

TOWN OF TISBURY



2019
ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF TISBURY
(also known as Vineyard Haven)
Incorporated July 8, 1671
Called "Holmes Hole" 1646 - 1871

POPULATION: 4627 (2015 CENSUS)

LAND AREA: APPROXIMATELY 7.5 SQUARE MILES

GOVERNMENT: Open Town Meeting with three-member Board of Selectmen
and appointed Town Administrator

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: First Tuesday in April

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: Second Tuesday after Town Meeting

FY 2018 TAX RATE	Residential	\$9.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation
	Commercial	\$8.73 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

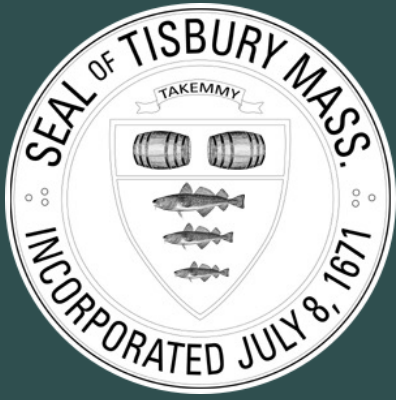
The Board of Selectmen voted in 2019 to continue the residential exemption for FY2020, maintaining the level of the residential exemption at 18%, as voted in 2013, for eligible residents meeting criteria established by the Department of Revenue and the Board of Assessors under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5C. The Selectmen also voted not to shift the tax burden to Commercial property and adopted a residential factor of 1, i.e., that there will not be a split tax rate in FY2020 from the Residential on to the Commercial property. The Board of Selectmen has voted a Residential Exemption since 1988.

ASSESSMENTS:	FY 2019 ASSESSED VALUATIONS
	Residential Property: \$2,697,346,843
	Open Space: -0-
	Commercial Property: \$258,584,759
	Industrial Property: \$5,140,400
	Personal Property: \$62,304,286
	Exempt Property: \$214,424,701
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS:	\$3,023,376,288

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Cover photo was taken by year-round Island resident Denys Wortman. Mr. Wortman is an active member of the local community and has served on multiple Town Boards and Committees, including Board of Selectmen from 2006 to 2009 and Finance and Advisory Board for several years prior to his term as a Tisbury Selectmen. This photo welcomes you to Tisbury, showcasing its vibrant downtown, Vineyard Haven Cultural District and the main entry port to the Island. In addition, the Town would like to express special gratitude to Timothy Jonson, Vineyard Gazette, Nelson Siegelman and Tisbury Students -Lulu White, Mckensi Jackson, Evie Moffett, Nyoka Walters, Ronan Mullin and Emily Coogan for the wonderful photographs and artwork used throughout this report.

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INTERESTING FACT: Tisbury is named for Martha's Vineyard Governor Mayhew's hometown in Wiltshire, England. Around 1673, the settlers of the Vineyard grew disenchanted with the governance of Governor Mayhew and petitioned the new governor of New York, appointed by William and Mary, the rulers of England at the time, for a change in leadership. Shortly thereafter, the Island was attached to Massachusetts by the new rulers

IN MEMORIAM

*Let the residents of Tisbury pause and reflect for a moment
for those who served the Town.*



Elaine Eugster became a year-round Martha's Vineyard resident back in 2001. Here, she created a rich life centered on near-constant volunteer work, participation in book clubs, , travel, and attendance at many cultural events. Ms. Eugster was actively involved in Vineyard Haven Library and served on the Tisbury Government Study Panel.



Nathaniel Orleans was born in 1924 in New York City. His connection to Martha's Vineyard began in early childhood. After his retirement in 1989, Mr. Orleans fulfilled his dream to move full-time to Martha's Vineyard where he served on a Tisbury Wastewater Committee.



Donald C. Mayhew was born in September 1931 at the new Martha's Vineyard Hospital where his mother was the first director. Mr. Mayhew served on the Board of Health and Martha's Vineyard Landbank.



Ian A. Aitchison was born on August 6, 1935, in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 2007 Ian moved to Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard, where he continued work on a number of community committees including Tisbury Library Trustees, Department Public Works Advisory Board and Martha's Vineyard Land Bank.



William Dias served for 44 years on the Tisbury Fire Department as a member of the ladder company and worked for the Tisbury Department of Public Works.



Thomas W. Pachico was the former Board of Health agent and selectperson for the town of Tisbury.

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Fredrick W. Thifault was a veteran of both WWII, serving in the Navy, and the Korean War, serving in the Army. Fred was very civic-minded. He was an active member of the Legion Pumper crew for more than 20 years in Tisbury. He served two terms as selectman for the town of Tisbury, from 1969 to 1975. He has also served as Tisbury DPW commissioner for many years, and on the Finance Committee and as an assessor for the Town of Tisbury.

Margaret Sibert spent her summers beach house at Lambert's Cove and after her husband Ed retired, they moved to the historic district in Vineyard Haven. She and Ed were passionate birdwatchers, traveling the world in search of new finds as well as prowling the Island with their telescope and binoculars. Ms. Sibert was a member of the Tisbury William Street Historic District.



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE YOUR TOWN

The Board of Selectmen seeks Tisbury residents to serve in appointed positions on various boards, commissions and committees. A file of names submitted will be established and made available to all Town departments for filling future vacancies.

Complete the form, indicate your areas of interest and return with letter of interest, resume and/or list of qualifications to:

Tisbury Board of Selectmen
Attn: Volunteers
Tisbury Town Hall
51 Spring St.
PO Box 1239
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN TOWN GOVERNMENT IS IMPORTANT.

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NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____
OCCUPATION _____
BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE _____

LIST ORDER OF PREFERENCE

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Beautification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Light Compact Representative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Living |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dukes County Healthcare Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Bank Advisory Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Cape and Vineyard Electric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> William Street Historic Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Committee |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing committee |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen are pleased to report several achievements in calendar year 2019.

Following the election of Jeff Kristal to the Board of Selectmen, Melinda Loberg was elected Chairman, James Rogers was elected Vice Chair, and Jeff Kristal was elected Clerk.

The Selectmen continued their practice of meeting with key appointed and elected boards, commissions and committees to identify joint priorities and to coordinate efforts. This collaboration continues to lead to many positive results for the Town as follows.

Municipal Vulnerability Program

In 2018, the Town completed the prioritization steps to reduce risks and improve resilience to projected climate change impacts across the community. This effort was funded by securing a grant from the State Municipal Vulnerability Program in the amount of \$20,000 to pay for consulting services of Horsley and Witten. In 2019, the town applied for a grant to Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management for the *“Evaluation of Coastal Processes and Storm Impacts to Support Resilient Planning and Mitigation Strategies for the Vineyard Haven Harbor Shoreline”* with our consulting partner Applied Coastal Engineering. The Town was successful in receiving a grant award in the amount of \$173,546.

The Town of Tisbury will develop an understanding of coastal processes (e.g., tidal, wave, and sediment transport) and storm flooding to support a detailed analysis of potential shoreline management strategies that will provide resiliency for the Vineyard Haven Harbor shoreline over the next 50 years. The harbor area represents the transportation hub for nearly all services to the island, including port facilities for the Steamship Authority, and contains one of the island’s largest industrial and commercial areas. The project will provide a scientific basis for the town to proactively plan for projects that will improve the resiliency of the harbor area.

Greener Communities Projects

The Town is a designated Green Community. This year the Energy Committee developed a set of goals. In other news, the Emergency Services Facility installed a rooftop solar array. The energy savings from this improvement is estimated to be substantial.

Small Town Housing Choice

The Town of Tisbury in partnership with Island Housing Trust received a grant in amount \$98,500 provided by the Baker-Polito Administration's Housing Choice Initiative to increase the number of new housing units to help address the high costs of housing. The grant was utilized to install an enhanced nitrogen reducing wastewater system for a proposed Island Housing Trust housing initiative in the Town to meet the objectives of the approved Tisbury Housing Production Plan FY2018-FY2022.



Housing Production Program

The Town of Tisbury, and the Martha's Vineyard Commission jointly apply for funding from the MassHousing HPP program to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan for the development of the IFP properties in Tisbury. The Town received a grant award in the amount of \$100,000. The project proposes to transform a 3.9-acre industrial lot, located within walking distance of downtown Vineyard Haven, into a new mixed-use development of market rate and workforce residences and commercial space. A Comprehensive Master Plan for a Mixed-Use Development was presented as the capstone to this planning effort.

Affordable Housing Trust

The Affordable Housing Trust met to allocate funds to Habitat for Humanity project on Marion's Ways. This will allow for the construction of two residential structures. The housing is being constructed with funding from the Trust, Community Preservation Funds and volunteers. The Community Preservation Fund has provided annual funding to the Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust for the last six years. The fund balance is over \$400,000, which will be utilized to help fund affordable housing opportunities in the town.

Short-term Rental

The Town approved a Short-term Rental Bylaw for the registration of rental units to ensure the premises have no outstanding building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire, health, housing or zoning code enforcement issues. The Selectmen also establish a Short-term Rental Task Force to begin working on the anticipated excise revenue under M.G.L. 64G that Tisbury would begin receiving. The Selectmen anticipate establishing the registration process and regulations for Fiscal Year 2021.

Tisbury School

The Board of Selectmen and School Committee took the next steps to address the long-term facility needs for the Tisbury School by appointing the Tisbury School Building Committee to begin developing a renovation and addition project to address the educational program and facility needs. The Town Administrator's Office coordinated the successful procurement and contracting processes for the Owner's Project Manager Daedalus Associates and Project Architect, Tappe' for the renovation and addition project. During late summer, the Town Administrator's Office was called upon to coordinate a Special Town Meeting to appropriate \$1,950,000 for the relocation of students and faculty to two campuses and to carry out environmental remediation related to lead-asbestos abatement and HVAC repairs. The funds were approved. Request for emergency procurement for environmental remediation were approved by the Office of Inspector General to expedite the environmental remediation work.

Special One-Day Alcohol License

The Selectmen approved an amendment to the All Alcohol Regulations of the town to allow for the issuance of special one-day license. This amendment will allow for the selling of alcohol for special events and for nonprofit organizations. The amendment provides for a process that allows for greater oversight of events with alcohol in the town.

Aquaculture Regulations

The Selectmen adopted comprehensive aquaculture regulations. The Town anticipates that in the very near future oyster production will take place in town waterways. The scale of these activities will be constrained by the limited areas and size of waterway bodies available. The aquaculture regulations were first considered by the Selectmen's Waterways and Planning Committee nearly two years ago. The adoption of these regulations realizes a long-awaited milestone.

Gate & Barrier Project

The Town was informed of the long-awaited gate and barrier program by Eversource. Representatives from Eversource met with town officials and identified locations for the installation of gates and barriers to secure utility easements. Over the years, illegal activities such as dumping, storage and vehicles accessing over the Eversource easement has become a growing problem. The installation of gates and barriers is anticipated to begin Spring 2020.

Natural Resources Committee

The Selectmen appointed 11 members to the newly formed Natural Resources Committee. The Committee is a consolidation of the Harbor, Shellfish and Dredging Committees. The Natural Resources Committee will be finalizing a mission statement and committee charge for Selectmen review and approval.



Open Space and Recreation Committee

The Planning Board and Selectmen adopted the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The plan calls for the establishment of an Open Space and Recreation Plan that would be responsible to maintain and to implement the approved plan. The Selectmen will appoint the committee. The committee would continue to work closely with the Planning Board and to advise the Public Works Director.

Landbank Tashmoo Land Acquisition

The Martha's Vineyard Landbank acquired properties adjacent to the Tashmoo Town Beach off Herring Creek Road. The Landbank developed a land management plan for the property. The Landbank and Town of Tisbury will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for the management of both town and landbank properties, which will include traffic control and parking management.

Beach Road Concert Festival 2019

The Board of Selectmen entered into an agreement with Innovation Arts and Entertainment for the use of Veterans Memorial Park for a three-day Beach Road weekend music festival. The music festival took place on August 9th, 10th and 11th. This first summer music festival was successful and made Vineyard Haven a destination for islanders and mainlanders alike. The opening night was the Cape Symphony Orchestra performing along with the showing of the classic movie Jaws. Local bands played on the Saturday and Sunday on two stages. The headliners for the festival included On Saturday, John Fogerty formerly of Creedence Clearwater Revival, and the Indie roots band Dispatch led the musical lineup. On Sunday, Phil Lesh of the Grateful Dead and singer-songwriter Grace Potter closed out the weekend. Festival grounds included art installations showcasing works by local artists. Vendors booths featured local merchants and their wares and

goods. Restaurant Booths featuring local restaurants. Attendance at the Festival at any time did not exceed 6,000 people.

The Selectmen continue to work closely with many agencies and groups outside of town hall. The Selectmen have supported many events sponsored by the Vineyard Haven Business Association. Working with the Association, Beautification Committee and Vineyard Haven Cultural District, downtown activities included live entertainment and street events that draw many visitors. The Town supports and participates in the annual Street Fair.

The Selectmen are now working towards a ten-year capital plan to enable the Town to develop a capital spending plan going forward. This year the Town will be putting in place updated financial policies and procedures. The Town will be undertaking a comprehensive review of revenue sources from permits and licenses.

The Town continues to retain a sound financial standing with a current AA rating by Standard & Poor's. The Selectmen have continued to support homeowners through a residential exemption. The Selectmen continue to also support a strong business community through initiatives to attract visitors that will continue to make the Vineyard a destination of choice for many.



To achieve the above progress and conduct the business of the Town requires a significant effort involving coordination among local, state and regional levels of government, which requires meetings. The Selectmen held 62 regular meetings and special meetings in calendar year 2019. In addition to the Board of Selectmen Meetings, the Selectmen routinely attend the meetings of other Town boards and committees. Other meetings the

Selectmen participate in include the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Massachusetts Municipal Association Selectmen Meetings, Cape and Island Selectmen Association Meetings, All Island Selectmen Meetings, Dukes County Commission Meetings and the Selectmen also send representatives to other regional groups such as the Cape Cod Light Compact, Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, and Vineyard Transportation Authority.

