)	(2,622,304)	(543,024)	20.71%
Total net position	\$ 15,160,404	\$ 17,131,403	\$ (1,970,999)	-11.51%
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 610,214	\$ 672,390	(62,176)	-9.25%
Operating grants and contributions General Revenues:	792,466	360,162	432,304	120.03%
Real Estate and personal property taxes	15,776,881	15,050,785	726,096	4.82%
Tax Liens	22,770	31,918	(9,148)	-28.66%
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	598,267	585,643	12,624	2.16%
Penalties & interest on taxes	67,792	83,602	(15,810)	-18.91%
Non restricted grants & contributions	1,507,176	1,469,495	37,681	2.56%
Departmental	89,222	88,348	874	0.99%
Unrestricted investment income Total Revenues	32,310 19,497,098	13,452 18,355,795	18,858	<u>140.19%</u> 6.22%
Expenses:	2 550 112	1 00 4 00 5	1 555 025	07.000/
General Government	3,559,112	1,804,085	1,755,027	97.28%
Public Safety	2,399,165	2,270,567 10,036,665	128,598	5.66%
Education Public Works	10,533,948 602,506	584,699	497,283 17,807	4.95% 3.05%
Sanitati on	137,293	130,298	6,995	5.37%
Human Services	628,519	657,576	(29,057)	-4.42%
Culture and Recreation	1,238,734	1,269,891	(31,157)	-2.45%
Employee Benefits	1,124,738	1,162,716	(37,978)	-3.27%
State and County Assessments	190,354	190,543	(189)	-0.10%
Interest	232,598	249,876	(17,278)	-6.91%
Total Expenses	20,646,967	18,356,916	2,290,051	12.48%
Change in Net Position	(1,149,869)	(1,121)	(1,148,748)	102475.29%
Prior Period Adjustment - OPEB	(821,130)			
Net Position - beginning	17,131,403	17,132,524	(1,121)	-0.01%
Net Position - ending	\$ 15,160,404	\$ 17,131,403	\$ (1,970,999)	-11.51%

# Financial analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

<u>Governmental funds</u> – The focus of *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *expendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,638,294 a \$1,563,903 decrease from the prior year's ending fund balances of \$4,202,197. The decrease is due to the purchase of a custom fire pumper truck using \$400,000 of borrowed funds and decrease of \$1,258,701 in restricted Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds due to increased grant activity; the net of all other fund balances was an increase of \$94,798.

The general fund is the primary operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$1,418,949 while total fund balance of the general fund stood at \$2,308,058. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 7.8% of total general fund expenditures, while total general fund balance of \$2,308,058 represents 12.6% of that same expenditure amount.

The unassigned stabilization fund has accumulated a fund balance of \$508,319 which represents 2.8% of annual general fund expenditures. These funds can be used for general or capital purposes upon Town Meeting approval.

# General Fund Budget Highlights

At its Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2017, the Town appropriated \$18,462,314 through raise and appropriate articles from the fiscal 2018 general fund. There were no Special Town Meetings. The tax levy for fiscal 2018 was \$15,852,907, an increase of \$737,638 or 4.9% over fiscal 2017. \$575,000 of free cash from fiscal 2017 and \$19,000 from overlay surplus funds were used to decrease the fiscal 2018 tax levy. At year end, \$558,493 of unexpended appropriation balances was closed out to unassigned fund balance. Also, state revenue and local receipts (not including property taxes and tax lien redemptions) exceeded budget by \$58,963.

# Capital Asset and Debt Administration

*Capital Assets* - In conjunction with the operating budget process, the Town has a Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) to assist in budgeting for current and future capital needs. The CIPC reviews all capital project requests from Town departments, maintains a five-year plan for capital projects, and makes recommendations on capital appropriations for Town Meetings.

The Town's investment in capital assets for governmental activities, as summarized below, as of June 30, 2018, amounts to \$24,188,569, net of accumulated depreciation. The investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure.

The governmental activities capital assets decreased by \$413,047; increases due to a fire department pumper truck (\$460,000), new vehicles for the police and animal control (\$72,000), new roofs on two town buildings (\$120,000) were offset by over \$1.0 million in FY 2018 asset deprecation.

	Gover Acti	nment vities	al		%
	 FY 2018		FY 2017	Increase Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Land	\$ 1,877,108	\$	1,877,108	\$ -	0.00%
Buildings & Improvements	18,021,216		18,584,987	(563,771)	-3.03%
Machinery and Equipment	8,283		12,454	(4,171)	-33.49%
Vehicles	1,249,843		882,634	367,209	41.60%
Infrastructure	 3,032,119		3,244,433	 (212,314)	-6.54%
Total Capital Assets	\$ 24,188,569	\$	24,601,616	\$ (413,047)	-1.68%

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

*Long Term Debt* - The Town's debt burden is reasonable in relation to other communities its size. Outstanding long term debt, as of June 30, 2018, totaled \$7,165,000. Total debt consists of the following:

# **Outstanding Debt at Year End**

Governmental Activities	Outstanding June 30, 2018	Outstanding June 30, 2017	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 7,165,000	\$ 7,785,000	\$ (620,000)	-7.96%

Please refer to Notes 5, 7 and 8 for further discussion of the major capital asset and debt activity.

## Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets & Rates

The Town's leadership (elected and appointed officials) considered many factors when setting the fiscal 2019 budget and tax rates including the following:

- The fiscal 2019 tax rate is projected to be \$6.18, a 12-cent increase from fiscal 2018. The percentage increase in the tax rate is 2.0%. The overall assessed value of property in the town increased by 3.6% to just over \$2.7 billion. The excess levy capacity will be \$72,733 or 0.4% of the tax levy. The tax levy limit is approximately \$2.0 million under the levy ceiling.
- For the first time in 16 years, the town needed to pass a general override for \$400,000 to increase the town's levy limit under proposition 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

- The Board of Selectmen voted during their classification hearing to maintain the same tax rate for all classes of property.
- Regional school district budgets comprise 55.5% of the Town's operating budget for fiscal 2019. While overall assessed budgets for the regional high school increased 6.2% and the Up-island regional district increased 5.0% as the school districts attend to capital repairs and increased OPEB contributions; the town's share of those assessments only increased 2.4% and 1.7%, respectively, due to decreased percentages of students from West Tisbury in the districts assessment formulas.
- Other major increases in the fiscal 2019 operating budget were in line items for the Board of Health that added a new part-time staff person, employee and retiree health insurance, town building maintenance and the addition of rental of town vehicles for town use.
- Significant decreases include the saving of \$49,000 or 23% by combining the Town's Collector and Treasurer functions into a single department and a reduction of \$34,000 in funds required to support the refuse districts' town local dropoff; an increase in refuse fees makes its operation self-supporting though a revolving fund.
- The fiscal 2019 budget maintained the amount to transfer to the Dukes County OPEB Trust in the health insurance line item at \$200,000. It is management's intent to continue to make contributions to reduce OPEB liability through the budget process. While funds are being transferred to the trust, the town continues to pay retiree health insurance benefits directly.
- No new debt is projected in fiscal 2019. Capital projects and the resultant debt repayment schedules are being phased in as existing debt declines or is retired, so that capital expenditures and debt services may remain as level as possible over time.

# **Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of West Tisbury's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Town Accountant, PO Box 278, West Tisbury, MA 02575.

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
ASSETS	
CURRENT: CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS RECEIVABLES, NET OF ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES: REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES TAX LIENS MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER EXCISE TAXES DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 4,383,567 231,343 28,519 78,660 5,881 111,904
NONCURRENT: CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	24,188,569
TOTAL ASSETS	29,028,443
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS RELATED TO PENSIONS	42,893 360,120
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	403,013
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OTHER LIABILITIES ACCRUED INTEREST LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS COMPENSATED ABSENCES BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE NONCURRENT: LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	183,603 37,062 37,364 7,600 214,064 2,249,000 68,400
COMPENSATED ABSENCES POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS NET PENSION LIABILITY BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	150,900 1,851,888 2,357,863 6,545,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,702,744
DEFFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: RELATED TO PENSIONS	568,308
NET POSITION	
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR:	17,023,569
STREETS PERMANENT FUNDS: EXPENDABLE NONEXPENDABLE OTHER PURPOSES UNRESTRICTED	76,937 7,417 65,333 1,152,476 (3,165,328)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 15,160,404

# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

			PROGRA	M REVEN	IUES	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			 RGES FOR ERVICES	GR	ERATING ANTS AND IRIBUTIONS	T (EXPENSE) REVENUE
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:						
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	3,559,112	\$ 24,077	\$	350,468	\$ (3,184,567)
PUBLIC SAFETY		2,399,165	375,969		48,344	(1,974,852)
EDUCATION		10,533,948	-		-	(10,533,948)
PUBLIC WORKS		602,506	-		39,501	(563,005)
SANITATION		137,293	93,120		-	(44,173)
HUMAN SERVICES		628,519	29,370		187,889	(411,260)
CULTURE & RECREATION		1,238,734	87,678		166,264	(984,792)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,124,738	-		-	(1,124,738)
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		190,354	-		-	(190,354)
INTEREST		232,598	 -		-	 (232,598)
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$	20,646,967	\$ 610,214	\$	792,466	\$ (19,244,287)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	PRIMARY GOVERNMEN		
		/ERNMENTAL	
CHANGES IN NET POSITION:			
NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE FROM PREVIOUS PAGE	\$	(19,244,287)	
GENERAL REVENUES: REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS PAYABLE TAX LIENS MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS NOT RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT INCOME MISCELLANEOUS		15,776,881 22,770 598,267 67,792 1,507,176 32,310 89,222	
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES		18,094,418	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		(1,149,869)	
NET POSITION:			
BEGINNING OF YEAR		16,310,273	
END OF YEAR	\$	15,160,404	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS	 GENERAL	MMUNITY SERVATION	в	IGHWAY UILDING ROJECT			NONMAJOR VERNMENTAL FUNDS	GOV	TOTAL ERNMENTAL FUNDS
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS RECEIVABLES, NET OF ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES:	\$ 2,414,818	\$ 925,392	\$	3,926	\$	-	\$ 1,039,431	\$	4,383,567
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES TAX LIENS	231,343 28,519	-		-		-	-		231,343 28,519
MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER EXCISE TAXES	78,660	-		-		-	-		78,660
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	-	5,881		-		-	-		5,881
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	 	 			-	-	 111,904	-	111,904
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,753,340	\$ 931,273	\$	3,926	\$	-	\$ 1,151,335	\$	4,839,874
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES									
LIABILITIES:									
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 139,243	\$ 1,581	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 42,779	\$	183,603
OTHER LIABILITIES NOTES PAYABLE	36,942	120 500,000		- 638,000	40	- 00,000	- 91,000		37,062 1,629,000
	 	 000,000							1,020,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 176,185	 501,701		638,000	40	00,000	 133,779		1,849,665
DEFFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: ADVANCE COLLECTIONS - TAXES									
UNAVAILABLE REVENUE	 269,097	 5,881		-		-	 76,937		351,915
FUND BALANCES:									
NONSPENDABLE	-	-		-		-	65,333		65,333
RESTRICTED COMMITTED	- 201,035	423,691		-		-	972,894		1,396,585 201,035
ASSIGNED	688,074			-		2	-		688,074
UNASSIGNED	 1,418,949	 -		(634,074)	(40	00,000)	 (97,608)		287,267
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	 2,308,058	 423,691		(634,074)	(4(	0,000)	 940,619		2,638,294
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES									
AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,753,340	\$ 931,273	\$	3,926	\$	-	\$ 1,151,335	\$	4,839,874

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

DEVENUES.	GENERAL	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	HIGHWAY BUILDING PROJECT	FIRE TRUCK	NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES:						
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES INVESTMENT INCOME CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	\$ 15,814,569 559,387 67,792 950,880 - 31,56	\$ 110,233  24,587	\$- - - - - - -	\$- - - - - -	\$- - 148,640 99,523 5,858 419,952	\$ 15,814,569 559,387 67,792 1,209,753 99,523 62,014 419,952
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	783,607	424,612		-	32,653	1,240,872
TOTAL REVENUES	18,207,804	559,432			706,626	19,473,862
EXPENDITURES:						
CURRENT: GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,582,193	1,796,169		-	123,651	3,502,013
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,186,346	-	-	460,000	24,773	2,671,119
EDUCATION	10,295,373	-	-	-	-	10,295,373
PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION	319,963 137,293	-	3,148	-	33,976	357,087 137,293
HUMAN SERVICES	578.099	-			104,538	682,637
CULTURE & RECREATION	848,024	21,964	-	-	182,720	1,052,708
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,301,352	-	-	-	-	1,301,352
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS DEBT SERVICE	190,354	-	-	-	-	190,354
PRINCIPAL	620,000	-	-	-	-	620,000
INTEREST	227,829	·				227,829
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,286,826	1,818,133	3,148	460,000	469,658	21,037,765
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(79,022)	(1,258,701)	(3,148)	(460,000)	236,968	(1,563,903)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	8,200 (158,500)		79,750 (18,250)	60,000	37,000 (8,200)	184,950 (184,950)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(150,300)		61,500	60,000	28,800	<u> </u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(229,322)	(1,258,701)	58,352	(400,000)	265,768	(1,563,903)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,537,380	1,682,392	(692,426)		674,851	4,202,197
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,308,058	\$ 423,691	\$ (634,074)	\$ (400,000)	\$ 940,619	\$ 2,638,294

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES		\$ 2,638,294
CAPITAL ASSETS (NET) USED IN GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES ARE NOT FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FUNDS		24,188,569
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO PAY FOR CURRENT-PERIOD EXPENDITURES AND, THEREFORE, ARE DEFERRED IN THE FUNDS		351,915
IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES, INTEREST IS ACCRUED ON OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM DEBT, WHEREAS IN GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS INTEREST IS NOT REPORTED UNTIL DUE		(37,364)
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES ARE NOT DUE AND PAYABLE IN THE CURRENT PERIOD AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE NET PENSION LIABILITY DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS COMPENSATED ABSENCES POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	(7,165,000) (2,357,863) (568,308) 42,893 360,120 (364,964) (1,851,888) (76,000)	
NET EFFECT OF REPORTING LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		 (11,981,010)
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		\$ 15,160,404

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		\$ (1,563,903)
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REPORT CAPITAL OUTLAYS AS EXPENDITURES. HOWEVER, IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES THE COST OF THOSE ASSETS IS ALLOCATED OVER THEIR ESTIMATED USEFUL LIVES AND REPORTED AS DEPRECIATION EXPENSE.		
CAPITAL OUTLAY DEPRECIATION EXPENSE (3)	94,789 507,836)	
NET EFFECT OF REPORTING CAPITAL ASSETS		(413,047)
REVENUES IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES THAT DO NOT PROVIDE CURRENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE FULLY DEFERRED IN THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES. THEREFORE, THE RECOGNITION OF REVENUE FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (I.E. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, ETC.) DIFFER BETWEEN THE TWO STATEMENTS. THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS THE NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED REVENUE		23,236
THE ISSUANCE OF LONG-TERM DEBT (E.G., BONDS) PROVIDES CURRENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, WHILE THE REPAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF LONG- TERM DEBT CONSUMES THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS. NEITHER TRANSACTION, HOWEVER, HAS ANY EFFECT ON NET ASSETS. ALSO, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS REPORT THE EFFECT OF ISSUANCE COSTS, PREMIUMS, DISCOUNTS, AND SIMILAR ITEMS WHEN DEBT IS FIRST ISSUED, WHEREAS THESE AMOUNTS ARE DEFERRED AND AMORTIZED IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES.		
DEBT SERVICE PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	620,000	
NET EFFECT OF REPORTING LONG-TEM DEBT		620,000
SOME EXPENSES REPORTED IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF CURRENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND, THEREFORE, ARE NOT REPORTED AS EXPENDITURES IN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS.		
NET CHANGE IN POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ACCRUAL NET CHANGE IN LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE ACCRUAL NET CHANGE IN ACCRUED INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT NET CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO PENSIONS NET CHANGE IN DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES - RELATED TO POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	(33,797) 67,264 12,000 (4,769) 906,425 261,080) 42,893 545,091)	
NET EFFECT OF RECORDING LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		 183,845
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		\$ (1,149,869)
See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements		

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	BUDGETE	D AMOUNTS		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL BUDGETARY AMOUNTS	VARIANCE OVER/UNDER
REVENUES:				
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES,				
NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$ 15,770,055	\$ 15,770,055	\$ 15,814,569	\$ 44,514
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES	585,000	585,000	559,387	(25,613)
PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES	70,000	70,000	67,792	(2,208)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	941,017	941,017	950,880	9,863
INVESTMENT INCOME	10,000	10,000	22,813	12,813
DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER	721,937	721,937	783,607	61,670
TOTAL REVENUES	18,098,009	18,098,009	18,199,048	101,039
EXPENDITURES:				
CURRENT:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,832,268	1,817,671	1,582,193	235,478
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,312,987	2,369,641	2,186,346	183,295
EDUCATION	10,295,376	10,295,376	10,295,373	3
PUBLIC WORKS	365,355	365,355	319,963	45,392
SANITATION	170,090	170,090	137,293	32,797
HUMAN SERVICES	621,390	629,333	578,099	51,234
CULTURE & RECREATION	870,672	873,172	848,024	25,148
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,378,134	1,378,134	1,301,352	76,782
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	198,663	198,663	190,354	8,309
DEBT SERVICE:	700.000	700.000	000.000	00.000
PRINCIPAL	700,000	700,000	620,000	80,000
INTEREST	234,338	234,338	227,829	6,509
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,979,273	19,031,773	18,286,826	744,947
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(881,264)	(933,764)	(87,778)	845,986
			. <u> </u>	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			0.000	0.000
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-	-	8,200	8,200
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(98,500)	(98,500)	(98,500)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(98,500)	(98,500)	(90,300)	8,200
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(979,764)	(1,032,264)	(178,078)	854,186
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,880,124	1,880,124	1,880,124	
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 900,360	\$ 847,860	\$ 1,702,046	\$ 854,186

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS FIDUCIARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

	POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND		AGENCY FUNDS	
ASSETS				
CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS DEPOSITS HELD BY TRUSTEE	\$	- 1,929,773	\$	51,376 -
TOTAL ASSETS		1,929,773		51,376
LIABILITIES				
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OTHER LIABILITIES		-		2,640 48,736
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-		51,376
NET POSITION				
NET POSITION - HELD IN TRUST FOR POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	\$	1,929,773	\$	-

# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS FIDUCIARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

ADDITIONS:	POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND	
CONTRIBUTIONS: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO PAY FOR OPEB BENEFITS	\$	200,000 179,359
NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS): INVESTMENT INCOME		78,416
TOTAL ADDITIONS		457,775
DEDUCTIONS: BENEFIT PAYMENTS		179,359
CHANGES IN NET POSITION		278,416
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,651,357
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	\$	1,929,773

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of West Tisbury, Massachusetts (the Town) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant Town accounting policies:

# **A. Reporting Entity**

# Primary Government

The Town is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected three member Board of Selectmen (the Board). The Board is responsible for appointing a Town Administrator whose responsibility is to manage the day to day operations. For financial reporting purposes, the Town has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and institutions. The Town has also considered all potential component units, blended or discretely presented, for which it is financially accountable as well as other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Town are such that exclusion would cause the basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations and discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the government. It has been determined that there are no component units (blended or discretely presented) for inclusion in the primary government's financial reporting entity.