We wish to thank the professionals who lead the Town departments, their capable and loyal staff and all Town employees who serve the public with courtesy and professionalism and work together harmoniously to make Tisbury an outstanding place to work and live. All these people make holding the office of Selectman and position of Town Administrator an unequalled privilege and honor. Working together has helped us to navigate through some challenging issues and to achieve many successes during the past year. We look forward to future success in Calendar Year 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Melinda F. Loberg, Chairman

James J. Rogers, Vice-Chairman

Jeff Kristal, Clerk

John W. Grande

Town Administrator/

Personnel Director

TOWN CABINET

The Town Cabinet was created by adoption of a Town meeting article in 1998 to foster improved communication between Town Departments. The cabinet consists of the chairman of each of the following Boards: The Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Department of Public Works, the Finance and Advisory Committee, the Planning Board, The School Committee, The Town Clerk, Board of Assessors, The Water Commissioners, and the Library Trustees. In addition, the Town Administrator and the Finance director attend as non-voting, Ex Officio members.

The Cabinet meets quarterly on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Under the directive of Melinda Loberg, meeting discussions have encompassed a wide range of topics this year including town wide goals, shared services, reviews of FY20 budget, the Tisbury School Renovation and ways to address future needs and priorities of the Town.

Members express their points of view, exchange and propose possible solutions while discussing issues, services and activities that effect the Town as a whole. The Town Cabinet is important since it presents ideas and solutions to provide better and more cost-effective public service.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda F. Loberg, Chairman-Selectmen
Hillary Conklin, Town Clerk
John Grande, Town Administrator (Ex Officio)
Jeff Pratt, Board of Health
David Schwab, Water Commissioner
Mary Ellen Larsen, Finance & Advisory Committee
Amy Houghton, Tisbury School Committee
Dan Seidman, Planning Board
Jonathan Snyder, Finance Director (Ex Officio)
Cynthia Richards, Assessors
George Balco, Library Board of Trustees

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
Deborah Medders	2020
Selectmen	
Tristan R. Israel	2019
Melinda F. Loberg	2020
James Rogers	2021
Jeff Kristal	2022
Assessors	
Angela Cywinski	2019
Roy Cutrer, Jr.	2020
Cynthia Richards	2021
David Dandridge	2022
Town Clerk	
J. Hillary Conklin	2020
Board of Health	
Jeffrey C. Pratt	2020
Malcolm Rich Boyd	2021
Michael D. Loberg	2022
School Committee	
Colleen G. McAndrews	2019
Janet M. Packer	2020
Amy B. Houghton	2021
Michael Watts	2022
Water Commissioners	
David J. Schwab	2020
Roland M. Miller	2021
Elmer H. Silva, Jr.	2022
Planning Board	
Daniel Siedman	2020
Elaine T. Miller	2021
Dawn Bellante-Holand	2022
Benjamin Robinson	2023
Cheryl Doble	2024

Library Trustees

Carolyn Henderson	2020
Akeyah Lucas	2020
Sandra Johnson Pratt	2020
George J. Balco	2021
Nora Nevin	2021
Pamela S. Street	2021
Ian A. Aitchison***	2022
James H. K. Norton	2022
Myra Stark	2022

Constables

Mark Campos	2021
Kenneth A. Barwick	2020
Michael Ciancio	2022

Finance & Advisory Committee

Jeffrey C. Kristal	2019
Sarah York	2020
Jynell Kristal	2020
Mary Ellen Larsen	2020
Nancy B. Gilfoy	2021
Laura A. Rose	2021
**Larry Gomez	2021
Lesley Segal	2022
Patricia Hand	2022
Seth Gambino	2022

Fish Committee (Elected at Town Meeting)

Janet Messineo	2020
James T. Tilton	2020
John M. Wilbur, III	2020

Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission Term Expires at Annual Town Election

**Nora Nevin	2019
Nancy Weaver	2022

Martha's Vineyard Commission Terms Expire December 31

Clarence A. Barnes, III	2020
Joshua Seth Goldstein	2020

Key to Symbols:

*	Resigned
**	Appointed to Fill Vacancy until Next Election
***	Deceased

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Appointments Made by Board of Selectmen
Expiration of Appointments - June 30
(unless otherwise noted)

Town Administrator

John W. Grande 03.12.2022

Chief Procurement Officer

John W. Grande Indefinite

Information Technology Administrator

Heidi Rydzewski Indefinite

Director of Municipal Finance

Jonathan V. Snyder

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Jonathan V. Snyder

Assistant Treasurer & Tax Collector

Kimberly J. Serpa 2020

Assistant Assessor

Ann Marie Cywinski Indefinite

Town Accountant

Suzanne E. Kennedy 2022

Building & Zoning Inspector

Fence Viewer

Ken Barwick 2019

Reade Milne 2019

Ross Seavey 2022

Local Inspector

Ross Seavey 2019

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

Harbormaster

John S. Crocker 2020

Animal Control Officer

Laurie Clements 2019

Animal Inspector

Catie Blake 4.30.2020

Laurie Clements 4.30.2020

Emergency Management Director

Micah Agnoli 2020

Christina Colarusso, Assistant 2020

Shellfish Constable

Danielle Ewart 2020

Fred Benson, Assistant 2020

Nelson Sigelman, Assistant 2020

Elections Warden

Mary Ellen Larsen 2020

Municipal Census Supervisor

J. Hillary Conklin 2020

Gas Inspector

Michael Ciano 2020

Plumbing Inspector

Michael Ciano 2020

William Haynes, Assistant 2020

Wiring Inspector

Raymond Gosselin 2020

Robert Mongillo, Assistant 2020

Veterans Agent and Veterans Burial Officer

Jo Ann Murphy Indefinite

Veterans Grave Officer

Jo Ann Murphy	2019
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Board of Registrars

Leniston Daughtery	2022
J. Hillary Conklin	2020
Catherine M. Mayhew	2020
Elizabeth M. Call	2021

Beautification Committee

Jynell Krystal	2020
Dawn Braasch	2020
Kathy Rogers	2020

Council on Aging

Edward Sternick	2022
Sandra Johnson-Pratt	2022
Eleanor Morad	2020
Donald Rose	2020
Kenneth R. Gross	2021
Constance Teixeira	2021

Community Preservation Committee

Cheryl S. Doble	2020
John Best	2020
Abbe Burt	2020
John Bacheller	2020
Victor Cappoccia	2022
Clarence A. Barnes	2020
Paul Munafo	2021
David Ferraguzzi	2022
Tomar Waldman	2022

Conservation Commission

Thomas M. Robinson	2022
Caroline Little	2020
John D. Best	2021
Lilian Robinson	2021
Nancy Weaver	2021
Sandra Demel	2022
Amelia Hambrecht	2022

Dukes County Advisory Board

Melinda F. Loberg	2020
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Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust

Jonathan V. Snyder	2020
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Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

Daniel Jay Seidman	12.31.2020
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Embarkation Advisory Committee

Peter Goodale	2020
Jynell Kristal	2020
James Rogers	2020
Jonathan V. Snyder	2020

Housing Committee

Laura L. Barbera	2020
Abbe Burt	2020
John W. Grande	2020
Daniel Jay Seidman	2020
Jean Hay	2020
Lesley Segal	2020

Housing Trust

Jeff Kristal	2020
Melinda F. Loberg	2020
James Rogers	2020
Abbe Burt	2020
Daniel Jay Seidman	2020
John Grande	2020
Jon Snyder	2020

Land Bank Commission

Nancy Weaver	2020
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Land Bank Advisory Board

Lillian Robinson	2020
Henry Neider	2020
Gerard Hokanson	2020
Elaine Miller	2020
Jeffrey Pratt	2020
David J. Schwab	2020

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

*Lara O'Brien	2020
Julia Kidd	2022
Susan Johnson	2022

Martha's Vineyard Commission

Ben Robinson	12.31.2019
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MVC Joint Affordable Housing Group

Alexandra Kral	2020
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MVC Joint Transportation Committee

Kirk Metell	2020
John Grande, Alternate	2020

Martha's Vineyard Community**Television Board of Directors**

Robert Tankard	2020
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Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Elaine Miller	2020
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Natural Resources

Michael Baptiste	2020
James Tilton	2020
Matthew Hobart	2020
Thomas Robinson	2020
Sally Rizzo	2020
Amandine Hall	2020
Bill Sweeney	2020
Jeff Canha	2020
John Kollett	2020
David Hearn	2020

Parking Clerk

Donna Michalski	2020
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Personnel Board

John H. Rollins	2020
William C. McConnell	2020
Barbara Fortes	2020

Energy Committee

William Straw	2020
Kirk Metell	2020
Bruce Stuart	2020
Nancy Gilfoy	2020
Dawn Bellante Holland	2020

Sewer Advisory Board

Jeff Pratt	2020
Dan Siedman	2020
Melinda F. Loberg	2020
Josh Goldstein	2020
John Best	2020
Christina Colarusso	2020

Site Plan Review Committee (Planning Board)**(Waterfront, Commercial Island Road and Coastal Districts)**

Caroline Little	2020
Frank Piccione	2020
Dana Hodson	2020
Benjamin Robinson	2020
Jeffrey Pratt	2020

Short Term Parking Task Force

Kirk Metell	2020
Mark Saloio	2020
David Ferraguzzi	2020
Michael Levandowski	2020
Cheryl Doble	2020
Jeff Kristal	2020

Short Term Rental Task Force

James Rogers	2020
John Schilling	2020
Elaine Miller	2020
Fredrick Rundlet	2020
Doris Clark	2020
Christine Redfield, Alternate	2020

Spring Building Management Committee

Harriet Barrow	2020
Patricia Carlet	2020
Lorraine Wells	2020

Steamship Authority Port Council

George J. Balco	12.31.2021
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Town Cabinet

George Balco	2020
J. Hillary Conklin	2020
John W. Grande	2020
Melinda F. Loberg, President	2020
Mary Ellen Larsen	2020
Jeff Pratt	2020
Amy Houghton	2020
David J. Schwab	2020
Dan Seidman	2020
Jonathan V. Snyder	2020
Cynthia Richards	2020

Town Picnic Committee

Harriet Barrow	2020
Patricia Carlet	2020
Danielle Ewart	2020
Aase M. Jones	2020
Jonathan V. Snyder	2020
Henry Stephenson	2020
Lorraine Wells	2020
Sheetal Grande	2020

Wastewater Planning Committee

John Best	2020
Nancy Gilfoy	2020
Gerard Hokanson	2020
Melinda F. Loberg	2020
Michael Loberg	2020
Douglas H. Reese	2020
Daniel J. Seidman	2020
Christina Colarusso	2020

**William Street Historic District
Commission and
Tisbury Historical Commission**

Craig Whitaker	2020
John Bacheller	2021
Judith E. Federowicz	2021
Dana L. Hodsdon,	2021
Harold W. Chapdelaine	2021
Paul Lazes	2021
Dawn Braasch	2021
Polly Simpkins, Alternate	2020
Christine Redfield, Alternate	2022

Zoning Board of Appeals

Neal Stiller	2021
Jeffrey C. Kristal	2022
John Guadagno	2023
Anthony Holand	2019
Michael Ciano	2020
Frank Piccione, Associate	2020
Susan Fairbanks, Associate	2020

Police Department

Mark Saloio	Police Chief
Eerik Meisner	Lieutenant
Christopher Habekost	Sergeant
Kinda Roman**	Sergeant
Max Sherman	Detective
Scott J. Ogden	Patrolman

Michael O'Rourke	Patrolman
Jeremie D. Rogers	Patrolman
Andrew Silvia	Patrolman
Jonathan Goeckel	Patrolman
Jeffrey Day	Patrolman

Special Officers

Daniel Durawa	2019
Charles Duquette	2019

Nick Sidoti	2019
Pierce Harrer	2019

Traffic Officers

Eloise Moreis Boales	2019
Daniel Tanner***	2019
Tom Girouard	2019
Dwayne Koohy	2019
Bob Blanchard	2019
Cody Metell	2019
Savannah Barnes	2019
Ana Isabel Rosso	2019
Garret Armand Morris	2019
Kerrian Johnson	2019
Elissa Decosta	2019

Crossing Guards

Katharine Colon	2019
Stephen Nichols	2019
John Rollins	2019
Rita Reynolds	2019
Kathleen Tilton	2019
Marilyn Susan Yas	2019
Robyn Lopes	2019
William Magee	2019
Phyllis Dunn	2019
Rosemary Littlefield	2019
Cheryl Pinkham	2019
Elizabeth Wilson	2019

Fire Department

John F. Schilling, Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden	2020
Gregory Leland, Assistant Fire Chief	2020

Fire Captains

Kenneth Maciel	Glenn Pinkham
James Rolston	Gary Sylvia

Fire Lieutenants

Jacob Levett
Patrick Rolston
James McMann
Patrick Murphy
Darren S. Welch
Jason Robinson

Chaplin

Stephen Harding

Trainer

Patrick Rolston

Fire Police

H. Brian Flanders
Richard Roy

Engine #1 (Haz-Mat Team)**2007 Pumper**

James Rolston, Captain	Justin Lucas, Fireman
Julius Middleton, Fireman	Gustavo Lioncio, Fireman*
Charles Duquette, Fireman*	Derek Nagengast, Fireman
Sheldon EBanks, Fireman	

Engine #2 (Rescue Squad)
1987 Pumper; 1990 Rescue Pumper

Glenn Pinkham, Captain
Jason Robinson, Lieutenant
James McMann, Lieutenant
James Cleary, Fireman
Shawn DeCosta, Fireman
Connor Chisholm, Fireman

Daniel Martino, Fireman
Sean Duart, Fireman
George R. Medeiros, Fireman
Jacob Maciel, Fireman
Asa Vought, Fireman*

Engine #3 (Legion Pumper)
1997 Pumper

Gary Sylvia, Captain
Jakob Levett, Lieutenant
Darren S. Welch, Lieutenant
Troy Maciel, Fireman

Morgan Reitzas, Fireman
Michael G Silvia, Fireman
James Stinemire, Fireman
Michael Wilson, Fireman

Ladder Truck (Bronto)
2006 RLP

Kenneth Maciel, Captain
Patrick Murphy, Lieutenant
Patrick Rolston, Lieutenant
Cortland Cammann, Fireman
Louis D'Agostino, Fireman

Jared Meader, Fireman*
Joshua Robertson, Fireman
Jesse Steere, Fireman*
Ryan Welty, Fireman

Technical Rescue Team

Shawn DeCosta
Justin Lucas
Julius Middleton

Patrick Rolston
Gregory Leland
James Stinemire

Key to Symbol(s):

* Resigned ** Deceased



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Dear Tisbury Friends,

We kicked off 2019 by filing 26 bills focused on protecting our environment, expanding access to housing for those most in need, and breaking down barriers to voting, among many other issues. Locally, we filed and passed legislation for the Martha's Vineyard Airport to make much-needed capital improvements and equipment upgrades. As a legislature, we passed significant bills including hands-free driving legislation, major education reform which will infuse \$1.5 billion in new funding for our schools, and funding for women's reproductive healthcare.

This year, I spoke with students at a Youth Climate Summit at Felix Neck, sat on a climate change panel at the Environmental Film Festival and moderated a discussion on climate change at the West Tisbury School with John Kerry and Gina McCarthy, among other meetings focused on climate change adaptation with island towns. These events, all organized by local community groups, show how invested the Vineyard is in identifying solutions to combat climate change and plan for the future of this coastal community.

In the budget, Senator Cyr and I secured \$175,000 for regional shellfish propagation (over \$550,000 over the past three years), and will continue to support this culturally, economically, and environmentally important industry. We were also able to get \$40,000 for the Dukes County Substance Misuse and Detox Program, to provide medically assisted treatment to Islanders, as well as \$50,000 for the Transportation Access Program, to help with excessive costs of off-island travel for those that need to access healthcare on the mainland, both administered by Martha's Vineyard Community Services. Finally, for the first time in 20 years, the legislature increased Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding by allocating an additional \$36 million for important local projects including affordable housing, restoration of historic sites, and preservation of open space.

My team and I are working for you on-island and at the State House and we will always be here to serve you. Community engagement, transparency, and accessibility were tenants of my campaign and are the foundation of my office. Reach out to me anytime at (617) 722-2013, ext 3 or email me at Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov.

Yours,

Dylan



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VOTERS

As of December 31st 2019

VOTERS	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Democratic (D)	1338	1283	1280	1281	1230	1203	1188
Republican (R)	262	265	276	282	316	314	311
Unenrolled (U)	1932	1901	1932	1844	1791	1749	1704
Green-Rainbow (J)	3	3	14	9	12	11	8
United Independent	9	11	14	17	6	0	0
Libertarian (L)	6	5	5	3	8	8	8
ACTIVE	3493	3447	3440	3437	3306	3285	3219
INACTIVE	60	93	68	48	57	48	72

DOG LICENSES

Type	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Male/Female	115	99	70	99	104	154	148
Neutered/Spayed	685	675	594	626	602	636	681
Totals	800	774	664	725	706	790	829
Kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TISBURY

Births recorded in Tisbury	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	46	40	37	47	28	35	36

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
1/12/2019	OLIVERA DZUVER ANDREW RUSSELL WOOD	3/20/1994 9/2/1985	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
1/24/2019	LAIS SILVA AGUIAR CRISTIANO RESENDES De ABREU	11/1/1992 4/19/1990	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
1/29/2019	LEANDRO ALMEIDA CARDOSO PAOLA RODRIGUES COSTA	11/30/1981 8/1/1991	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
1/30/2019	TIFFANY NEVES FREITAS LUCAS JORDAN CAMPOS	11/26/1999 11/14/1995	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
2/9/2019	CHRISTOPHER SVEND LAURSEN KRISTEN ANN BUTLER	7/30/1982 7/2/1983	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
3/16/2019	NATASA RADEVIC BRYANN MAE DARCY	5/4/1994 3/27/1991	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
4/3/2019	CLORIMAR ALVES PEREIRA LOURDES REIS VICENTE	5/10/1962 4/7/1960	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
4/7/2019	MICHAEL J. TRAVERS LUCINEA BARNABE IGLESIAS	11/19/1962 6/24/1969	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
6/1/2019	MATTHEW WILSON RIVERS MELANIE JANE DICKSON	2/4/1988 4/28/1988	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
6/14/2019	NATIELLY CAMPOS FREITAS EDIMAR ANTONIO OLIVEIRA Jr.	7/14/1985 9/7/1985	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
6/23/2019	BRUCE ROBERT PALMER JELENA POLETAN	11/21/1993 3/27/1996	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
6/25/2019	RACHEL LEA MCGUIRE ALEKSA EDELINSKI	8/1/1992 8/15/1997	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
6/29/2019	MARGARET HELEN SHANNON ROY MARTIN WERNER	11/3/1987 3/7/2019	Altadena, CA Altadena, CA
7/9/2019	AMY CAROLINE VANNEMAN STANLEY WAYNE PRICE	2/28/1965 1/25/1956	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
8/17/2019	STEPHEN MICHAEL GEARY ABIGAIL JARDIN	12/1/1959 11/13/1968	Mattapoisett, MA Mattapoisett, MA
8/17/2019	LANGLEY WILSON PERER SCOTT ROSENBERG	5/20/1981 4/24/1963	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
8/26/2019	ALEXIS FAITH WILLETT BRANKO MILJUS	1/7/1996 10/18/1990	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
9/4/2019	KAIQUE DE JESUS GAZOLI GABRIELA PIRES NOGUEIRA	5/11/1997 7/18/1995	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/7/2019	KASSANDRA LYN CONSTANTINE MICHAEL ROBERT MCPHERSON	7/20/1981 10/5/1978	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
9/7/2019	MOLLY ANNE FOSTER MARK STANLEY NICKOWAL	6/16/1991 12/31/1990	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/9/2019	DAVID DRAGAS JENNIFER ANN NEGROTTI	12/12/1990 5/31/1993	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/10/2019	ROSANGELA SIQUEIRA DE OLIVEIRA MATHEUS HORST DA SILVA	5/30/1993 12/23/1993	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
9/14/2019	AMBER DAWN SCOTT MARK LAMONT ELEY	5/3/1985 4/20/1978	Atlanta, GA Atlanta, GA
9/14/2019	JILLIAN MARIE WOLF IVA ANTIC	1/29/1983 10/18/1994	Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
9/16/2019	MATAN SHEINKER NADA COLAKOVIC	7/3/1991 9/16/1994	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/20/2019	LINDA NAN SHAW AVENIL JOSE DA SILVA DUQUE	4/7/1946 1/19/1960	Oak Bluffs, MA Tisbury, MA
9/21/2019	CLEIDOALDO DE OLIVEIRA GUIMARES NATHANE ALVES DE MOURA	6/9/1987 1/4/1992	Tisbury, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
9/21/2019	ANNA LYNNE GUICA ANDREW WILLIAM MAX JACOBS	3/17/1986 10/4/1983	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/23/2019	EITOR SILVA PRISCILA DE FREITAS	7/11/1996 6/18/1992	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
10/9/2019	DYLAN EVAN VACHER SR. DENITSA TINKOVA ANGELOVA	12/17/1980 1/5/1996	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
10/11/2019	LUIS AMERICO LOPES JOSE HENRIQUE GRAUER TREVIZAN	9/27/1982 3/13/1996	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10/27/2019	LEIGHTON OSBORNE REID PANIECA IKULA JAMES DANIEL	11/12/1985 11/17/1978	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
11/5/2019	AMANDA LYNN TAYLOR FILLIPI JUSTINO BUZETTE GOMES	8/13/1994 5/29/1992	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
12/7/2019	RICHARD STANTON SUSAN BRYANT HAYES	9/8/1938 6/27/1951	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
12/15/2019	KRISTEN MARIE JENKINSON RODRIGO MOREIRA DA SILVA	2/12/1978 1/30/1987	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA

DEATHS RECORDED IN TISBURY 2019

Date	Name	Age	Town of Death	Burial
January 1, 2019	Robert G. Prenda Jr.	32	Oak Bluffs, MA	Beech Grove Cemetery, Westport, MA
January 10, 2019	Margaret L. Sibert	99	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
January 11, 2019	Elaine H. Eugster	81	Boston, MA	M.V. Hebrew Cemetery
January 13, 2019	Richard J. Andrade Sr.	93	Oak Bluffs, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
January 14, 2019	Daniel E. Harnen Sr.	82	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
January 22, 2019	Allan Albee	78	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
January 29, 2019	Jason A. Leone	47	Boston, MA	Block Island Cemetery
January 31, 2019	Carole L. Wood	78	Plymouth, MA	Duxbury Crematory
February 5, 2019	Donald G. Mayhew	87	Barnstable, MA	Duxbury Crematory
February 12, 2019	Christopher S. Laursen	36	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
February 12, 2019	Frank O. Gonsalves	91	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
March 6, 2019	Arthur J. Lenna	88	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
March 10, 2019	Nathaniel J. Orleans	95	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
March 15, 2019	Rachel M. Houston	47	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
April 18, 2019	Judith P. Neeld	90	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 7, 2019	William E. Carroll Jr.	83	Tisbury, MA	New Westside Cemetery
May 8, 2019	Marilyn T. Maciel	65	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 9, 2019	Frederick W. Thifault	90	Stoughton, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 10, 2019	James A. Tuck	78	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 15, 2019	Yvette E. Canha	85	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 26, 2019	William J. Dias	77	Falmouth, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
June 13, 2019	William T. Canning	55	Tisbury, MA	Needham Cemetery
June 24, 2019	Eugene W. Baer	92	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
June 27, 2019	Lloyd T. Galloway	72	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 18, 2019	Robert F. Jewett	73	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 20, 2019	Elke S. Klein	24	Boston, MA	Duxbury Crematory
August 2, 2019	Lucille E. Thatcher	93	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
October 20, 2019	Ian A. Aitchison	84	Barnstable, MA	Duxbury Crematory
October 24, 2019	Ethel V. Bannister	99	Falmouth, MA	Forestville, Maryland
October 24, 2019	Heinz-Helmer Puetthoff	74	Oak Bluffs, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
November 1, 2019	Thomas J. Rabbitt	84	Boston, MA	St. Michael Crematory
November 3, 2019	Joyce Gibson	86	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
November 6, 2019	George J. Rogers Sr.	97	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
November 7, 2019	Victoria M. Campos	90	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
November 22, 2019	William A. Ingraham Jr.	71	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
November 23, 2019	Teresa M. Jaworska	95	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
November 27, 2019	James M. Lee III	62	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 13, 2019	Lillian G. Colligan	89	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 17, 2019	Richard P. Clark	72	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 18, 2019	William L. Skinner	82	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 19, 2019	Ward S. Just	84	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 23, 2019	Peter H. Hawkes	96	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 25, 2019	Dylan Freeman	22	Tisbury, MA	Pending
December 26, 2019	Trevor S. Good	48	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 26, 2019	Thomas W. Pachico	67	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory



TOWN OF TISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:04 PM, on October 15, 2019, at the Tisbury School Gymnasium/Auditorium with a quorum of 186+ voters. Ms. Medders announced the call of the warrant and the return of service was in order.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2019

ARTICLE 1	TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM STABILIZATION FUND PASS	7:11 PM
ARTICLE 2	TO FUND UNFORSEEN EXPENSES FOR TISBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PASS	7:28 PM
	THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED TO ADJOURN WITHOUT DAY.	7:34 PM

Ms. Medders reminded the audience of the following:

1. All of the school property is smoke free.
2. All cell phones except those used by emergency personnel must be turned off.
3. Voters were asked to identify themselves and use the microphones when commenting on Articles.
4. Amendments must be in writing. Supplies are in the back.
5. The meeting will continue until 10:00 PM and at that time, the meeting will decide if it wishes to continue.

Ms. Medders thanked those involved with the Tisbury School transition plan including School Committee Members and School Staff, Fire Chief John Schilling and the Parents.

Counters for the Special Town Meeting were John Schilling, David Schwab, Kirk Metell, Pamela Bennett, Joyce Stiles-Tucker and Seth Gambino. Constables were Michael Ciano and Kenneth Barwick. Checkers were Shelley Carter, Nancy Weaver, Elizabeth MacPherson and Kenneth Eber. The total number of names checked on the voter list was 238.

TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 1, the town **voted in the majority** to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to pay for the lease and/or purchase of modular classroom and office units and associated facilities and structures for the Tisbury School and including related site construction activity, and for environmental remediation work at the Tisbury School, including related professional Owners' Project Manager and consulting and design services.

TO FUND UNFORSEEN EXPENSES FOR TISBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Acting on Article 2, the town **voted in the majority** to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) to fund unforeseen expenses related to locating grades five through eight at the high school and operating in two locations; cost to seal and begin remediation of portions of the elementary school; and to secure and prepare sites for temporary facilities.



TOWN OF TISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:45 PM, on April 9, 2019, at the Tisbury School Gymnasium/Auditorium with a quorum of 307+ voters. Ms. Medders announced the call of the warrant and the return of service was in order.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019

ARTICLE 1	TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL BONDS PASS-UNANIMOUS	7:45 PM
ARTICLE 2	TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENT PASS-UNANIMOUS	7:46 PM
ARTICLE 3	TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR TO BORROW IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE 2/3 PASS-UNANIMOUS	7:46 PM
ARTICLE 4	TO ELECT A FISH COMMITTEE PASS-UNANIMOUS	7:47 PM
ARTICLE 5	TO AMEND BUILDING STABILIZATION FUND 2/3 PASS-UNANIMOUS	7:48 PM
ARTICLE 6	TO ACCEPT M.G.L. C. 138, & 33B PASS-MAJORITY	7:52 PM
ARTICLE 7	TO CONNECT 83 MAIN STREET TO THE TOWN SEWER PASS-MAJORITY	7:53 PM
ARTICLE 8	TO AUTHORIZE ALTERATION OF TRAFFIC FLOW AT OAK HILL AVENUE AND COOK AVENUE FAIL	7:59 PM
ARTICLE 9	TO AMEND WICK SYSTEM STABILIZATION FUND 2/3 PASS- UNANIMOUS	8:07 PM
ARTICLE 10	TO CHANGE THE POSITION OF TOWN CLERK FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED FAIL	8:09 PM
ARTICLE 11	TO AMEND THE SMALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCOUNT EXEMPTION FAIL	8:20 PM
ARTICLE 12	TO AMEND THE BYLAWS BY ADDING SHORT TERM RENTALS, DEFINED BY CHAP 337 OF THE ACTS OF 2018 AMENDED PASS	8:30 PM
ARTICLE 13	TO AMEND ZONING BYLAW REVISE NUMERICAL REFERENCE OF SITE PLAN REVIEW BOARD PASS-UNANIMOUS	9:10 PM
ARTICLE 14	TO AMEND SECTIONS 05.13.01 AND .5.23.05 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BYLAW PASS- UNANIMOUS	9:12 PM
	THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN WITHOUT DAY.	9:14 PM

Counters for the Special Town Meeting were Maura Valley, Heidi Rydzewski, John Schilling, Kirk Metell, Betty Burton and John Sundman. Constable was Michael Ciancio.