# Joint Ventures

Municipal joint ventures pool resources to share the costs, risks and rewards of providing services to their participants, the general public or others. The Town is a participant in the following joint ventures:

Name	Purpose	Address	Annual Assessment
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District	To provide Jr./ Sr. high education services	2 Pine Street Vineyard Haven, MA 02568	\$ 2,780,261
Up-Island Regional School District	To provide elementary education services	2 Pine Street Vineyard Haven, MA 02568	\$ 7,499,832
M.V. Regional Refuse & Resource Recovery District	To process solid waste of the member communities	750 West Tisbury Rd Edgartown, MA 02539	\$ 112,340

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District is governed by a nine (9) member school committee consisting of three representatives from the Up-Island Regional School District (one appointee from each Town) and two members from each of the Edgartown, Tisbury, and Oak Bluffs districts. The Town is indirectly liable for debt and other expenditures of the School and is assessed annually for its share of the operating and capital costs. Separate financial statements may be obtained by writing to the Treasurer of the District at the above address. The Town has equity interest of 16% in the joint venture.

The Up-Island Regional School District is governed by a five (5) member school committee consisting of one (1) elected representative from the Town of West Tisbury, one (1) elected representative from the Town of Chilmark and from the Town of Aquinnah, and two (2) at-large members elected from the three Towns. The Town is indirectly liable for debt and other expenditures of the District and is assessed annually for its share of the operating and capital costs. Separate financial statements may be obtained by writing to the Treasurer of the District at the above address. The Town has equity interest of 47% in the joint venture.

The Martha's Vineyard Regional Refuse and Resource Recovery District was created by an act of the legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Its purpose is to handle and process all the solid waste needs of the member communities. Members of the District include the Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, and West Tisbury. A district manager has been appointed by the District Committee to oversee the day to day operation of the facility. The District Committee is comprised of two appointed members of each community's Board of Health.

# **B.** Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

# Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. *Governmental activities*, which are primarily supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which are supported primarily by user fees and charges.

The Town of West Tisbury has no business-type activities as of June 30, 2018.

# Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and displayed in a single column.

# Major Fund Criteria

A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Town or it meets the following criteria:

- a. If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of an individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding element (assets and liabilities etc.) for all funds of that category or type (total governmental funds), and
- b. If the total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding element for all governmental funds combined.

Additionally, any other governmental fund that management believes is particularly significant to the basic financial statements may be reported as a major fund.

Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

# C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

## Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liabilities are incurred. Real estate and personal property taxes are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a particular function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include the following:

- a. *Charges to customers or applicants* who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.
- b. *Grants and contributions* that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular function or segment.
- c. *Grants and contributions* that are restricted to meeting the capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

Taxes and other items not identifiable as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

The effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

# Fund Financial Statements

# Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest on general longterm debt which is recognized when due, and the noncurrent portion of compensated absences, landfill post closure care costs, net pension liability, and post-employment benefits, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with current expendable available resources.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, there are essentially two types of revenues. In one, moneys must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the Town; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures incurred. In the other, moneys are virtually unrestricted and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met.

The Town considers property taxes as available if they are due and collected within 60 days after fiscal year-end. Licenses and permits, user charges, fines and forfeitures, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

- ➤ The *General fund* is the primary operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The Community Preservation fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the accumulation of resources to purchase open space, provide for affordable housing, or preservation of historical property under the guidelines of the Community Preservation Act of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- The Highway Building Project fund is a capital project fund used to account for the construction activity of the highway building.
- > The *Fire Truck fund* is a capital project fund used to account for the purchase of a new fire truck.
- The Nonmajor Governmental funds consist of other special revenue, capital projects, and permanent funds that are aggregated and presented in the nonmajor governmental funds column on the governmental funds financial statements. The following describes the general use of these fund types:
  - The *Special Revenue fund* is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent funds or capital projects funds) that are restricted by law or administrative action to expenditures for specified purposes.

- The *Capital Projects fund* is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by trust funds).
- The *Permanent fund* is used to account for financial resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the governmental programs.

# Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

*Fiduciary fund* financial statements are reported using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and use the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity for others that cannot be used to support the governmental programs.

The following fiduciary fund types are reported:

- The *Postemployment Benefits Trust fund* is used to account for assets held to fund future postemployment benefits of current and retired employees.
- The Agency fund is used to account for assets held in a purely custodial capacity

# **D.** Cash and Investments

## Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Cash and short term investments are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments are reported at fair value.

# **E.** Fair Value Measurements

The Town reports required types of financial instruments in accordance with the fair value standards. These standards require an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (such as quoted prices in active markets) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (such as appraisals or valuation techniques) to determine fair value. Fair value standards also require the government to classify these financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy, based on the priority of inputs to the valuation technique or in accordance with net asset value practical expedient rules, which allow for either Level 2 or Level 3 depending on lock up and notice periods associated with the underlying funds. Instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date. Instruments, which are generally included in this category, include actively traded equity and debt securities, U.S. government obligations, and mutual funds with quoted market prices in active markets.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Certain fixed income securities, primarily corporate bonds, are classified as Level 2 because fair values are estimated using pricing models, matrix pricing, or discounted cash flows.

Level 3 – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the instrument and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the instrument. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. In some instances the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy and is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. Instruments with readily available active quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. It is reasonably possible that change in values of these instruments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in these financial statements. For more information on the fair value of the Town's financial instruments, see Note 3 - Fair Market Value of Investments.

# F. Accounts Receivable

## Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary funds financial statements are reported under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition of revenue related to accounts receivable reported in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

## Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes and Tax Liens

Real estate and personal property taxes are based on values assessed as of each January 1 and are normally due on the subsequent August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. Property taxes that remain unpaid after the respective due dates are subject to penalties and interest charges. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth must be assessed at 100% of fair market value. Once levied, which is required to be at least 30 days prior to the due date, these taxes are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of levy. Based on the Town's experience, most property taxes are collected during the year in which they are assessed. Liening of properties on which taxes remain unpaid occurs annually. The Town ultimately has the right to foreclose on all properties where the taxes remain unpaid.

A statewide property tax limitation statute known as "Proposition 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" limits the amount of increase in property tax levy in any fiscal year. Generally, Proposition 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> limits the total levy to an amount not greater than 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> % of the total assessed value of all taxable property within the Town. Secondly, the tax levy cannot increase by more than 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> % of the prior year's levy plus the taxes on property newly added to the tax rolls. Certain provisions of Proposition 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> can be overridden by a Town-wide referendum.

Real estate receivables are secured via the tax lien process and are considered 100% collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for uncollectibles is not reported.

Personal property taxes cannot be secured through the lien process. The allowance of uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

# Motor Vehicle Excise

Motor vehicle excise taxes are assessed annually for each vehicle registered in the Town and are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy. The Commonwealth is responsible for reporting the number of vehicles registered and the fair values of those vehicles. The tax calculation is the fair value of the vehicle multiplied by \$25 per \$1,000 of value.

The allowance for uncollectibles is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

# Departmental and Other

Departmental and other receivables consist of the Community Preservation Act receivables in the fiscal year accrued. Since these receivables are secured via the lien process, these accounts are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectible.

## Intergovernmental

Various federal and state grants for operating and capital purposes are applied for and received annually. For non-expenditure driven grants, receivables are recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. For expenditure driven grants, receivables are recognized when the qualifying expenditures are incurred and all other grant requirements are met.

These receivables are considered 100% collectible and therefore do not report an allowance for uncollectibles.

# **G.** Inventories

## Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Inventories of the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. Such inventories are not material in total to the basic financial statements, and therefore are not reported.

# H. Capital Assets

## Government-Wide Financial Statements

Capital assets, which include land, machinery & equipment, vehicles, buildings and improvements, and infrastructure (roadways and similar items) are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost, or at estimated historical cost, if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Except for the capital assets of the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements, construction period interest is capitalized on constructed capital assets if material.

All purchases and construction costs in excess of \$10,000 (all land costs) are capitalized at the date of acquisition or construction, respectively, with expected useful lives of five years or greater.

Capital assets (excluding land) are depreciated on a straight-line basis. The estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
	(III years)
Buildings and Improvements	40
Machinery & Equipment	5-10
Vehicles	5-15
Infrastructure	20

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized and are treated as expenses when incurred. Improvements are capitalized.

#### Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Capital asset costs are recorded as expenditures in the fiscal year of purchase for the various funds.

#### I. Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of its operations, transactions occur between and within individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net position.

#### Fund Financial Statements

Transactions of a buyer/seller nature between and within funds are not eliminated from the individual fund statements. Receivables and payables resulting from these transactions are classified as "Due from other funds" or "Due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

#### **J. Interfund Transfers**

During the course of its operations, resources are permanently reallocated between and within funds. These transactions are reported as operating transfers in and operating transfers out.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

Operating transfers between and within governmental funds are eliminated from the governmental activities in the statement of net position.

# Fund Financial Statements

Operating transfers between and within funds are not eliminated from the individual fund statements and are reported as operating transfers in and operating transfers out.

# K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

# Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then. The Town reported deferred outflows of resources related to post-employment benefits, and pensions in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions in this category.

# Governmental Funds Financial Statements

In addition to liabilities, the governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents assets that have been recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until it becomes available. The Town has recorded unavailable revenue as deferred inflows of resources in the governmental funds balance sheet. Unavailable revenue is recognized as revenue in the conversion to the government-wide (full accrual) financial statements.

# L. Net Position and Fund Equity

# Government-Wide Financial Statements (Net Position)

Net position is classified into three components:

- a. *Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. *Restricted net position* Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Net position has been "restricted" for the following:

- *Streets* represent amounts committed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the repair and/or construction of streets.
- *Permanent funds -expendable* represents amounts held in trust for which the expenditures are restricted by various trust agreements.
- *Permanent funds -nonexpendable* represents amounts held in trust for which only investment earnings may be expended.
- Other Purposes represents restrictions placed on assets from outside parties.
- c. *Unrestricted net position* All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

# Fund Financial Statements (Fund Balances)

The Town uses the following criteria for fund balance classification:

- For *nonspendable* fund balance: includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (1) not in spendable form or (2) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- For *restricted* fund balance: when constraints placed on the use of the resources are either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law trough constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- For *committed* fund balance: (1) the government's highest level of decision-making authority and (2) the formal action that is required to be taken to establish (and modify or rescind) a fund balance commitment.
- For assigned fund balance: (1) the body or official authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose and (2) the policy established by the governing body pursuant to which the authorization is given.
- For unassigned fund balance: is the residual classification for the general fund. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

The Town uses the following criteria for fund balance policies and procedures:

- When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the unrestricted amount will be considered to have been spent.
- When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balance is available, the least restricted amount will be considered to have been spent.

# M. Long-term debt

## Government-Wide Financial Statements

Long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net position. Material bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

## Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The face amount of governmental funds long-term debt is reported as other financing sources. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are recognized in the current period. Bond premiums are reported as other financing sources and bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual bond proceeds received, are reported as general government expenditures.

## N. Investment Income

Excluding the permanent funds, investment income derived from major and nonmajor governmental funds is legally assigned to the general fund unless otherwise directed by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL).

## **O.** Compensated Absences

Employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts. Upon retirement, termination or death, certain employees are compensated for unused sick and vacation leave (subject to certain limitations) at their then current rates of pay.

## Government-Wide Financial Statements

The total amount to be paid in future years is presented in the government-wide statement of net position. The liability for vacation leave is based on the amount earned but not used; for sick leave, it is based on the amount accumulated at the balance sheet date (vesting method).

## Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The portion of the liability related to unused sick and vacation time that has matured or is due as of June 30, 2018 is recorded in the governmental fund financial statement.

## P. Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Dukes County Contributory Retirement System (System). Additions to/deductions from the System's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the System. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

# **Q. Post Retirement Benefits**

## Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

In addition to providing pension benefits, health insurance coverage is provided for retired employees and their survivors in accordance with Chapter 32B, of Massachusetts General Laws, under various contributory plans. The cost of providing health insurance is recognized by recording the employer's 75% share of insurance premiums in the general fund in the fiscal year paid. All benefits are provided through third-party insurance carriers and health maintenance organizations that administer, assume, and pay all claims.

## **R.** Use of Estimates

## Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The preparation of the accompanying financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

## S. Total Column

## Fund Financial Statements

The total column on the fund financial statements is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column is not comparable to the consolidated financial information.

## NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town adopts an annual budget for the general fund as well as for those special revenue funds for which the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53f 1/2 have been adopted. The budgets for all departments and operations of the Town, except that of the regional schools, are prepared under the direction of the various department heads. The budgets are presented to the Finance Committee for review, which then makes recommendations to Town Meeting for final approval. The School Districts' budgets are prepared under the direction of the School Committees. The level of expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations for each department or undertaking in the following categories: (1) salaries and wages; (2) ordinary maintenance; and (3) capital outlays.

The majority of appropriations are non-continuing which lapse at the end of each fiscal year. Others are continuing appropriations for which the governing body has authorized that an unspent balance from a prior fiscal year be carried forward and made available for spending in the current fiscal year. These carry forwards are included as part of the subsequent fiscal year's original budget.

Original and supplemental appropriations are enacted upon by a Town Meeting vote. Management may not amend the budget without seeking the approval of the governing body. The Town's Finance Committee can legally transfer funds from its reserve fund to other appropriations within the budget without seeking Town Meeting approvals. The original fiscal year 2018 approved budget authorized \$18,562,477 in current year appropriations and other amounts to be raised and \$416,796 in encumbrances and articles carried over from previous fiscal years. Supplemental budget increases of \$52,500 were approved at one Town Meeting during fiscal year 2018.

The Town Accountant has the responsibility to ensure that budgetary controls are maintained and monitored through the accounting system.

# B. Budgetary – GAAP Reconciliation

For budgetary financial reporting purposes, the Uniform Municipal Accounting System basis of accounting (established by the Commonwealth) is followed, which differs from the GAAP basis of accounting. A reconciliation of budgetary-basis to GAAP-basis results for the general fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, is presented below:

Net Change in Fund Balance - Budgetary Basis	\$ (178,078)
Basis of Accounting Differences: Net Stabilization Fund Activity	 (51,244)
Net Change in Fund Balance - GAAP Basis	\$ (229,322)

# C. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, actual expenditures exceeded appropriations for snow removal expenses. This over-expenditure will be funded by available funds during fiscal year 2019.

## D. Deficit Fund Balances

Several individual fund deficits exist within the Special Revenue and the Capital Projects funds. These individual deficits will be eliminated through subsequent fiscal year budget transfers, grants or proceeds from long-term debt during fiscal year 2019.

# NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available to the Town. Deposits (including demand deposits, term deposits and certificates of deposit) in any one financial institution may not exceed certain levels unless collateralized by the financial institutions involved.

# Deposits

# • Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55, limits the deposits "in a bank or trust company, or banking company to an amount not exceeding sixty percent (60%) of the capital and surplus of such bank or trust company or banking company, unless satisfactory security is given to it by such bank or trust company or banking company for such excess."

The Town does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

The Town carries deposits that are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Shared Insurance Fund (SIF), and the Depositor's Insurance Fund (DIF). The Town also carries deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department but not in the Town's name.

The following table illustrates how much of the Town's bank deposits are insured, and how much of the Town's bank deposits are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department but not in the Town's name as of June 30, 2018:

Total Bank Balances		\$ 4,697,494
Bank Balances Covered by Deposit Insurance		
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Depositor's Insurance Fund (DIF) Shared Insurance Fund (SIF)	2,804,503 407,316 1,414,291	
Total Bank Balances Covered by Deposit Insurance		4,626,110
Balances Subject to Custodial Credit Risk		
Bank Balances Collateralized with Securities Held by the Pledging Financial Institution's Trust Department or Agent but not in the Town's Name	71,384	
Total Bank Balances Subject to Custodial Credit Risk		71,384
Total Bank Balances		\$ 4,697,494

## Investments

Investments can also be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. government or agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreement guaranteed by the U.S. government or agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase, and units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT). The Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts oversees the financial management of the MMDT, a local investment pool for cities, towns, and other state and local agencies within the Commonwealth.

The Town did not hold or own any investments as of June 30, 2018.

a) Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. For short-term investments that were purchased using surplus revenues, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55, limits the Town's investments to the top rating issued by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSROs).

# b) Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of a failure by the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in possession of an outside party. The Town does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk.

c) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of changes in market interest rates which will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the risk of its fair value to change with the market interest rates. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

d) Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town places no limit on the amount the government may invest in any one issuer.

e) Fair Market Value of Investments

The Town holds no investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2018.

# **NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES**

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The receivables at June 30, 2018 for the Town's individual major and nonmajor governmental funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

Receivables	 Gross Amount	Allowance for collectibles	 Net Amount
Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	\$ 261,743	\$ (30,400)	\$ 231,343
Tax Liens	28,519	-	28,519
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise Taxes	195,960	(117,300)	78,660
Departmental and Other	5,881	-	5,881
Intergovernmental	 111,904	 -	 111,904
Total	\$ 604,007	\$ (147,700)	\$ 456,307

Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with revenues that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred inflows of resources reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

Deferred Inflows of Resources Analysis									
Deferred Inflows::	(	General Fund		Community Preservation Fund		Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total	
Deferred Property Taxes Deferred Other Revenue	\$	161,918 107,179	\$	- 5,881	\$	-	\$	161,918 113,060	
Deferred Intergovernmental Revenue Total	\$	- 269,097	\$	- 5,881	\$	76,937 76,937	\$	76,937 351,915	

# NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Increases	Reclassifications & Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated :				
Land	\$ 1,877,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,877,108
Capital Assets Being Depreciated :				
Buildings and Improvements	28,391,134	119,800	-	28,510,934
Machinery & Equipment	193,896	-	-	193,896
Vehicles	2,081,694	543,401	(568,412)	2,056,683
Infrastructure	4,726,716			4,726,716
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	35,393,440	663,201	(568,412)	35,488,229
Less Accumulated Depreciation for :				
Buildings and Improvements	(9,806,147)	(683,571)	-	(10,489,718)
Machinery & Equipment	(181,442)	(4,171)	-	(185,613)
Vehicles	(1,199,060)	(176,192)	568,412	(806,840)
Infrastructure	(1,482,283)	(212,314)		(1,694,597)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(12,668,932)	(1,076,248)	568,412	(13,176,768)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	22,724,508	(413,047)		22,311,461
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 24,601,616	\$ (413,047)	\$ -	\$ 24,188,569

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 124,599
Public Safety	271,447
Education	238,575
Public Works	245,419
Human Services	10,182
Culture and Recreation	 186,026
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 1,076,248

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

# **NOTE 6 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, are summarized as follows:

	Operating Transfers In:									
Operating Transfers Out:	General Fund	Highway Building Project Fund	Fire Truck Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total					
General Fund Highway Building Project Fund Non Major Governmental Funds	\$ 	\$ 79,750 - -	\$ 60,000 - -	\$ 18,750 18,250	\$ 158,500 (1) 18,250 (2) 8,200 (2)					
Total	\$ 8,200	\$ 79,750	\$ 60,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 184,950					

(1) Represents various budgeted transfers.

(2) Represents other transfer.

# NOTE 7 – SHORT-TERM FINANCING

Under state law, and with the appropriate authorization, the Town is authorized to borrow funds on a temporary basis as follows:

- To fund current operations prior to the collection of revenues by issuing revenue anticipation notes (RANS).
- To fund grants prior to reimbursement by issuing grant anticipation notes (GANS).
- To fund Capital project costs incurred prior to selling permanent debt by issuing bond anticipation notes (BANS).

• To fund current project costs and other approved expenditures incurred, that are anticipated to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the issuance of State Aid anticipation notes (SAANS).

Short-term loans are general obligations of the Town and maturity dates are governed by statute. Interest expenditures for short-term borrowings are accounted for in the general fund.

Туре	Purpose	Rate (%)	Due Date	Balance at June 30, 2017		Renewed/ Issued				Balance at June 30, 2018	
	Govermental Funds										
BAN	Multiple	1.20%	6/16/2018	\$	827,500	\$	-	\$	(827,500)	\$	-
BAN	Multiple	1.30%	12/13/2018		-		900,000		-		900,000
BAN	Multiple	1.95%	6/14/2019		-		729,000		-		729,000
Total				\$	827,500	\$	1,629,000	\$	(827,500)	\$	1,629,000

The following is a summary of the change in short-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2018:

# NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM DEBT

The Town is subject to a dual-level, general debt limit: the normal debt limit and the double debt limit. Such limits are equal to 5% and 10%, respectively, of the valuation of taxable property in the Town as last equalized by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue. Debt may be authorized up to the normal debt limit without state approval. Authorizations under the double debt limit however require the approval of the Commonwealth's Emergency Finance Board. Additionally, there are many categories of general long-term debt which are exempt from the debt limit but are subject to other limitations.

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2018:

#### **Bonds and Notes Payable Schedule - Governmental Funds**

Project	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at June 30, 2017	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2018
Town Hall Library and Road Repairs Public Safety Building	3.11 3.74 3.74	\$ 2,795,000 2,920,000 2,070,000	\$ - - -	\$ 235,000 260,000 125,000	\$ 2,560,000 2,660,000 1,945,000
Total		\$ 7,785,000	\$ -	\$ 620,000	\$ 7,165,000

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	\$ 620,000	\$ 200,339	\$ 820,339
2020	620,000	185,589	805,589
2021	615,000	169,639	784,639
2022	615,000	153,739	768,739
2023	615,000	137,692	752,692
2024-2028	3,030,000	424,433	3,454,433
2029-2033	930,000	89,275	1,019,275
2034	120,000	4,200	124,200
Total	\$ 7,165,000	\$ 1,364,904	\$ 8,529,904

The annual debt service requirements for principal and interest for Governmental bonds and notes outstanding at June 30, 2018 are as follows:

#### Loans Authorized and Unissued

As of June 30, 2018, the Town has loans authorized and unissued as follows:

Description	Date Authorized	 Amount
Scotts Grove Affordable Housing Pumper Truck	4/11/2017 4/11/2017	\$ 500,000 400,000
Total		\$ 900,000

#### **Changes in Long-term Liabilities**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2018:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning Balance	Ac	lditions	Re	eductions	 Ending Balance	Current Portion
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$ 7,785,000	\$	-	\$	(620,000)	\$ 7,165,000	\$ 620,000
Landfill Postclosure Care Costs	88,000		-		(12,000)	76,000	7,600
Compensated Absences	331,167		33,797		-	364,964	214,064
Net Pension Liability	3,264,288		-		(906,425)	2,357,863	-
Postemployment Benefits	 1,919,152		-		(67,264)	 1,851,888	 -
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 13,387,607	\$	33,797	\$	(1,605,689)	\$ 11,815,715	\$ 841,664

The governmental activities long-term liabilities are generally liquidated by the general fund.

# **Overlapping Debt**

The Town pays assessments under formulas which include debt service payments to other governmental agencies providing services to the Town, (commonly referred to as overlapping debt). The following summary sets forth the long-term debt of such governmental agencies and the estimated share being financed by the Town as of June 30, 2018:

Agency	Т	otal Long- erm Debt atstanding	Town's Estimated Share	Town's Indirect Debt		
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools	\$	1,080,000	16.00%	\$	172,800	
Up-Island Regional School District		600,000	47.00%		282,000	
Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal & Resource Recovery District		1,280,000	12.45%		159,360	
Dukes County		149,919	15.50%		23,237	
Total	\$	3,109,919		\$	637,397	

#### NOTE 9 – GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Town has classified its governmental fund balances with the following hierarchy.

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Highway Fund	Fire Truck Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	TOTAL
Fund Balances						
Nonspendable						
Permanent Fund Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	<u> </u>	\$ 65,333	\$ 65,333
Restricted For:						
General Government	-	-	-	-	595,732	595,732
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	20,975	20,975
Public Works	-	-	-	-	69,711	69,711
Human Services	-	-	-	-	96,987	96,987
Culture & Recreation	-	-	-	-	134,118	134,118
Employee Benefits	-	-	-	-	47,954	47,954
Community Preservation	-	423,691	-	-	-	423,691
Expendable Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	7,417	7,417
		423,691	-		972,894	1,396,585
Committed To:						
Continuing Appropriations						
General Government	65,193	-	-	-	-	65,193
Public Safety	61,521	-	-	-	-	61,521
Public Works	55,951	-	-	-	-	55,951
Human Service	18,370	-	-	-	-	18,370
	201,035	-	-	-	-	201,035
Assigned To:						
Encumbered For:						
General Government	11,047	-	-	-	-	11,047
Public Saftey	2,999	-	-	-	-	2,999
Human Services	2,399	-	-	-	-	2,399
Subsequent Years Expenditures	554,000	-	-	-	-	554,000
Bond Premium	19,937	-	-	-	-	19,937
Stabilization - Ambulance	56,650	-	-	-	-	56,650
Stabilization - Building Maintenance	36,574	-	-	-	-	36,574
Stabilization - Fire	4,468	-	-	-	-	4,468
	688,074	-	-	-	-	688,074
Unassigned						
General Fund	910,630	-	-	-	-	910,630
General StabilizationFund	508,319	-	-	-	-	508,319
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	-	-	-	-	(6,796)	(6,796)
Capital Project						
General Government	-	-	-	-	(47,201)	(47,201)
Fire Truck	-	-	-	(400,000)	-	(400,000)
Public Works	-	-	-	-	(43,611)	(43,611)
Highway Buidling	-	-	(634,074)	-	-	(634,074)
	1,418,949		(634,074)	(400,000)	(97,608)	287,267
Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 2,308,058	\$ 423,691	\$ (634,074)	\$ (400,000)	\$ 940,619	\$ 2,638,294

#### **NOTE 10 – STABILIZATION ARRANGEMENTS**

The Town has established several funds where the Town has set aside amounts for emergency and capital needs. These funds consist of the following;

The Stabilization fund is used to account for any appropriation, as approved by a 2/3 vote at the annual or special town meeting for additions or reductions to the fund. Any interest shall be added to and become part of the fund. The Stabilization fund balance is \$508,319 as of June 30, 2018. The fund was established under chapter 40, sub-section 5B of the Massachusetts General Law.