ARTICLE 1 TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL BONDS

Acting on Article 1, the Town **voted unanimously** to instruct the Selectmen to obtain of the Town Officers from whom bonds are required in FY2020 only such bonds as are secured by regular bond and surety firms and, when the bond of any Town Officer is accepted by the Selectmen, that the Town shall bear the expense of the amount paid by him or her for said bond.

ARTICLE 2 TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENT

Acting on Article2, the Town **voted unanimously** to authorize the Treasurer-Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 3 TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO BORROW IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

Acting on Article 3, the Town **voted unanimously** to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow from time to time, in anticipation of revenue for Fiscal Year 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 4 TO ELECT A FISH COMMITTEE

Acting on Article 4, the Town **voted unanimously** to elect Janet Messineo, James T. Tilton and John M. Wilbur as a Fish Committee, in FY2020, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40 of the Special Acts of 1847 as it relates to the regulation of herring fishing at Chappaquonsett Pond and Creek and access thereto.

ARTICLE 5 TO AMEND BUILDING MAINTENANCE STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 5, the Town will **voted unanimously** to amend the name and purpose of the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund established by the vote of the April 12th, 2016 Special Town Meeting, under Article 21, to make the name Building Stabilization Fund, and to include within the purpose of the fund costs related to new building construction, so as to enable the Town to address future building and maintenance costs.

ARTICLE 6 TO ACCEPT M.G.L. CHAPTER 138, SECTION 33B

Acting on Article 6, the Town **voted to accept** M.G.L. c. 138, §33B to allow the local licensing authority to authorize licensees under section twelve of Chapter 138 to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May, and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

ARTICLE 7 TO CONNECT 83 MAIN STREET TO THE TOWN SEWER SYSTEM

Acting on Article 7, the Town **voted to allow** connection of the property located at 83 Main Street to the Town's Wastewater Collection and Treatment System.

ARTICLE 8 TO AUTHORIZE ALTERATION OF TRAFFIC FLOW AT OAK HILL AVENUE AND COOK ROAD IN ORDER TO HAVE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC ENTER AND EXIT THE COMMERCIAL ZONED DISTRICT FROM STATE ROAD

Acting on Article 8, the Town **voted majority opposed** to authorize the Department of Public Works, subject to and in accordance with such approvals as may be required, including those of the Planning Board and the Traffic Roadway Safety Committee, to install, erect, build or place a barricade, as well as appropriate signage, at the intersection of Oak Hill Avenue, a public way, and Cook Road, a private road, in order to reduce the use of a residential road for access to the commercially zoned district abutting the residentially zoned district in that area.

ARTICLE 9 TO AMEND WICK SYSTEM STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 9, the Town **voted unanimously** to amend the name and purpose of the WICK System Stabilization Fund established by the vote of the April 10th, 2018 Special Town Meeting, under Article 18, to make the name Wastewater System Stabilization Fund, and to include within the purpose of the fund costs related to improvements to the Wastewater Collection and Treatment System as well as WICK System components.

ARTICLE 10 TO CHANGE THE POSITION OF TOWN CLERK FROM AN ELECTED POSITION TO AN APPOINTED POSITION

Acting on Article 10, the Town **voted majority opposed**, pursuant to section 1B of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, to make the elected position of Town Clerk an appointed position, to be effective in 2023 following the end of the elected term filled at the 2020 Annual Town Election, and subject to acceptance by the voters at an election.

ARTICLE 11 TO AMEND THE SMALL PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCOUNT EXEMPTION

Acting on Article 11, the Town **voted majority opposed**, pursuant to clause 54 of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, to amend the Small Personal Property Account Exemption approved at the Special Town Meeting of March 30, 2004 so as to reduce the minimum fair cash value from Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for personal property accounts to be taxed, to become effective starting Fiscal Year 2020.

ARTICLE 12 AMEND THE TISBURY BYLAWS BY ADDING NEW BYLAW FOR REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS DEFINED BY CHAPTER 337 OF THE ACTS OF 2018

Acting on Amended Article 12, the Town **voted in the majority** to amend the Town's General Bylaws by adopting the following bylaw, pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 337 of the Acts 2018, to provide for the regulation of short-term rentals, or take any action relative thereto.

Section 1. The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of both the general public and the occupants of all short-term rental housing units within the Town of Tisbury. Capitalized terms used in the bylaw shall have the same meaning as set forth in Chapter 64G of the General Laws.

Section 2. An Operator within the Town shall register with the Town, in accordance with and subject to the requirements of this bylaw. The fee for registration shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

In order to register, Operators must demonstrate that any properties or premises controlled, occupied, operated, managed or used as accommodations subject to the excise under said Chapter 64G are not

subject to any outstanding building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, fire, health, housing or zoning code enforcement, including any notices of violation, notices to cure, orders of abatement, cease and desist orders or correction notices.

Properties or premises controlled, occupied, operated, managed or used by Operators as an accommodation subject to the excise under said Chapter 64G may be subject to a health and safety inspections as a condition of registration; provided, however, that the cost of any inspection conducted under this section shall be charged to and solely paid by the Operator; and provided further, that after any initial health and safety inspection, the Town may determine the frequency of any subsequent inspections.

Section 3. Violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$100. Each day a violation continues after notice shall constitute a separate offense subject to additional penalties.

In addition, after a hearing, the Board of Selectmen may suspend or terminate the Operator's right to operate an accommodation for violation of this bylaw. If the Town suspends or terminates an Operator's right to operate an accommodation it shall notify the Commissioner of Revenue of the suspension or termination.

Section 4. The Board of Selectmen may adopt regulations for administration and enforcement of this bylaw, including a provision for acceptance of a certificate of registration issued to an Operator in accordance with Section 67 of Chapter 62C of the General Laws in lieu of a separate Town registration form. All fees and penalties in such regulations shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen through a public hearing process.

ARTICLE 13 AMEND THE ZONING BYLAW TO REVISE THE NUMERICAL REFERENCE FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW BOARD

Acting on Article 13, the Town **voted unanimously** to amend the Zoning Bylaw by revising the numerical reference for the definition of the Site Plan Review Board in sections 05.13.02, 05.21.05.02.04 and 05.23.05.01 and the one numerical reference for Multiple Family Dwellings and Structures in section 05.21.02 by adding the text shown in bold print and deleting the text shown in ~~strike through~~, as follows:

- 05.13.02 Special Permit Requirements. Plan Review by the Site Plan Review Board, as defined in Section ~~02.68~~ 02.77 and provided for in Section 10.06, shall be required prior to the issuance of a Special Permit.
- 05.21.02 Multiple Dwelling Units (including apartments) and/or Structures, without a Special Permit, provided:
 - the number of dwelling units does not exceed three (3) and the number of dwelling structures does not exceed two (2) on any lot, including contiguous lots in the same ownership; and,
 - the conditions and requirements of Section ~~04.03~~ 04.04.02 are met, except that the Schedule A (section 13.00) requirements for R10 shall apply.
- 05.21.05.02.04 Site Plan Review
Ground-mounted large scale solar photovoltaic installations with 250 kW or larger of rated nameplate capacity shall undergo site plan review by the Site Plan Review Board as defined in Section ~~02.61~~ 02.77 prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this section.
- 05.23.05.01 Special Permit Requirements. Plan Review by the Site Plan Review Board, as defined in Section ~~02.68~~ 02.77 and provided for in Section 10.06, shall be required prior to the issuance of a Special Permit.

ARTICLE 14 AMEND SECTIONS 05.13.01 AND 05.23.05 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BYLAW

Acting on Article 14, the Town **voted unanimously** to amend Sections 05.13.01 and 05.23.05 of the Tisbury Zoning Bylaw, under Uses Requiring a Special Permit from the Planning Board in Business Districts 1 and 2, respectively, by deleting the text shown in ~~strike through~~ and adding the text shown in bold print, as follows:

- A) Tisbury Zoning Bylaw Section 05.13.01
Uses set forth in Section ~~05.11~~ 05.10 having 3,000 or more square feet of gross floor area, which shall include any new structure, or group of structures under the same ownership on the same lot or contiguous lots, or any improvement or alteration or change in use of an existing structure or group of structures.
- B) Tisbury Zoning Bylaw 05.23.05
Uses set forth in Section ~~05.21~~ 05.20 having 3,000 or more square feet of gross floor area, which shall include any new structure, or group of structures under the same ownership on the same lot or contiguous lots, or any improvement or alteration or change in use of an existing structure or group of structures.

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Town Clerk



TOWN OF TISBURY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:30 PM, on April 9, 2019, at the Tisbury School Gymnasium/Auditorium with a quorum of 307+ voters. Ms. Medders reminded the audience of the following:

1. All of the school property is smoke free.
2. All aisles and the foyer must remain open.
3. All cell phones except those used by emergency personnel must be turned off.
4. Moderator read the In Memoria from the Annual Town Report
5. Voters were asked to identify themselves and use the microphones when commenting on Articles and to remember to line up at the microphone when speaking.
6. All amendments must be made in writing. Supplies are available at the checkers' tables
7. If you are not a Registered Voter please sit in the marked area to the right
8. It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and proceed to the business of the Special Town Meeting. See meeting minutes for the April 9, 2019 Special Town Meeting.
9. The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was reconvened by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 9:19 PM, on April 9, 2019, at the Tisbury School Gymnasium/Auditorium with a quorum of at least 307 voters.
10. After reading the call of the warrant and the return of service, the Moderator declared them to be in order.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019

ARTICLE 1	HEAR OR RECEIVE REPORTS	PASS-UNANIMOUS	Jon Snyder gave the Financial Report	9:26 PM
ARTICLE 2	PAY BILLS OF PRIOR YEARS – FISCAL YEAR 2017	PASS-UNANIMOUS		9:30 PM
ARTICLE 3	ADD FUNDS TO THE SICK AND VACATION TRUST FUND	PASS- MAJORITY		9:30 PM
ARTICLE 4	EMBARKATION FUND EXPENDITURES	ALL PASS-UNANIMOUS		9:57 PM
ARTICLE 5	FUND VARIOUS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT PROJECTS (F.)	TAKE NO ACTION ALL OTHERS PASS-UNANIMOUS		10:30 PM
IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT UNTIL WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 2019 AT 7:00PM AT THE TISBURY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/ AUDITORIUM				10:30 PM

The second night of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was reconvened by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:08 PM, on April 10, 2019, at the Tisbury School Gymnasium/Auditorium with a quorum of 166+ voters. Ms. Medders reminded the audience of the following:

1. All aisles and the foyer must remain open.
2. If you are not a Registered Voter please sit in the marked area to the right
3. During counting please restrict your movement.
4. All amendments must be made in writing. Supplies are available at the checkers' tables
5. All cell phones except those used by emergency personnel must be turned off.
6. Voters were asked to identify themselves and use the microphones when commenting on Articles.
7. The meeting will continue until 10 PM and at that time, the meeting will decide if it wishes to continue.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 10, 2019

ARTICLE 6	ESTABLISH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FY2019 BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNTS PASS-UNANIMOUS	7:14 PM
ARTICLE 7	FUND WATERWAYS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES SPONSOR REMOVED (B) AND (D), (A) AND (C) PASS- UNANIMOUS	7:19 PM
ARTICLE 8	FUND CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT PASS- MAJORITY	7:33 PM
ARTICLE 9	FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TISBURY SCHOOL PASS -UNANIMOUS	7:59 PM
ARTICLE 10	ESTABLISH AND FUND SHARED POSITION OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER - FAIL	8:21 PM
ARTICLE 11	ESTABLISH AND FUND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF POSITION, AS AMENDED PASS - MAJORITY	8:24 PM
ARTICLE 12	ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK PASS-UNANIMOUS	8:25 PM
ARTICLE 13	FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR UNDERGROUND PLACEMENT OF UTILITY CABLES & WIRES PASS - UNANIMOUS	8:40 PM
ARTICLE14	FUND BUILDING STABILIZATION FUND PASS - UNANIMOUS	8:41 PM
ARTICLE15	PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR PERMEABLE REACTIVE BARRIER GRANT PASS - UNANIMOUS	8:43 PM
ARTICLE 16	APPROVE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT FY2020 BUDGET PASS- UNANIMOUS	8:43 PM
ARTICLE 17	FUND VARIOUS WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES AS AMENDED PASS-UNANIMOUS	8:46 PM
ARTICLE 18	FUND REIMBURSEMENT OF FY2015 WATER TOWER BID DEPOSIT PASS- UNANIMOUS	8:46 PM

ARTICLE 19	CREATE AND FUND PART TIME POSITION OF WATER DEPARTMENT SECRETARY PASS - MAJORITY	8:53 PM
ARTICLE 20	ADOPT FY2020 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET PASS-UNANIMOUS	8:54 PM
ARTICLE 21	FUND MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PASS-UNANIMOUS	8:56 PM
ARTICLE 22	FUND MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PASS-UNANIMOUS	8:57 PM
ARTICLE 23	FUND MANHOLE INSPECTION AND CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION INSPECTION PASS - UNANIMOUS	8:58 PM
ARTICLE 24	FUND MONITORING, TESTING AND ANALYSIS FOR NITROE SEPTIC PILOT PROGRAM PASS - UNANIMOUS	8:59 PM
ARTICLE 25	FUND FY2020 LOCAL DROP OFF AREA OPERATION PASS - UNANIMOUS	9:00 PM
ARTICLE 26	TRANSFER RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION TO REFUSE OPERATIONS PASS - UNANIMOUS	9:01 PM
ARTICLE 27	FUND REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, AS AMENDED (A) PASS - MAJORITY	9:32 PM
ARTICLE 28	FUND DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER, AS AMENDED PASS - UNANIMOUS	9:35 PM
ARTICLE 29	FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH TASK FORCE, AS AMENDED PASS - MAJORITY	9:45 PM
ARTICLE 30	FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION TO MARTHA'S VINEYARD HIGH SCHOOL, AS AMENDED PASS - MAJORITY	10:04 PM
ARTICLE 31	FUND ROADWAY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS PASS - UNANIMOUS	10:09 PM
ARTICLE 32	FUND PURCHASE OF BACKHOE PASS - UNANIMOUS	10:09 PM
ARTICLE 33	DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT PASS - UNANIMOUS	10:10 PM
ARTICLE 34	MOTION TO TAKE UP ARTICLE 36, THEN 34 THEN 35	10:12 pm
ARTICLE 36	CREATE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK	
IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECESS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING UNTIL THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2019 AT 7:00PM AT THE TISBURY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/ AUDITORIUM		11:10 PM

The third night of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was reconvened by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:08 PM, on April 11, 2019, at the Tisbury School Gymnasium/Auditorium with a quorum of 130+ voters. Ms. Medders reminded the audience of the following:

1. All of the school property is smoke free.
2. All aisles and the foyer must remain open.
3. All cell phones except those used by emergency personnel must be turned off.
4. All amendments must be made in writing. Supplies are available at the checkers' tables.
5. Voters were asked to identify themselves and use the microphones when commenting on Articles.

Tristan Israel asked for a moment to remember Antonio Teixeira who served on the Finance and Advisory Committee

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 11, 2019**

ARTICLE 36	Continue CREATE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK FAIL	9:11 PM
ARTICLE 34	CREATE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK – TAKE NO ACTION - UNANIMOUS	9:12 PM
ARTICLE 35	DEDICATE FUNDS TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK TAKE NO ACTION - UNANIMOUS	9:12 PM
ARTICLE 37	AMEND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES PASS - UNANIMOUS	9:14 PM
ARTICLE 38	FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET AS AMENDED PASS- UNANIMOUS	9:40 PM
ARTICLE 39	TANSFER FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE AS AMENDED PASS- UNANIMOUS	9:41 PM
	THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING, IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND VOTED TO ADJOURN WITHOUT DAY	9:41PM

Counters for the first night of Annual Town Meeting were John Schilling, Kirk Metell, Maura Valley, Heidi Rydzewski, Betty Burton and John Sundman. Michael Ciano served as the Constable. The total number of names checked on the voting list was 347.

Counters for the second night of Annual Town Meeting were John Schilling, Kirk Metell, Maura Valley, Heidi Rydzewski, Constance Teixeira and Melanie Englert. Mark Campos served as the Constable. The total number of names checked on the voting list was 247.

Counters for the third night of Annual Town Meeting were David Schwab, John Schilling, Maura Valley, Heidi Rydzewski, Constance Teixeira and Jeffrey Pratt. Officer William Brigham and Michael Ciano served as the Constables. The total number of names checked on the voting list was 198.

Question #1:

Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of municipal wastewater treatment and collection system improvements and a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Question #2:

Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-Half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of an owner's project manager, architectural, design, engineering, cost estimating, bidding, construction management, and other related services for the renovation of and addition to the Tisbury School facility, and to pay costs of extraordinary emergency repairs of the existing Tisbury School Facility, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Question #3:

Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional \$297,656 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's share of feasibility study and schematic design work in connection with possible new construction of and/or renovations to the Martha's Vineyard high school located at 100 Edgartown - Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2019?

Yes: _____ No: _____

ARTICLE 1 TO HEAR OR RECEIVE REPORTS

Acting on Article 1, the Town voted unanimously to hear or receive the reports of the Selectmen and other Town boards, commissions, committees, and officials.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 2 TO PAY BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR

Acting on Article 2, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from designated sources the sum of Three Thousand Fifty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$3,059.79) to be expended in FY19 by the departments listed below for the payment of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Police	Unreserved Fund Balance	Verizon	\$334.91
Police	Unreserved Fund Balance	M.V. Autoworks	\$35.00
Police	Unreserved Fund Balance	Napa	\$284.54
Ambulance	Unreserved Fund Balance	Napa	\$9.44
Ambulance	Unreserved Fund Balance	Napa	\$131.55
Ambulance	Unreserved Fund Balance	Napa	\$34.91
Ambulance	Unreserved Fund Balance	Napa	\$9.44
DPW	Unreserved Fund Balance	Brian Gibson	\$275.00
DPW	Unreserved Fund Balance	Brian Gibson	\$75.00
Harbor	Waterways Improvement Fund	Vineyard Land Surveying	\$555.00
Landfill	Landfill Operations	MPX Merchant Pro Express	\$731.00

DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Wastewater	Wastewater Surplus	Envirotech Laboratories	\$84.00
Wastewater	Wastewater Surplus	Maciel's & Sons	\$500.00

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 3 TO ADD FUNDS TO THE SICK/VACATION TRUST FUND

Acting on Article 3, the Town voted to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Town Sick and Vacation Trust Fund and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from Water Surplus to fund a Water Department Sick & Vacation Trust Fund to pay for accrued sick and vacation time owed to employees leaving their employment with the Town.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 4 EMBARKATION FUND EXPENDITURES

Acting on Article 4, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate in FY2019 the total sum of Three Hundred and Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$307,550) from the passenger ferry embarkation fee receipts, said funds to be expended by the Departments listed below in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 46, Section 129 of the Acts of 2003, as amended, for the specific purposes set forth below, each expenditure to be considered a separate appropriation:

- a) Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be expended by the Police Department to acquire a special Utility Vehicle.
- b) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be expended by the Police Department to fund the wages of four or more traffic officers for the summer season, and to upgrade training, equipment and uniforms for all seasonal employees.
- c) Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,950) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and Department of Public Works for annual replacement of pumps and adaptors for wastewater pump chambers located at the Steamship Authority parking lot.
- d) Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$56,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and Department of Public Works for design, engineering, construction and construction administration of Complete Streets projects immediately around the Steamship Authority ferry terminal.
- e) Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and Department of Public Works for the construction and construction administration of curb extensions and related streetscape, including drainage and traffic-calming related improvements for Main Street from State Road to Owen Park.
- f) Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600) to be expended by the Ambulance Department to fund employee and public training in accordance with the "Stop the Bleed" campaign and to purchase public access bleeding control kits to be situated in public buildings including the Steamship Authority ferry terminal and the police station.
- g) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and Dredge Committee for permitting, surveying, hiring consultants, and dredging the Vineyard Haven harbor and for future dredge projects.
- h) Twenty-One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) to be expended jointly by the Harbor Department to repair or replace the Owen Park Pier, including permitting and engineering.

- i) Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for beautification of the downtown area, including Main Street, Union Street, Water Street and surrounding areas.

ALL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 5 TO FUND VARIOUS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT PROJECTS

Acting on Amended Article 5, the Town voted unanimously in favor (Except f. which was voted TAKE NO ACTION) to appropriate and transfer from FY 2018 reserved and unreserved Community Preservation Fund revenues, unless otherwise specified, the following sums to be expended in FY 2019 for the following purposes, each project to be considered a separate appropriation:

- a) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), for the preservation of Town Clerk's historic Town Hall records.
- b) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), towards restoration of the historic 1949 Fire Truck, to address safety repairs first.
- c) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), towards repair and restoration of the Stone Church clock and bell, of the historic Christ United Methodist Church building, a/k/a/ the "Stone Church", located at 89 William Street, shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #7-C-11.
- d) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), towards the repair and restoration of the historic Tisbury cemetery fence, located at 60 Center Street, shown on Tisbury Assessor's Maps as Parcel #7-M-1, expenditure of funds to be subject to approval of the work by the Williams Street Historic District Committee.
- e) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), towards the repair and replacement of the Katharine Cornell Theater curtains, located at 51 Spring Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessor's Maps as Parcel #7-M-4.
- f) ~~To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000), towards the purchase of property and/or easements to create a bike path between Lagoon Pond Road and Beach Road, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel 9-B-35.~~

VOTED TAKE NO ACTION

- g) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) to install a new irrigation system at Owen Park (south side), on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #6-C-35.
- h) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for replacement of basketball hoops and related equipment at War Veteran's Memorial Park, 10 Causeway Road, on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #9-A-41.

- i) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) as Tisbury's share of the cost for beach improvements, including fencing, parking and pathways, at Eastville Beach, on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel 10-A-3.
- j) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) for the installation of a memorial honoring the World War Veterans who helped build the War Veteran's Memorial Park, 10 Causeway Road, on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #9-A-41.
- k) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$24,357.60) and from the Open Space Reserve Fund the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$25,642.40), for a total of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), towards replacing the Town Pier at Owen Park Landing, on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #6-C-35.
- l) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) as Tisbury's share of the cost to replace the existing track at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School at 100 Edgartown – Vineyard Haven Road, as shown on Oak Bluffs Assessors' Maps as Parcel M-55-4.
- m) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), to install basketball hoops and related equipment, and to resurface the basketball court, as well as purchase equipment for the playground, at Tisbury School playground, at 40 West William Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #8-A-1.
- n) As Amended-To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$68,132.40) and Thirty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$31,867.60), and from Unreserved Funds, the sum of, for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), for the Island Housing Trust's Kuehn's Way affordable rental housing project (formerly the Bridge Project off State Road), with the understanding that the Tisbury Community Preservation Committee will recommend one additional request in the next funding cycle of FY 2020 for One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), for the remainder of the cost of the funding for the project, on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #53-1.
- o) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the Island Housing Trust's six-unit Greenwood Avenue, new construction affordable housing project, located at Greenwood Avenue Extension, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps Parcel #26-D-34.3.
- p) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) to fund the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Assistance Program.
- q) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) as Tisbury's share of Island Elderly Housing's five-unit Aidylberg III project, located at 38 Wing Road, as shown on Oak Bluffs Assessors' Maps as Parcel #17-105.
- r) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to the Tisbury Municipal Housing Trust Fund.

- s) To raise and appropriate and from the Community Preservation Fund Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for FY 2020 administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, including wages, dues and advertising.

ALL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR, EXCEPT (F.) VOTED NO ACTION TAKEN

ARTICLE 6 TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FY2020 BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Acting on Article 6 the Town voted unanimously to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of Massachusetts General Laws and set aside for later expenditure the following amounts to the following reserve funds:

FY2020 Community Preservation Committee Budget Reserve Account:

- \$73,250 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;
- \$73,250 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund;
- \$73,250 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund;
- \$512,760 to the Community Preservation Budget Reserve Account.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 7 TO FUND WATERWAYS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Acting on Article 7, the Town of Tisbury voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Waterways Fund in FY2019 the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the Harbor Department for the purposes listed and deemed to be waterways capital expenditures:

- a) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the maintenance of Town - owned moorings.
- b) ~~Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for repairs/replacement at the Owen Park Pier, including engineering and permitting.~~ **Removed by Sponsor**
- c) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the purchase and rigging of navigation buoys.
- d) ~~One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for future dredging projects, including surveying, engineering and permitting.~~ **Removed by Sponsor**

ALL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR, EXCEPT (B & D.) REMOVED BY SPONSOR

ARTICLE 8 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT

Acting on Article 8, the Town voted to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2019, the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed and deemed to be capital expenditures:

- a) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to acquire the services of an events coordinator and for events planning related to the Town's 350th Anniversary Celebration.
- b) Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to complete the purchase of three (3) currently leased Electric Vehicles and cover the cost of any other related expenses.

- c) Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to purchase and install a gasoline exhaust system to be installed on the new Town ambulance.
- d) Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$6,900) to purchase bleeding control kits for multiple Town Buildings and provide for public awareness training; or take any action relative thereto.
- e) Nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$9,600) for the purchase of software including training and extended support package to bring the Fire Department into compliance with OSHA and national standards.
- f) Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purchase and installation of one (1) turn out gear washer-extractor.
- g) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to repurpose the surplus 1998 Ford Econoline Ambulance as a Fire Department reserve vehicle, replacing the 1982 Chevrolet Utility.
- h) Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to repair and/or replace the Council on Aging's building roof.
- i) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for purchase, installation and repair of interior and exterior locking hardware for the police station.
- j) One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$122,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for replacement and/or repairs of the following Tisbury School Facilities: gym wall and roof repair, front entrance repair and/or replacement, repair of six classroom floors.
- k) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be expended by the Public Works Director for the design, engineering and implementation of any improvements and any infrastructure related to work being done at Owen Park.

ALL VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 9 TO FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TISBURY SCHOOL

Acting on Amended Article 9, the Town voted unanimously to borrow the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to fund: owner's project manager services, and architectural, design, engineering, cost estimating, bidding, construction management, and other related services for the renovation of and addition to the Tisbury School facility, and to fund extraordinary emergency repairs of the existing Tisbury School Facility, and to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. c. 44, §7, G.L. c. 70B or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that no sums shall be appropriated or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted by ballot at the Town election on April 23, 2019 to exempt all amounts required to pay for any bonds or notes issued in accordance with this vote from the limitations of Proposition 2½ so-called.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 10 TO ESTABLISH AND FUND SHARED POSITION OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Acting on Article 10, the Town voted not to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to establish and fund the shared position of Building Commissioner.