- The Fire Stabilization Fund is used to account for appropriations funding the acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and/or additions to capital equipment, vehicles, and apparatus of the fire department and pay notes, bonds, or certificates of indebtedness issued to pay for the cost of such acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and additions. The Town may appropriate into and out of the fund at Annual or Special Town Meeting by 2/3 vote. The fire stabilization fund balance is \$4,468 as of June 30, 2018. This fund was established under Chapter 40 sub-section 5B of MGL.
- The Ambulance Stabilization Fund is used to account for appropriations funding the acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and/or additions to capital equipment and Ambulance vehicles, and pay notes, bonds, or certificates of indebtedness issued to pay for the cost of such acquisition, repair, replacement, extension, reconstruction, enlarging and additions. The Town may appropriate into and out of the fund at Annual or Special Town Meeting by 2/3 vote. The ambulance stabilization fund balance is \$56,650 as of June 30, 2018. This fund was established under Chapter 40 sub-section 5B of MGL.
- The Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund purpose is to budget and set aside funds necessary for future anticipated major maintenance items for town owned buildings. Funds will be appropriated from the stabilization funds at future town meetings as planned maintenance items are scheduled to be performed. The building maintenance stabilization fund balance is \$36,574 as of June 30, 2018. The fund was established at the November 5, 2013 Special Town Meeting.

# NOTE 11 – RISK FINANCING

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employee's health and life; and natural disasters.

The Town is insured for general liability; however, Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws limits the Town's liability to a maximum of \$100,000 per claim in all matters except in actions relating to federal civil rights, eminent domain and breach of contract. Such claims are charged to the general fund. There were no such claims in 2018.

The Town is a member of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group, (CCMHG) which is a Massachusetts Municipal Joint Health Insurance purchase group. The Group includes fourteen Towns, six school districts, five fire districts, six water districts, one recreation authority, one education collaborative, Veterans Services of Cape Cod, Barnstable County, Orleans/Brewster/Eastham Groundwater Protection District, Cape Light Compact, and Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority as participants. In addition, the Group entered into a Joint Negotiation Purchase of Health Coverage with the Dukes County Municipal Health Group which now consists of Dukes County Commissioners; the Towns of Chilmark, Edgartown, Gosnold, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury, and Aquinnah; Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District; Martha's Vineyard Commission; Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission; Oak Bluffs Water District; Martha's Vineyard Regional School District; Up-Island Regional School District; Martha's Vineyard Charter School; and Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority.

Health benefits plans for active employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees consist of a traditional medical indemnity plan, two Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans and two Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plans. All active employee plans are self-funded with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC) as third party administrators. The Group offers six health plans for Medicare eligible retirees, which include two self-funded Medicare Supplement Medical plans with fully insured Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (PDP's), one of which is administered by BCBSMA and one by HPHC, one fully insured Medicare Supplement with a PDP provided by Tufts Health Plan, one HMO Medicare wrap plan fully insured by BCBSMA, and two fully insured Medicare Advantage HMO plans, one of which is from BCBSMA and one from Tufts Health Plan.

The Group has adopted a voluntary dental insurance plan (self-funded) and a voluntary dental plan, which was premium based through June 30, 2007 and changed to a self funded basis effective July 1, 2007. These plans are administered by Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts for a monthly administrative fee, based on the number of subscribers. Dental plans are optional for employees. Effective July 1, 2009 the group adopted a voluntary fully insured vision plan from EyeMed Vision Care. The vision plan is optional for employees.

The Master Health Plus, Blue Care Elect Preferred PPO plan, Network Blue EPO plan, and Medex 2 plan are on a claims-paid basis, and are administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for a monthly administration fee based on the number of individual, single parent/single child, and family plan subscribers for that particular month. Medex 2 is combined with a fully insured PDP provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield and called Blue Medicare RX.

The Harvard Pilgrim EPO Plan, Harvard Pilgrim PPO plan, and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Medicare Enhance plan (Medical Portion) are on a claims-paid basis, and are administered by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care for a monthly administration fee based on the number of individual and family plan subscribers for that particular month. Medicare Enhance is combined with a fully insured PDP from Aetna Medicare RX Plan.

On July 1, 2014 the Group joined with two other Massachusetts municipal joint purchase groups to create the first Massachusetts Municipal Reinsurance Arrangement (MMRA). The policy year is July 1 through June 30. Risk is pooled and all participants share the same rates for coverage of claims exceeding \$300,000 up to \$800,000. There is no Aggregating Specific Deductible. If claims experience is below projections, participants are dividend eligible on a collective and proportional basis. Participating governmental entities have agreed to participate for a minimum of three years. In addition, the group has a specific excess medical and prescription drug claims reinsurance contract with an insurance carrier covering claims paid in excess of \$800,000 per individual. The policy period covers claims incurred within 12 months and paid within 24 months.

The Group does not reinsure its Medex and HPHC Medicare Enhance Medical plans.

The Group's Board may deal with certified surpluses and deficits through the rate setting process and this is the preferred method. Alternatively, the Group may deal with certified surpluses and deficits by making direct distributions to members in the case of a certified surplus or may require direct payments from members in the case of a certified deficit.

The Group provides health care coverage for employees that qualify for and select health care coverage as an employee benefit as well as retired employees. There are 33 Town of West Tisbury employees and 12 retirees/surviving spouses who participate in the Group's health care programs. The Town contributes 75% of the premium cost for employees, retirees and surviving spouses.

As of June 30, 2018 the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group had total assets of \$43,923,322, total liabilities of \$12,041,912(including \$11,133,454 in estimated benefits obligations), and a total surplus of \$31,881,410.

# NOTE 12 POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

The GASB Standards for *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions,* requires the following disclosures in the financial statements related to the retiree medical, dental, and life insurance benefits:

*Plan Description*. The Town of West Tisbury is a member of the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust (Trust), an agent multiple employer plan. The purpose of the Trust is to accumulate resources to offset its members' (various governmental units) unfunded OPEB liability. The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of an appointed member of each governmental unit. Member/Employer contributions to the trust are irrevocable and all investment income (loses) is retained by the Trust. Although the assets of the Trust are commingled for investment purposes, each member's assets may only be used for the reimbursement of OPEB to the member of that plan, in accordance with the terms of the plan. The Trust issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained by contacting the Trust located at 9 Airport Road, Suite 1 Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, 002568. Other Postemployment Benefits Program. The Plan provides medical, dental and life insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Town meeting vote is the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the Town. The Town has accepted various sections of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B to provide 75% of the premium cost of retirees' health and life insurance costs.

*Funding Policy*. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by local by-law. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For Fiscal Year 2018, total Town premiums plus implicit costs for the retiree medical program are \$179,359. The Town also made a contribution to an OPEB Trust of \$200,000 for a total contribution during the measurement period of \$379,359 to be reported on the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed special legislation that has allowed the Town to establish a postemployment benefit trust fund and to enable the Town to begin pre-funding its other postemployment benefit (OPEB) liabilities. During 2018, the Town pre-funded future OPEB liabilities totaling \$200,000 by contributing funds to the Other Postemployment Benefit Fund in excess of the pay-as-you-go required contribution. These funds are reported within the Fiduciary Funds financial statements. As of June 30, 2018, the balance of this fund totaled \$1,929,733.

## GASB Statement #74 – OPEB Plan Financial Reporting

*Measurement Date - GASB #74* requires the net OPEB liability to be measured as of the OPEB Plan's most recent fiscal year-end. Accordingly, the net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by and actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016.

*Plan Membership* – The following table represents the Plan's membership as June 30, 2017:

Active Members	38
Inactive members currently receiving benefits	10
Total	48

*Components of OPEB Liability* – The following table represents the components of the Plan's OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017:

Total OPEB Liability Less: OPEB plan's fiduciary net position	\$ 3,571,142 (1,651,990)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,919,152
The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	46.26%

*Significant Actuarial Methods and Assumptions* – The Plan's total OPEB liability actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified, that was updated to June 30 2018 to be in accordance with GASB Statement #74:

Valuation Date:	July 1, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Normal
Asset-Valuation Method:	Market value
Investment Rate of Return	7.5%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Inflation:	3.00%
Discount rate	7.5%, compounded annually, for the measurment. As of June 30, 2017 and 7.5% compunded annually for the measurment as of June 30, 2016.
Amortization Method	Increasing at 4% over 30 years on an open amortization period.
Amortization Period	30 years
Healthcare cost trend rate	8% for 2016 decreasing 1% per year to an ultimate rate of 5%
Pre-Retirement Mortality - General and Public Safety Employees	RP-2000 Employees Mortality Table base year 2009 projected with Generational Mortality Improvement using scale BB
Post-Retirement Mortality - General and Public Safety Employees	RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table base year 2009 projected with generational mortality improvement using scale BB.

*Rate of Return* – For the year ended June 30, 2017 the annual money-weighted rate on investments, net of investments expense, was 4.36%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expenses, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the building block method. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plans target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table.

		Long-Term Expected Real
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Rate of Return
Equities	54%	9.00%
U.S. Governments and Agencies	20%	1.03%
Fixed Income	25%	3.61%
Cash and Equivalents	1%	0.00%
Total	100%	

*Discount Rate* – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.50% as of June 30, 2018, and as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from the Town will be in accordance with the Plan's funding policy.

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following table presents the Plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50% as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage- point lower (6.50%) or 1 percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate.

	Current				
	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)		
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,384,596	\$ 1,919,152	\$ 1,536,746		

*Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare trend* – The following table presents the net other postemployment benefit liability, calculated using the healthcare trend rate if it was 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate.