VOTED MAJORITY OPPOSED

ARTICLE 11 TO ESTABLISH AND FUND THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF POSITION

Acting on Amended Article 11, the Town voted to establish the position of Assistant Fire Chief, Grade M4, Step 1 and to further appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$29,880) and to encumber and transfer from the FY 2020 Fire Department Budget Line Item Fire Chiefs #5115 the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500), for a total sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$67,380) to fund said position.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 12 TO AUTHORIZE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Acting on Article 12, the Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an easement agreement with the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank to locate the Town's sewer pump station on bank owned property located at 412 State Road, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, shown on the Town of Tisbury Assessors' Map 22A, Lot 9, and further, to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of One Dollar (\$1) for such purpose.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 13 TO FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR UNDERGROUND PLACEMENT OF UTILITY CABLES AND WIRES

Acting on Article 13, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserve Fund Balance the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) to fund engineering, design and permitting and installation work for underground placement of all utility cables and wires along Main Street, Lagoon Pond Road and Beach Road, or to take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 14 TO FUND BUILDING STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 14, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to be placed in the Building Stabilization Fund established by the vote of the April 9, 2019 Special Town Meeting to enable the Town to address future building and maintenance costs and/or costs related to new construction.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 15 TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR PERMEABLE REACTIVE BARRIER GRANT

Acting on Article 15, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000) to provide the local match for the Permeable Reactive Barrier Grant from the Southeast New England Coastal Watershed Restoration Program for all expenses eligible for reimbursement for the barrier installation project along the Lagoon Pond shoreline.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 16 TO APPROVE THE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT FY2020 BUDGET

Acting on Article 16, the Town voted unanimously to approve the proposed Water Works Department Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2020, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and as shown below, to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to operate the Tisbury Water Works Department in FY2020, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of One Million Six Hundred Four Thousand and Four Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars (\$1,604,488) from estimated revenues for said purpose.

Salaries and Wages	\$486,815
Operating Expenses	\$436,250
Benefits/Fixed Expenses	\$321,800
Debt/Interest	\$359,623
Total Operations, Debt Service	\$1,604,488
Total Estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses	\$1,604,488 Water Related Earnings

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 17 TO FUND VARIOUS WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES

Acting on Amended Article 17, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Water Enterprise Fund Available Surplus in FY 2019 the sum of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000) to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purposes listed below and deemed to be capital expenses.

a) Hydraulic Study	\$45,000
b) Tashmoo Well Rehabilitation	\$50,000
c) <u>Water Main Replacement Program</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
Total Capital Projects	\$495,000

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 18 TO FUND REIMBURSEMENT OF FY2015 WATER TOWER BID DEPOSIT

Acting on Article 18, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Water Enterprise Fund Available Surplus the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), to be expended in FY2019 by the Board of Water Commissioners, for the purpose of reimbursing James Valeriani for the water tower lease bid deposit paid on behalf of Verizon Wireless in FY2015 and not applied to a lease contract.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 19 TO CREATE AND FUND PART-TIME POSITION OF WATER DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Acting on Article 19, the Town voted to create the part-time position of Water Department Secretary for 20 hours per week and appropriate from Water Works Surplus Funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty- Six Dollars (\$11,956) to fund part-time department secretary position for FY19 and further appropriate from Water Works Enterprise Estimated Revenue the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$52,738) to fund the part-time department secretary position for FY20, said sums to be distributed by the Board of Water Commissioners for the following:

FY19: 20 Hour per week Department Secretary:

1) Salaries and wages	\$4,800
2) Benefits	\$7,156
Grand Total	\$11,956

FY20

1)	Salaries and Wages	\$20,800
2)	Benefits	\$31,938
	Grand Total	\$52,738

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 20 TO ADOPT FY2020 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Acting on Article 20 the Town voted unanimously to approve the proposed Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2020 of Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$729,747), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and as shown below, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen, to operate and maintain the Tisbury Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for FY2020, and appropriate from user fees the following sums therefor.

Salaries and Wages	\$250,296
Benefits/ Fixed Expenses	\$130,034
Operating Expenses	\$266,450
Debt/Interest	\$82,967
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$729,747

Total estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses

Sewer User Fees (17,880,225.3668 Gal @ .041	\$696,547
Septage Fees	\$3,000
Quarterly Base Changes	\$26,400
Labor Charges	\$3,500
Grease Trap Cleanout Fees	\$0
Sewer Flow Fees	\$300

Wastewater Related Earnings	\$729,747
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VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 21 TO FUND MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on Article 21, the Town voted unanimously to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Available Surplus the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Wastewater System Stabilization Fund for a total amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to fund improvements to the Tisbury wastewater treatment and collection system.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 22 TO FUND MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on Article 22, the Town voted unanimously to borrow the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to fund municipal wastewater treatment and collection system improvements and borrow the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to fund a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) for the Town of Tisbury, for a total of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000), and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided, however, that no sums shall be appropriated or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted by ballot at the Town election on April 23, 2019 to exempt all amounts required to pay for any bonds or notes issued hereunder from the limitations of Proposition 2½ so-called.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 23 TO FUND MANHOLE INSPECTION AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION INSPECTION

Acting on Article 23 the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Available Surplus the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be expended to determine infiltration sources and estimate infiltration quantities from manhole inspection and CCTV inspection of gravity sewer system areas.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 24 TO FUND MONITORING, TESTING AND ANALYSES FOR NITROE SEPTIC PILOT PROGRAM

Acting on Article 24, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) to cover the cost of MassDEP mandated monitoring, testing, and analyses of the septic systems installed under the Town's pilot program for the so-called NitROE system, an innovative septic system component specifically targeted at total nitrogen removal.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 25 TO FUND FY 2020 LOCAL DROP OFF AREA OPERATION

Acting on Article 25, the Town of Tisbury voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) from the reserve for appropriation for the sanitary landfill as provided for in Article 19 of the Special Town Meeting of November 2, 1993 and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Unreserved Fund Balance for the total sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the operation of the local drop off area and ancillary curbside recycling and refuse service and residential hazardous waste disposal for FY2020.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 26 TO TRANSFER RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION TO REFUSE OPERATIONS

Acting on Article 26, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the reserve for appropriation for the sanitary landfill as provided for in Article 19 of the Special Town Meeting of November 2, 1993 the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectman for the operation of the local area drop off and ancillary curbside recycling and refuse service and residential hazardous waste disposal for FY 2019.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 27 TO FUND REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Acting on Amended Article 27, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed below.

- a) As Amended, Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$9,375) to provide funding support to Dukes County Social Services.
- b) Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,750), as the Town's share in support of the CORE program of the Martha's Vineyard Community Services and the other Island Councils on Aging, to provide various community-based behavior, health and support services to people over 55 years of age, provided that no sums may be expended hereunder unless all six Island Towns vote to fund their proportionate shares of the cost of this program.
- c) Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$13,475) to provide funding support for the planning, community building and advocacy work of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard for all island elders.
- d) Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Six Dollars (\$5,906) to provide funding support to the Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program on Martha's Vineyard.
The Finance and Advisory Committee Recommends Approval of Only \$5,625. (7-0-0)
- e) Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$6,162) as the Town's share of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$47,500), to fund the *First Stop* information and resource service of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (formerly known as the Healthy Aging Task Force), provided that no sums may be expended hereunder unless all six Island Towns vote in the affirmative to fund their respective proportionate shares of the service.
- f) Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$13,124) to fund the Town's share of the expenses of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in FY2020.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 28 TO FUND DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Acting on Amended Article 28, the Town of Tisbury voted unanimously to transfer from the Unreserved Fund Balance Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) as the Town's share of the FY2020 Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center development and maintenance costs only, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with the Dukes County Sheriff's Office for payment of such costs, provided that no funds shall be expended hereunder unless and until such a cooperative agreement, with provisions for governance and oversight of the Communication Center and its expenditures, is signed, and unless and until all six Island towns appropriate their proportionate shares of such costs.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 29 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH TASK FORCE

Acting on Amended Article 29, the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$18,500) as the Town's appropriate share of the All Island School Committee's

contract for Youth Task Force Services for fiscal year 2020.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 30 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AND/OR RENOVATIONS TO MARTHA'S VINEYARD HIGH SCHOOL

Acting on Amended Article 30, the Town voted to approve the transfer of the sum of Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$316,267.99) in funds from the Excess and Deficiency Fund of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (the "District") to the general funds of the District for fiscal year 2020 and, in addition, to raise and appropriate, the sum of Two hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$297,656), all of such sums to be paid to the District and expended under the direction of the School Committee for the District, for the purpose of funding a feasibility study and schematic design work in connection with possible new construction of and/or renovations to the high school building and grounds located at 100 Edgartown – Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, such feasibility study and schematic design work to include, but not be limited to, the hiring of architects, engineers and an owner's project manager; such sums to be in addition to the sums paid by the Town pursuant to the Regional High School Assessments under the FY2020 budget for the School District; provided, however, that the Town's approval of said transfer of funds from the District's Excess and Deficiency Fund and the Town's obligation to pay the additional Two Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$297,656) to the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District shall be contingent upon both the approval of the transfer of funds from the District's Excess and Deficiency Fund by the other Member Towns of the District and the appropriation by the other Member Towns of the District of their proportionate share of the overall cost of such feasibility study and schematic design work, after application of the District's Excess and Deficiency Fund monies authorized for transfer hereunder, such proportionate share to be calculated pursuant to the applicable formula in the Regional School Agreement; and provided, further, that no sums shall be appropriated or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted by ballot at the Town election on April 23, 2019 to approve an override of Proposition 2 ½ so-called for said purpose.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 32 TO FUND ROADWAY-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on Article 32, the Town will voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for design, engineering, and implementation of Public Works Roadway Projects, including upgrade, installation, and relocation of utilities, roads, sidewalks, drainage, traffic control signage, and any other related improvements.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 32 TO FUND PURCHASE OF BACKHOE

Acting on Article 32, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Department of Public Works Stabilization Fund the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) to be expended by the Public Works Director for the purchase of a backhoe to replace the 1998 Caterpillar.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 33 TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Acting on Article 33 the Town voted unanimously to dispose of surplus equipment listed below.

- Paint Stripper
- Compaction Compactor
- Self-propelled Leaf Vacuum
- Small Trailer rated for 900 lbs.
- 1973 13' Boston Whaler (No engine)

Submitted: Department of Public Works

- 3 Pumps
- 32 Grinder Pumps
- 4 Air Relief Valves
- 6 s Bottom Assemblies

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 34 TO CREATE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK

Acting on Article 34, the Town voted to take no action to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a Special Act substantially in the form set forth below, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial amendments to the form of said proposed Special Act, and provided further that the Selectmen shall have the authority to approve and accept any such amendments that shall be within the scope of the objectives of this petition.

An Act providing funding for the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank
Chapter ___ of the Acts of ____

Section 1

The Town of Tisbury has elected to impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of a room in a short-term rental, as authorized by Section 3A of Chapter 64G of the General Laws and as further set forth in Section 6 of Chapter 337 of the 2018 Acts of Massachusetts. The Town has elected to impose said tax at the rate of six (6%) percent of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy.

Section 2

The Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank is a body politic and corporate, established under Chapter ___ of the Acts of 20___. Said Housing Bank is established under said Act for the sole purpose of the preservation and creation of year-round housing on the island of Martha's Vineyard, in the County of Dukes, as may be further defined in such Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Under Section 4B of said Act, the Town is empowered to appropriate funds for the benefit of said Housing Bank.

Section 3

Fifty (50%) percent of the total amount of tax collected by the Town of Tisbury under G.L. c. 64, as aforesaid, shall be appropriated and transferred to the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank, such funds to be restricted for use by the Housing Bank for the preservation and creation of year-round housing on the island of Martha's Vineyard.

Section 4

This Act shall take effect upon both the effectiveness of the Town's election under G.L. c. 64G as aforesaid and the passage of the aforementioned Act creating the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 35 TO DEDICATE FUNDS TO MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK

Acting on Article 35, the Town voted to TAKE NO ACTION, which has already imposed a local excise tax upon transfer of occupancy of room in a short-term rental based on M.G.L Chapter 64G, Section 3A (as set forth in 2018Mass Acts c.337,s.6), will vote to dedicate in perpetuity three percent (3%) of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy to the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank for the creation of housing on the Island. Funds collected under this section prior to the enactment of the legislation creating the Housing Bank and fulfillment of all conditions precedent to its creation shall be held in the restricted account to be transferred to the Housing Bank when it is fully enacted and able to proceed.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 36 TO CREATE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK

Acting on Article 36 the Town voted not to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, in compliance with Clause (1), Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments of the Constitution, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments that shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition., or to take any other action relative thereto.

Section 1. There is hereby established a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank (the "Housing Bank"), the purpose of which shall be to provide for the preservation and creation of year-round housing on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. The Housing Bank is hereby constituted a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality and the exercise of the powers herein conferred upon the Housing Bank shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function.

Section 2. The Housing Bank shall be administered by a Housing Bank Commission consisting of seven (7) persons.

2.1. Membership: There shall be one (1) person who is a legal resident of each of the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury, each person to be elected to a 3-year term, in the same manner as other elected town officials. The initial terms, drawn by lot by the initial six (6) appointed members, shall be staggered so that two (2) members are elected each year, following the initial election of members, and each of the six (6) town boards of selectmen shall, respectively, appoint the initial six (6) members to serve from the effective date of this act until the first elections of the regular members at each town's regular or special town election after the effective date of this act. One (1) member shall be appointed to a 3-year term by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority.

2.2. Vacancies: Should a vacancy occur during the term of the elected town commissioner, the town's Municipal Housing Trust ("MHT") and the board of selectmen shall jointly appoint an interim member to serve until the next scheduled town election.

2.3. Administration: Members shall serve without compensation. The initial appointed members shall adopt temporary rules and regulations to the extent necessary to conduct business until the regular members are elected. The Housing Bank Commission shall elect from among its regular members a chairman and a vice chairman and a secretary and a treasurer who may be the same person. The members of the Housing Bank Commission shall adopt, after holding a public hearing and after requesting recommendations from the Board of Selectmen of the six-member towns that comprise the commission, rules and regulations for conducting its internal affairs and procedural guidelines for carrying out its responsibilities under this act.

2.4. Quorum: A quorum shall be four (4) or more members. Decisions of the Housing Bank Commission shall be by majority vote at a meeting where a quorum is present. The Housing Bank Commission shall make rules regarding attendance. The Housing Bank Commission shall keep accurate records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report that shall be distributed with the annual report of each member town.

2.5. Conflict of interest: When members of the Housing Bank Commission hold other public offices and have to act in dual public positions, no conflict of interest shall be assumed in as much as both positions are serving the public interest and no compensation is received. However, if a Housing Bank Commission member or an MHT member also represents an organization that may benefit from a project being considered for a grant from the Housing Bank Commission, the member must declare a possible conflict of interest and shall not participate in the consideration and action on that grant application.

Section 3. Each Town's MHT shall assist the Housing Bank Commission in reviewing projects in their respective towns.

Section 4. The Housing Bank Commission shall, subject to this act, have the power and authority to:

- a) Accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the Housing Bank in connection with any ordinance or bylaw or any general or special law or any other source, including money from Chapter 44B, provided, however that any such money received pursuant to Chapter 44B shall be used exclusively for community housing and shall remain subject to all rules, regulations and limitations of that chapter;
- b) purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income;
- c) sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to Housing Bank property as the Housing Bank Commission deems advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract;
- d) execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the Housing Bank Commission engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the Housing Bank;
- e) employ regular staff, advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers, as the Housing Commission deems necessary;

- f) purchase and retain and/or lease real property for the Housing Bank's internal administrative purposes and to dispose of same as and when the Housing Commission deems advisable.
- g) pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all employees, advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the Housing Commission deems advisable;
- h) apportion receipts and charges between income and principal as the Housing Commission deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation, depletion or otherwise;
- i) participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transactions; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation and any other corporation or person;
- j) deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the Housing Commission may deem proper and to pay, out of Housing Bank property, such portion of expenses and compensation of such committee as the Housing Commission may deem necessary and appropriate;
- k) carry property for accounting purposes other than acquisition date values;
- l) borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the Housing Commission deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge Housing Bank assets as collateral;
- m) make distributions or divisions of principal in kind;
- n) comprise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the Housing Bank, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this act, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the Housing Commission may deem appropriate;
- o) hold all or part of the Housing Bank property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the Housing Commission may deem appropriate;
- p) extend the time for payment of any obligation to the Housing Bank; and
- q) adopt such regulations and procedures as it deems necessary or appropriate to provide funding for the implementation of any and all programs cited in section 4A of this act.

Section 4A. The Housing Bank may provide funding as described in this Act. Upon applications from non-profit and for-profit corporations and organizations and public entities in a competitive process which will include public notice of funding availability, and in a form prescribed by the Housing Bank, funding in the form of grants, loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, interest subsidies, rental assistance or any other means determined to further the goals of the Housing Bank for eligible housing activities might be provided. Eligible activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Purchase and rehabilitation of existing structures for rental or home ownership;
- Construction of rental or home ownership housing and necessary infrastructure;
- Purchase of land, and any and all improvements including infrastructure and easements to be used for qualified housing;
- Down payment assistance grants and soft second loans;
- Rental assistance programs;
- Modernization and capital improvements of existing rental and ownership housing;

- Housing counseling, predevelopment costs and technical assistance associated with creating housing projects and programs.

Section 48. Each member town is hereby authorized to appropriate money to be deposited in the Fund as provided in section 6.

Section 4C. The Housing Bank is authorized to issue bonds and notes to further the purposes of the Housing Bank but only if the issuance of these bonds or notes has been approved by a majority of the Trustees of all member towns' MHTs.

Section 40. The Housing Bank and all its revenues and income used solely by the Housing Bank in furtherance of its public purposes shall be exempt from taxation and from betterments and special assessments, and the Housing Bank shall not be required to pay any tax, excise or assessment to or for the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions.

Section 5. All housing units created through funding by the Housing Bank under this act shall be deed restricted in perpetuity for the use approved for funding by the Housing Bank Commission.

Section 6. The Housing Bank Commission shall meet its financial obligations by drawing upon a fund to be set up as a revolving or sinking account of the Housing Bank Commission (the "Fund"). Deposits into the Fund shall include (a) funds appropriated, borrowed or transferred to be deposited into the Fund by vote of the county commissioners of the county of Dukes County or of town meetings of the towns represented in the Housing Bank Commission; (b) voluntary contributions of money and other liquid assets to the Fund; (c) grants of funds tendered to the Housing Bank by each member town in connection with any ordinance or bylaw or any general or special law or any other source, including without limitation state and/or federal grants.

All expenses lawfully incurred by the Housing Bank Commission in carrying out this act shall be evidenced by proper vouchers and shall be paid by the treasurer of the Housing Bank Commission only upon submission of warrants duly approved by the Housing Bank Commission. The Housing Bank Commission treasurer shall prudently invest available assets of the Fund in accordance with the regulations and procedures adopted by the Housing Bank Commission under sections 2.3 and 4(q), and all income from its investments shall accrue to the Fund.

Section 6A. Money from the Fund may be expended by the Housing Bank Commission, subject to approval of a majority of the Trustees of the MHT of the town in which a project is located. In cases of regional housing projects, money from the Fund may be expended subject the permission of a majority of the Trustees of the MHTs of each town in which the project is located.

Section 7. The Housing Bank Commission shall keep a full and accurate account of its actions including a record as to when, from or to whom, and on what account money has been paid or received under this act. These records or accounts shall be subject to examination by the director of accounts or the director's agent pursuant to section 45 of chapter 35 of the General Laws.

Section 8. This act, being necessary for the welfare of the member towns and the island of Martha's Vineyard and their inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to affect its purposes.

Section 9. Acceptance of this act, by each of the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury shall be by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of acceptance has been placed on the ballot.

This act shall become effective on the date on which acceptance by no fewer than three (3) towns has been affected. Additional towns may elect to participate in the Housing Bank after the effective date of this act by affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of acceptance has been placed on the ballot.

VOTED MAJORITY OPPOSED 75 YES, 115 NO

ARTICLE 37 TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Acting on Article 37, the Town voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan for Full-time Managerial and Professional Employees, effective July 1, 2019.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>M-1</u> No Positions Assigned	\$51,699	\$53,369	\$55,081	\$56,856	\$58,652	\$60,552	\$62,494	\$64,477	\$66,545	\$68,653
<u>M-2</u> Shellfish Const.	\$55,624	\$57,378	\$59,216	\$61,116	\$63,058	\$65,083	\$67,150	\$69,301	\$71,514	\$73,790
<u>M-3</u> Harbormaster Adm. Assist. - BOS/ Personnel Director	\$61,178	\$63,162	\$65,166	\$67,254	\$69,405	\$71,598	\$73,894	\$76,275	\$78,697	\$81,244
<u>M-4</u> Amb. Coord. Ex. Asst. to Town Adm. Local Bldg. Inspector	\$66,732	\$68,904	\$71,096	\$73,372	\$75,732	\$78,154	\$80,639	\$83,249	\$85,879	\$88,615
<u>M-5</u> Facilities Mgr. Asst. Water Supt. Library Director WW Supt. / Lab Dir. DPW Director	\$75,627	\$78,029	\$80,534	\$83,144	\$85,754	\$88,510	\$91,350	\$94,252	\$97,259	\$100,412
<u>M-6</u> Bldg. Inspector Health Agent IT Adm. Town Acct.	\$80,096	\$82,664	\$85,316	\$88,051	\$90,849	\$93,751	\$96,758	\$99,848	\$103,043	\$106,342
<u>M-7</u> Water Supt.	\$87,237	\$90,035	\$92,916	\$95,860	\$98,929	\$102,103	\$105,381	\$108,743	\$112,209	\$115,780
<u>M-8</u> Finance Dir. Fire Chief	\$94,795	\$97,823	\$100,934	\$104,170	\$107,511	\$110,956	\$114,527	\$118,202	\$122,002	\$125,906
<u>M-9</u> Police Chief	\$107,240	\$110,664	\$114,193	\$117,826	\$121,626	\$125,510	\$129,540	\$133,695	\$137,933	\$142,381
<u>M-10</u> Town Adm.	\$111,228	\$114,777	\$118,473	\$122,252	\$126,157	\$130,208	\$134,384	\$138,664	\$143,112	\$147,684

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 38 FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

Acting on Amended Article 38, the Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Million Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$28,614,174); to transfer from Reserve for Betterments the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000); and to transfer from the Waterways Fund the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$55,250) for a total FY2020 operating budget of Twenty Eight Million Eight Hundred Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four Dollars (\$28,846,424) to defray Town charges as set out in Appendix A of this warrant for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (FY2020); and to set the FY2020 expenditure limit for the Tashmoo Spring Building Revolving Fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 39 TO TRANSFER FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE

Acting on Amended Article 39, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) to meet the limitations of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, (Proposition Two and One-Half, so called), as amended, or to reduce the tax rate.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

April 23, 2019

Pursuant to the warrant for the Annual Town Election, the polls were declared open by Constable David Oliveira, at the Tisbury Emergency Services Facility at 215 Spring Street, on Tuesday April 23, 2019 at twelve noon. The names of 3,489 active voters appeared on the voters list.

The ballot box was checked by the Election Warden and inspected by the Constable and found to be in order, with the register set at zero at 11:30 a.m. The box was then locked by the Warden and the polls were declared open at twelve noon for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:01 p.m. by the Warden with the ballot box registering 972 ballots cast. There were 3 hand counted ballots and 1 voter chose not to vote and that ballot was spoiled for a total number of 976 issued ballots. The checked voter's list showed 976 names checked and the count of ballots voted was 975. The declaration of the vote was as follows

For PLANNING BOARD (1 for 5)		For SELECTMEN (1 for 3 yrs)	
Cheryl S. Doble	742	Seth F. Gambino	462
All Others	4	Jeffrey C. Kristal	490
Blanks	229	All Others	3
For LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 for 3 yrs)		BLANKS	20
James H. K. Norton	722	For CONSTABLE (1 for 3 yrs)	
Archibald Alexander Smith	503	Michael Ciano	781
Write In Ian A. Aitchison	13	All Others	3
All Others	12	BLANKS	191
Blanks	1675	For ASSESSOR (1 for 3 yrs)	
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 for 3 yrs)		Angela A. Cywinski	388
Lesley Segal	734	David Dandridge	538
Write In Patricia L. Hand	12	All Others	1
Write In Seth F. Gambino	7	BLANKS	48
All Others	24	For BOARD OF HEALTH (1 for 3 yrs)	
Blanks	2148	Michael D. Loberg	735
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 for 2 yrs)		All Others	9
Larry Gomez	749	BLANKS	231
All Others	0	For SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 for 3 yrs)	
Blanks	226	Michael J. Watts	693
MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSIONER(1 for 1 yr)		All Others	4
Lynne C. Fraker	205	Blanks	278
Nora M. Nevin	171	For WATER COMMISSIONER (1 for 3 yrs)	
Nancy Lee Weaver	476	Elmer H. Silva, Jr.	780
All Others	3	All Others	1
Blanks	120	Blanks	194

Question #1:

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YES	658
NO	265
BLANKS	52

Question #2:

Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of an owner's project manager, architectural, design, engineering, cost estimating, bidding, construction management, and other related services for the renovation of and addition to the Tisbury School facility, and to pay costs of extraordinary emergency repairs of the existing Tisbury School Facility, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES	719
NO	224
BLANKS	32

Question #3:

Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional \$297,696 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's share of feasibility study and schematic design work in connection with possible new construction of and/or renovations to the Martha's Vineyard High School located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019?

YES	522
NO	423
BLANKS	30

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Tisbury Town Clerk



ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
OFFICIAL BALLOT
TISBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
April 23, 2019

J. Hilary Corbin
TOWN CLERK

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval ☐ to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write that person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

For SELECTMAN

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Seth F. Gambino

83 Causeway Road ☐

Jeffrey C. Kristal

18 Crocker Avenue ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For CONSTABLE

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Michael Ciancio

283 Franklin Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For ASSESSOR

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Angela A. Cywinski

191 Spring Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

David Dandridge

21 Pond View Way ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Michael D. Loberg

33 Crocker Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Michael J. Watts

47 Woodchips Circle ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Elmer H. Silva, Jr.

63 Oklahoma Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For PLANNING BOARD

Five Years Vote for not more than ONE

Cheryl S. Doble

120 Dunham Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years Vote for not more than THREE

James H. K. Norton

39 Crocker Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

Archibald Alexander Smith

71 Quinsigamond Avenue ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

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For FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for not more than THREE

Lesley Segal

33 Alyssa Lane Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Two Years Vote for not more than ONE

Larry J. Gomez

40 Greenwood Avenue ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSIONER

One Year Vote for not more than ONE

Lynne C. Fraker

31 Stonegate Lane ☐

Nora M. Nevin

20 Harbor View Lane ☐

Nancy Lee Weaver

21 Pond View Way ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

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Yes ☐

No ☐

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Yes ☐

No ☐

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Yes ☐

No ☐



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Community Centered Planning, Preparedness, Response and Recovery

2019 was a rather calm year weather wise without the severe Nor'easters of 2018. Winter snowfalls were few and light by comparison with previous years. We were again spared a direct hit by a hurricane. The reality is that we must be prepared for these major weather events. We had several isolated power outages caused by falling trees. It was not necessary for the regional emergency shelter to be opened. Individual cases of sheltering need were forwarded to the American Red Cross and the Island Clergy Association throughout the winter season. As you may know, the regional shelter has been moved to the Oak Bluffs School, leaving the Tisbury School as a back-up shelter if necessary.

The most important development in emergency management this past year is that the Town has appointed Emergency Management Director Micha Agnoli and Assistant Emergency Management Director Christina Colarusso. The EMD budget has been increased by the Select Board to \$35,000. Filling these positions and fully funding the department will provide an opportunity for training, grant writing and updating the current emergency management plan. In all probability an extreme weather event such as a hurricane will happen here again. A well written emergency plan followed by exercises testing the plan will make a major difference in how well we prepare, respond and recover from these events.

To assist with emergency planning for a large-scale emergency event here on Martha's Vineyard planners are working more cooperatively with nongovernmental organizations such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Disaster Animal Relief Team and other groups. There are training opportunities planned for the coming year regarding emergency shelter management and operations. As always, these organizations are looking for volunteers to assist with emergency preparedness.