				Healthcare Cost Trend			
	7	1% Decrease 7% Year 1		Rates 8% Year 1		1% Decrease 9% Year 1	
	Deci	reasing to 4%	Deci	reasing to 5%	Deci	reasing to 6%	
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,453,589	\$	1,919,152	\$	2,522,393	

#### Changes in Plan Provisions - None

# GASB Statement #75 – OPEB Employer Financial Reporting

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expenses, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*Measurement Date - GASB #75* requires the net OPEB liability to be measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer's current fiscal year, consistently applied from period to period. Accordingly, the net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016.

*Plan Membership* – The following table represents the Plan's membership as June 30, 2018:

Active Members	37
Inactive members currently receiving benefits	12
Total	49

*Components of OPEB Liability* – The following table represents the components of the Plan's OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018:

Total OPEB Liability Less: OPEB plan's fiduciary net position	\$ 3,781,661 (1,929,773)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,851,888
The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	51.03%

*Significant Actuarial Methods and Assumptions* – The plan's total OPEB liability, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified, that was updated to June 30, 2018 to be in accordance with GASB Statement #75.

Valuation Date:	July 1, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Normal
Asset-Valuation Method:	Market value
Long Term Expected Rate of Return	7.5%, compounded annually, net of fees
Inflation:	3.00%
Discount rate	7.5%, compounded annually, for the measurment as of June 30, 2018 and 7.5% compunded annually for the measurment as of June 30, 2017.
Amortization Method	Increasing at 4% over 30 years on an open amortization period.
Amortization Period	30 years
Healthcare cost trend rate	8% for 2016 decreasing 1% per year to an ultimate rate of 5%
Pre-Retirement Mortality - General and Public Safety Employees	RP-2000 Employees Mortality Table base year 2009 projected with Generational Mortality Improvement using scale BB
Post-Retirement Mortality - General	
and Public Safety Employees	RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table base year 2009 projected with generational mortality improvement using scale BB.

*Rate of Return* – For the year ended June 30, 2018 the annual money-weighted rate on investments, net of investments expense, was 4.40%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expenses, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the building block method. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plans target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table.

		Long-Term
		Expected Real
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Rate of Return
Equities	54%	9.00%
U.S. Governments and Agencies	20%	1.03%
Fixed Income	25%	3.61%
Cash and Equivalents	1%	0.00%
Total	100%	

*Discount Rate* – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.50% as of June 30, 2018, and as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from the Town will be made in accordance with the Plan's funding policy.

# Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	Increase (Decrease)					
	T	otal OPEB Liablity (a)		n Fiduciary et Position (b)		Net OPEB Liability (a) - (b)
Balance at June 30, 2017	\$	3,571,142	\$	1,651,990	\$	1,919,152
Charges for the year						
Service cost		130,312		-		130,312
Interest on Total OPEB Liability		270,883		-		270,883
Benefit Payments		(179,359)		(179,359)		-
Net Investment Income		-		77,783		(77,783)
Employer Contributions		-		379,359		(379,359)
Change in benefit terms		(11,317)		-		(11,317)
Net Changes		210,519		277,783		(67,264)
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$	3,781,661	\$	1,929,773	\$	1,851,888

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following table presents the Plan's net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50% as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage- point lower (6.50%) or 1 percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate.

		Current	
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(6.50%)	(7.50%)	(8.50%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,347,186	\$ 1,851,888	\$ 1,445,549

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare trend – The following table presents the net other postemployment benefit liability calculated using the current healthcare trend rate of 7.00% as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher.

	Healthcare Cost Trend						
	1% Decrease 7% Year 1 Decreasing to 4%			Rates 3% Year 1 reasing to 5%	1% Increase 9% Year 1 Decreasing to 6%		
Net OPEB liability	\$	1,329,126	\$	1,851,888	\$	2,534,709	

The Town's deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits will be recognized in future years other postemployment benefits expense are as follows:

Year ended June 30		Amount			
2018	\$	10,723			
2019		10,723			
2020		10,723			
2021		10,724			
2022		-			
Thereafter		-			
Total Deferred Outflows Recognized					
Total Deferred Outflows Recognized					
in Future OPEB Expenses	\$	42,893			

Changes in Plan Provisions - None

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# NOTE 13 – PENSION PLAN DESCRIPTION

## A. Plan Description

The Town contributes to the Dukes County Contributory Retirement System (The System), a multipleemployer, cost sharing contributory defined benefit pension plan was established in 1939, under Massachusetts General Law (MGL), Chapter 32, and is regulated by the Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). Substantially all employees are members of the system.

The "System" is a contributory defined benefit plan and membership in the "System" is mandatory upon commencement of employment for all permanent, full-time employees.

The System issues a publically available audited financial report that may be obtained by contacting the system's executive director at 9 Airport Road, Suite 1, Vineyard Haven, Ma. 02568.

# **B. Benefits**

The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Massachusetts Contributory Retirement System Benefits are with certain exceptions, uniform from system to system. The System provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of an employees highest three year average annual rate of regular compensation for those hired prior to April 2, 2012. For persons who became employees on or after April 2, 2012, average salary is the average annual rate of regular compensation received during the five consecutive years that produce the highest average, or, if greater, during the last five years (whether or not consecutive) preceding retirement. Benefit payments are based upon an employee's age, length of creditable service, level of compensation, veteran status, cost of living adjustments and group classifications.

There are three classes of employees in the retirement system: group 1, group 2, and group 4. Group 1 consists of general employees which includes clerical and administrative positions. Group 2 consists of positions that have been specified as hazardous. Lastly, group 4 consist of police officers, firefighters, and other hazardous positions.

Employees normally become vested after ten years of creditable service. However, if hired prior to 1978 a superannuation retirement allowance may be received at age 55 with no vesting requirement. If hired after January 1, 1978 and before April 2, 2012 a superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of 20 years of service or upon reaching age 55 with ten years of service. A person who became an employee after April 2, 2012 is eligible for a superannuation retirement allowance upon reaching age 60 with ten years of service if in Group 1, 55 years of age with ten years of service if in Group 2 or age 55 in Group 4. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65 (except for certain) hazardous duty and public safety positions whose normal retirement age is 55).

Employees who become permanently and totally disabled for further duty may be eligible to receive a disability retirement allowance. The amount of benefits to be received in such cases is dependent on several factors, including whether or not disability is work related, the employees age, years of creditable service, level of compensation, veterans' status and group classification.

Employees who resign from service and who are not eligible to receive a retirement allowance or are under the age of 55 are entitled to request a refund of their accumulated total deductions. Survivor benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries of employees whose death occurs prior to or following retirement.

Cost-of living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997, and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' state law during those years are borne by the Commonwealth and are deposited in to the pension fund. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the System and all costs are borne by the System.

# **C.** Contributions

# Dukes County Contributory Retirement System

Active members are required to contribute to the system at rates ranging from 5 to 11% of their gross regular compensation. The member units are required to pay into the System a legislatively mandated actuarial determined contribution that is appropriated among the employers based on the actuarial valuation results. The Town's proportionate share of the required contribution for the year ended June 30, 2018 which was \$477,434 and 17.76% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that when combined with plan member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

# **D.** Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

#### Pension Liabilities

At June 30, 2018 the Town reported a liability of \$2,357,863 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2016. Accordingly updated procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers actuarially determined. At December 31, 2017, the Town's proportion was 7.11%.

# Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

For the year ended June 30, 2018 the Town recognized pension expense of \$377,180. At June 30, 2018 the Town reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions of \$360,120 and \$568,308 respectively.

The balances of deferred outflows and inflows as of June 30, 2018 consist of the following
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Deferred Category	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Outflows Inflows		Total	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	35,340	\$	-	\$	35,340
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments Changes of Assumptions		288,228		(550,534)		(550,534) 288,228
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions		36,552		(17,774)		18,778
Total Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources	\$	360,120	\$	(568,308)	\$	(208,188)

The Town's net deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future pension expense are as follows:

Year ended June 30	 Amount
2018	\$ (26,679)
2019	(20,684)
2020	(83,142)
2021	(86,275)
2022	8,388
Thereafter	 204
Total Deferred Inflows/(Outflows) Recognized in Future Pension Expenses	\$ (208,188)

# **E.** Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2016 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement that was updated December 31, 2017:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal cost method

Amortization method	UAAL: Increasing dollar amount at 4.5% to reduce the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to zero on or before June 30, 2030. The annual increase in appropriation is further limited to 5% per year for FY 2018 and FY 2019 and 5.32% for FY 2020 and beyond.						
	ERI's 2002 & 2003: Increasing dollar amount able to reduce the unfunded actuarial accrued liability attributes to the ERI's to zero on or before June 30, 2028.						
Remaining Amortization Period	13 years for UAL as of December 31, 2017 11 years for the 2002 and 2003 ERI's as of December 31, 2017						
Actual asset method	The actuarial value of assets is the market value of assets as of the valuation date reduced by the sum of:						
	a) 80% of gains and losses of the prior year,						
	b) 60% of gains and losses of the second prior year,						
	c) 40% of gains and losses of the third prior year and						
	d) 20% of gains and losses of the fourth prior year.						
	Investment gains and losses are determined by the excess or deficiency of the expected return over the actual return on the market value. The actuarial valuation of assets is further constrained to be not less than 80% or more than 120% of market value.						
Payroll growth	4% per year						
Inflation rate	3% per year						
Investment rate of return/discount rate	7.75% net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation						
Projected salary increases	6% - 4.25% for general employees and 7% - 4.75% for public safety depending on years of service						
Cost of living allowance	Cost of living adjustment of 3% of the first \$14,000 of the annual retirement allowance are provided at the discretion of the System's Retirement Board.						
Rates of retirement	Varies based upon age for general employees, police and fire employees.						
Rates of disability	Varies based upon age of general employees, police and fire employees.						

Mortality table

RP-2000 Mortality table (base year 2009) with full generational mortality improvement using scale BB. For disabled members, RP-2000 mortality table (base year 2012) with full generational mortality improvement using scale BB.

# Investment policy

The Pension Plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets in the PRIT is established by the PRIM. The policy with regard to the allocation of all other invested assets is established by the Retirement Board. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension plan.

# F. Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term Expected			
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Rate of Return			
Fixed income	25%	2.00%			
Domestic equity	40%	6.00%			
International equity	15%	4.90%			
Real estate	10%	6.60%			
Alternatives - private equity	5%	10.40%			
Timber	2.50%	3.70%			
Hedge funds	2.50%	1.60%			
	100%				

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the System's annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments net of pension plan investment expense was 17.29%. The money-weighted rate of return expenses investment performance net of pension plan investments expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, measured monthly.

# G. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made in accordance with Sections 22D and 22F of chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws and at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# H. Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.75%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)		
West Tisbury share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,913,857	\$ 2,357,863	\$ 1,041,352		

# I. Changes in Contribution Methodology

The fiscal 2015 and prior pension fund appropriations have been allocated among employers based on covered payroll. Beginning with the fiscal 2016 appropriations, the System began transitioning to an actuarial based methodology that will allocate contributions to member units based on the member units actuarially determined total liability at the beginning of the measurement period. The transition is being phased-in through the use of a blended rate that was used for the fiscal 2016 and 2017 appropriations. For fiscal 2016, the blended rate was 1/3 actuarial basis and 2/3 covered payroll. For fiscal 2017, the blended rate was 2/3 actuarial basis and 1/3 covered payroll. For the fiscal 2018 pension fund appropriations and subsequent fiscal years, 100% of appropriations will be calculated using the member unit's applicable percentage of the total pension liability.

Detailed information about the Pension Plan's Fiduciary Net Pension is available in a separately issued Dukes County Contributory Retirement System financial report.

# NOTE 14 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federal award programs. However the Town is not subject to the provisions of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, since the Town did not expend more than \$750,000 of federal awards during the period ended June 30, 2018. These programs may still be subject to financial and compliance audits. Accordingly, the amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although it is believed the amount, if any, would not be material.

The Town is a member of the Martha's Vineyard Regional Refuse and Resource Recovery District. The District previously operated a landfill based in the Town of West Tisbury, which was closed and capped. The Town is still responsible for post-closure monitoring of the site for 10 years and the estimated liability has been recorded in the Statement of Net position, Governmental Activities. The \$76,000 reported as landfill post-closure liability at June 30, 2018 is based on what it would cost to perform all post-closure care costs at June 30, 2018. Actual costs may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology or changes in regulations.

Various legal actions and claims are pending. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable. Although the amount of liability, if any, at June 30, 2018, cannot be ascertained, management believes any resulting liability should not materially affect the financial position at June 30, 2018.

# NOTE 15 – RESTATEMENT DUE TO A CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

During 2018, GASB Statement #75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than pensions was implemented. This resulted in a restatement of the governmental activities beginning net position at June 30, 2017 to reflect the recording for postemployment benefits liability.

	Statement of Net Position				
Description	-	ary Government			
Total Net Position at June 30, 2017, as previously reported	\$	17,131,403			
To adjust the beginning post employment benefits liability		(821,130)			
Total Net Position at June 30, 2017, as restated	\$	16,310,273			

# NOTE 16 – IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW GASB PRONOUNCMENTS

During fiscal year 2018, the following GASB pronouncements were implemented:

The GASB issued <u>Statement #75</u>, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, which was implemented in 2018. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #81</u>, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, which was implemented in 2018. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #85</u>, *Omnibus 2017*, which was implemented in 2018. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #86</u>, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, which was implemented in 2018. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

# Future GASB Pronouncements:

The GASB issued <u>Statement #83</u>, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, which is required to be implemented in 2019. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #84</u>, *Fiduciary Activities*, which is required to be implemented in 2020. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #87</u>, *Leases*, which is required to be implemented in 2021. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #88</u>, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, which is required to be implemented in 2019. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #89</u>, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period, which is required to be implemented in 2021. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

The GASB issued <u>Statement #90</u>, *Majority Equity Interests – an Amendment of GASB Statements No.14* and No.61, which is required to be implemented in 2019. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will not have a significant impact on the Basic Financial Statements.

# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DUKE'S COUNTY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM JUNE 30, 2018

# Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

<b>T b c d c d</b>	December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016 Dec		Dece	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
Town's proportion of the net pension liability		7.11%		7.11%		7.06%		7.06%	
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	2,357,863	\$	3,264,288	\$	2,775,718	\$	2,545,845	
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$	2,688,427	\$	2,527,447	\$	2,229,146	\$	2,143,410	
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll		87.70%		129.15%		124.52%		118.78%	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		82.43%		74.21%		75.61%		76.17%	

**Note:** This Town schedule is intended to present information for 10 years. Until a 10 year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which the information is available.

See note to Required Supplementary Information

# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DUKE'S COUNTY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM JUNE 30, 2018

#### SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S CONTRIBUTION

	December 31, 2017		Decer	December 31, 2016		mber 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	
Contractualy required contribution	\$	477,434	\$	421,587	\$	378,544	\$	341,840
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution		(477,434)		(421,587)		(378,544)		(341,840)
Contribution deficency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$	2,688,427	\$	2,527,447	\$	2,229,146	\$	2,143,410
Contribution as a percentage of covered - employee payroll		17.76%		16.68%		16.98%		15.95%

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See note to Required Supplementary Information

## TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS JUNE 30, 2018

# Schedule of the Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 130,312	\$ 125,300	
Interest	270,883	254,847	
Changes of benefit terms	(11,317)	-	
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-	
Changes of assumptions	-	-	
Benefit Payments	(179,359)	(163,342)	
Net Change in total OPEB liability	210,519	216,805	
Total OPEB liability-beginning	3,571,142	3,354,337	
Total OPEB liability-ending (a)	3,781,661	3,571,142	
Plan fiduciary net position			
Contributions-employer	379,359	313,342	
Net investment income	77,783	66,660	
Benefit payments	(179,359)	(163,342)	
Administrative expenses	-	-	
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	277,783	216,660	
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	1,651,990	1,435,330	
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	1,929,773	1,651,990	
Town's net OPEB liability-ending (a)-(b)	\$ 1,851,888	\$ 1,919,152	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of			
total OPEB liability	51.03%	46.26%	
Covered-employee payroll	2,673,765	2,453,455	
Plan's net OPEB liability as a percentage of			
covered-employee payroll	69.26%	78.22%	

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# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS JUNE 30, 2018

Schedule of the Town's Contribution				
	Ju	ne 30, 2018	Ju	ne 30, 2017
Acuarially determined contribution	\$	246,760	\$	235,328
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution		(379,359)		(313,342)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	(132,599)	\$	(78,014)
Covered-employee payroll	\$	2,673,765	\$	2,453,455
Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll		14.19%		12.77%

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# TOWN OF WEST TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS JUNE 30, 2018

Schedule of Investment Return				
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017		
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses	4.40%	4.36%		

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See notes to required supplementary information.

#### TOWN OF WEST TISBURY NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2018

## Pension Plan Schedules

# A. Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

The Schedule of Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability details the allocated percentage of the net pension liability; the proportionate share of the net pension liability, and the covered employee payroll. It also demonstrates the net position as a percentage of the pension liability and the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll.

# **B.** Schedule of Town's Contribution

Governmental employees are required to pay an annual appropriation as established by PERAC. The appropriation includes the amounts to pay the pension portion of each member's retirement allowance, an amount to amortize the actuarially determined unfunded liability to zero in accordance with the System's funding schedule, and additional appropriations in accordance with adopted early retirement incentive programs. The appropriations are payable on July 1, and January 1. The Town may choose to pay the entire appropriation in July at a discounted rate. Accordingly, actual contributions may be less than the "total appropriation". The pension fund appropriation is allocated to the Town based on covered payroll.

# C. Changes in Plan Provisions – None

#### **Other Postemployment Benefits Schedules**

#### A. Schedule of the Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

The Schedule of the Town's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios presents multi-year trend information on changes in the plan's total OPEB liability, changes in the plan's net position, and ending net OPEB liability. It also demonstrates the plan's net position as a percentage of the total liability and the plan's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll.

#### B. Schedule of the Town's Contribution

The Schedule of the Town's contributions includes the Town's annual required contribution to the plan, along with the contribution made in relation to the actuarially determined contribution and the covered employee payroll. The Town is not required to fully fund this contribution. It also demonstrates the contributions as a percentage of covered payroll.

#### C. Schedule of Investment Return

The Schedule of Investment Return includes the money-weighted investment return on the Plan's other postemployment assets, net of investment expense.

# **D.** Changes in Provisions - None