Respectfully submitted,

John Crocker, Harbormaster
Interim Emergency Management Director

TISBURY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Tisbury Ambulance Service provides pre-hospital medical treatment to the Tisbury community. In the year 2019, the Tisbury Ambulance Service had the following responses.

• Total Calls for Service:	581
• Priority One Responses (DOA, Cardiac arrest):	15
• Priority Two Responses (Advanced life support):	265
• Priority Three Responses (Basic life support):	140
• Mutual aid to another town:	74
• Patient Refusals	73
• Cancelled Calls	22
• Fire / Police Standby	6
• Request for Public Assistance	44
• Public Events	5

The Service has two Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances and are staffed 24/7/365. Staffing is a combination of permanent and volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and Paramedics. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of the Service, all of whom work exceptionally hard to provide the best emergency care available to the Town of Tisbury.



The department continuously seeks to reduce overall costs and from January thru December of 2019 our reimbursements generated \$218,138.00 into the general fund.

Tisbury Ambulance is a well utilized resource for blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring. We have enjoyed many successes over the years, and we recognize that our growth and success depend largely on its people and the support that we receive from both the community and our fellow emergency responders. Our thanks to the Tisbury Fire department and Police department for their continued support when needed and to the Firefighters/First Responders for their dedication in increasing their level of medical training.

To the personnel of the Tisbury Ambulance Service – As EMT's we work hard, we train hard, we get hurt and frequently our sleep/lunch/shower will be interrupted by a life-threatening emergency, the effects of which may last long after the emergency is over. Thank you for your dedication and professionalism not just to the community but also to your training and to each other. I am proud to be a member of this devoted team.

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the following individuals, many of whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help in the success of Tisbury Ambulance.

Full-time Paramedics:

Kyle Gatchell
Benjamin Stevens
Krystle Rose
Lindsay Hopkins

Tisbury EMT's

Micah Agnoli
Sheri Caseau
Connor Chisholm
Jim Davin
Alex Dorr
Ali Getz
Dawn Gompert
Amanda Gonsalves

Per Diem Paramedics

Belinda Booker
Ben Davey
Matthew Montanile
Trulayna Rose
Adam Travers

Greg Martino
Tad Medeiros
Patrick Rolston
Gleyzielle Rodrigues
Trevor Scanlon
Danielle Shea
Livia Samaio
David Smith

Respectfully submitted,

TRACEY A. JONES
Ambulance Coordinator

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteers proudly serving our community since 1884

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

For the calendar year of 2019, the Tisbury Fire Department responded to 356 calls for service. Once again, we are happy to report there were no significant property losses that occurred to citizen's homes or business.

Throughout 2019 our members continued their commitment to training and professional development attending training both locally and through the State Fire Academy. Some of their most valuable training has been utilizing the State's fire simulation trailers. These training sessions give firefighters real smoke, heat and fire experience in a controlled environment. In addition to their regular fire training, 5 members of our Department completed certification as Fire Instructors through the State Academy. These in house instructors will elevate the quality of our local training.

In July, Gregory Leland was hired as the Department's first full time Assistant Chief. In the short time that he has been on the job, Greg has completed his certification through the Mass Fire Academy as a Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Officer 1. In addition to his professional development, Greg has taken the lead on our digital inventory project. This cloud based inventory control system tracks every individual piece of equipment, including all apparatus, who or where it is assigned, any maintenance or certifications required and expiration dates. This system gives the Department complete equipment accountability and will aid in projecting any future capital needs.

Two notable retirements occurred in 2019. Assistant Chief Joseph Tierney Jr retired in July after serving the Department for 30 years. During his tenure, Joe served as a company officer, Chief Officer, tech rescue leader and the Dukes County Fire Chief's training coordinator. Joe's most notable contribution was acting as Tisbury's de facto Clerk of the Works during the construction of the ESF building. Joe spent countless hours on that project and much of the success of the design and construction was due to his diligence.

After 43 years of service, 30 as a firefighter and 13 as Fire Police, Brian Flanders retired in December. The role of a Fire Policeman is far removed from the action but is critical to first responder safety. Regardless of the hour, Brian always had our back. We will miss his steady presence on our scenes.

We would like to recognize the strong working relationship we have with the Tisbury Ambulance Service and the Tisbury Police Department. The seamless integration of our 3 services enables us all to provide you with effective and professional response to your emergencies.

On behalf of the members of the Tisbury Fire Department, thank you to the taxpayers of Tisbury for their continued support of our mission. We are committed to providing you with an effective and professional response whenever called upon. To the employers and families of our members, thank you for your support in allowing our members to serve. Without your support and understanding, our volunteer system could not effectively serve our communities' emergency needs.

2019 YEAR END DATA

In 2019 the Fire Department issued 159 fire safety code permits.

Total calls for service:

Automatic Alarms	180	Building Fires	6
Carbon Monoxide	15	Hazz –Mat	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	21	Misc. Fires	11
Public Safety Assist	97	Rescue/EMS Assist	17
Total Calls			356

Respectfully submitted;

JOHN F. SCHILLING
Chief/Forest Warden

GREGORY K. LELAND
Assistant Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Tisbury,

2019 was a momentous year for the Tisbury Police Department! The Department began the year with 7 full-time officers, and by the end of February 2019 added 3 more full-time Officers. At the end of 2019, the Department had progressed to 13 full-time officers, and nearly at our full complement after prolonged periods of vacancies.

We were very fortunate to attract some top-quality members to your police department, in both the uniform and civilian staffing areas.

All of our Police Officers, Traffic Safety Officers, Crossing Guards and staff continue to work with our youth, senior and resident population to fulfill our community policing philosophies. They work each day to enhance our safety, mitigate our significant traffic congestion, and maintain the personal, small town charm of our community that we all enjoy every day. I am very appreciative of their efforts and I know you are as well.

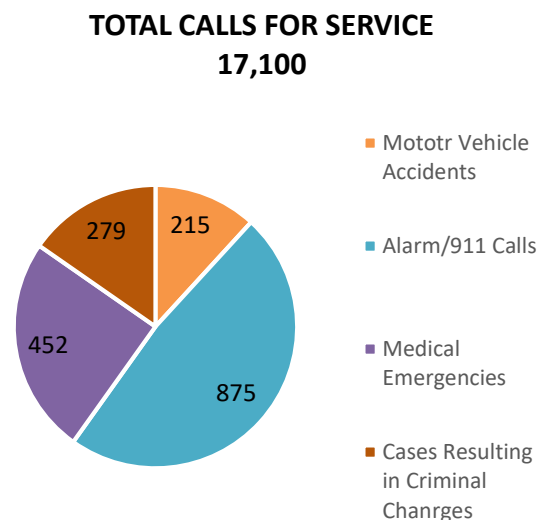
This past year, among the positive Departmental accomplishments was also a first-ever outside promotional assessment process for Sergeant. At the conclusion of this process, Officer Jeffrey Day and Detective Max Sherman were the top two finalists and promoted to Police Sergeants. In early 2019, we also held the first of what will be annual Citizen Police Academies.

Unfortunately, we also faced the unexpected passing of two much beloved members of TPD in the last few days of 2018. As a result, 2019 began on a very somber note. Anne Carter assisted TPD with secretarial duties, temporarily, after her retirement from the Town. Dan Tanner, as a long time Traffic Safety Officer, was a daily presence on our Main Street area. Both Anne and Dan are missed and will not be forgotten.

We continue to have a very good working partnership with our Town's Fire, EMS and Public Works' Departments. We all function as one team, and endeavor to provide you with exceptional public service. This was on display when all agencies successfully worked together during our summer concert weekend, in August of last year. This music festival ended safely, and most importantly, without incident. I am extremely grateful and proud of everyone in their efforts each day to make our community safer and more secure.

Respectfully,

Chief Mark G. Saloio





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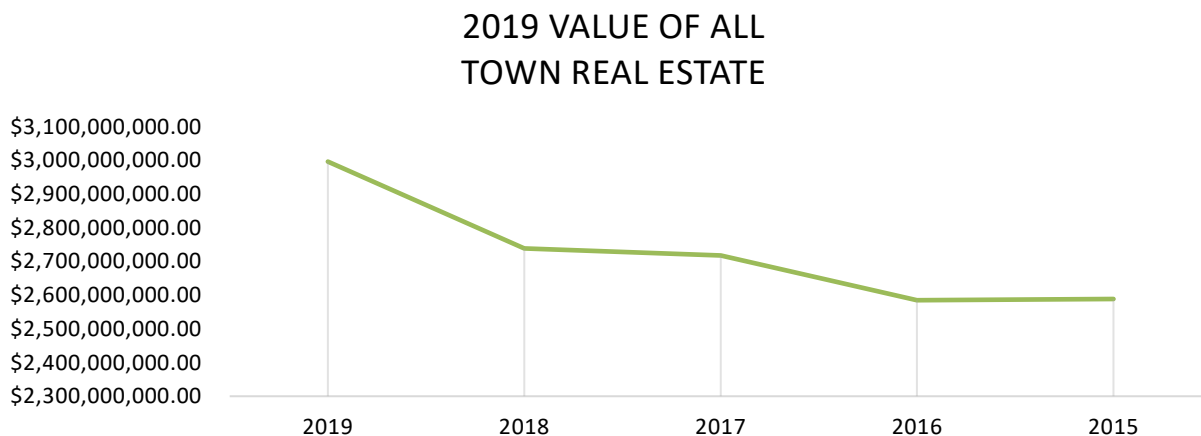
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The assessors of each community are responsible for developing a reasonable and realistic program to achieve the fair cash valuation of property in accordance with constitutional and statutory requirements. The nature and extent of that program will depend on the assessors' analysis and consideration of many factors, including but not limited to, the status of the existing valuation system, the results of an in-depth sales ratio study, and the accuracy of the existing property record information.

State law requires that local assessed values reflect market value every year. Every five years Massachusetts cities and towns are mandated to re-evaluate the assessed values of their municipality. During the calendar year 2018, our office reviewed and analyzed the sales data from the calendar year 2017 of real property. Depending on the market conditions and property value trends, adjustments may increase, decrease or leave values unchanged.

Total town expenditures increased 10% from fiscal year 2018 (\$35,756,594) to fiscal year 2019 (\$39,393,642). The residential tax rate is \$9.17 per thousand and the commercial tax rate is \$8.61 for the fiscal year 2019. The reason for the different tax rates is a result of the Board of Selectmen's voting to continue the benefit of the residential exemption. As the total assessed value of the exemptions decreases, the tax rate of the residential class, which covers 89% of the town budget, increase from \$8.61 to \$9.17.

The fiscal year 2019 value of all town real estate is \$2,996,790,926, an increase from fiscal year 2018.



Listed below is the breakdown of classes of property for fiscal year 2019:

2954	Residential Parcels	\$2,670,811,297
314	Commercial Parcels	\$257,208,165
16	Industrial Parcels	\$5,139,400
1694	Personal Property Accounts	\$63,632,064
209	Exempt Parcels	\$209,988,900

Part of the process of assessing fair and equitable is collecting data for the department, to keep the town records and values up-to-date when building permits are issued. Ms. Alycelee Pigman, the data collector, collects valuation data through a cyclical inspection program required by the Massachusetts Division of Local Assessment as part of the revaluation certification over a ten-year period. During the inspection, we are confirming our information regarding the construction details, depreciation of the home and other valuation variables.

Please come to the Assessors' office to discuss any issues with the assessed value of your property and the Assistant Assessor would be happy to review the assessment with you. There are several statutory exemptions that taxpayers may qualify for based on their age, income and veteran status.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the staff, Assistant Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski, Data Collector Alycelee Pigman. We welcome Elena DeFoe as our new Administrative Secretary, who has a bachelor's in finance.

In April, we said farewell to Board Member Angela Cywinski who has served on the Board for twenty years. We thank her for her many years of service not only on the board but in her career as an Assessor.

Our newly elected Assessor David Dandridge is no stranger to the board as he had previously served on the board until he decided to retire and get his island life. Welcome back David.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Cutrer, Member
Cynthia H. Richard, Chair
David Dandridge, Member

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Finance and Advisory Committee is a volunteer board of Tisbury residents elected (or, if vacancies occur – appointed by joint action of the Committee and the Board of Selectmen) to review and make recommendations on all articles brought to the citizens for a vote. “The Voter Guide” shows how Committee’s members voted on each Warrant article to be voted on at Tisbury’s Special and Annual Town meetings. It also summarizes the arguments on each side when the committee was not of one mind.

The current members believe that the voters rely on them primarily to assess and give considered and comprehensive opinions on the financial aspects of Warrant articles, with the information we have available at the time. Majority of the committee’s work is done in the months before the Annual Town Meeting. Much time is spent with Town departments and others proposing Warrant articles, as we work with them to establish realistic operating budgets, capital expenditures and funding requests.

Sometimes, the Finance Committee recommends that you vote against a particular warrant article. That is because, after careful consideration, we have agreed that the requested expenditure or warrant request is not in the town’s or the taxpayers’ best interest. Our determination not to recommend, however, does not prevent a proposal from being submitted to you on the Town Meeting floor, where we leave it to the voters to make the final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Larsen, Chair
Seth Gambino
Nancy B. Gilfoy
Larry Gomez
Patricia Hand
Jynell Kristal
Laura Rose
Lesley Segal
Sarah York

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

In fiscal year 2019, the town's annual budget grew 3.2%, driven by health care costs, salaries and wages, and increasing needs in public works and other departments. There is no easy solution since, in addition to funding the town budget; we must address infrastructure, with the school and the town hall as two important needs. The challenge will be to protect core services while funding infrastructure improvements.

Our stabilization or "rainy day" fund is reserved to cover unexpected financial crisis, and in the fall of 2019, we tapped into it to pay for emergency work at the Tisbury Elementary School. Maintaining a solid stabilization fund helps our credit rating and reduces our borrowing costs, so we will want to rebuild that fund as soon as we can. Our Standard and Poor's credit rating remains a solid "AA+ stable," an excellent rating for a town our size, and interest rates remain low by historical standards, keeping down the cost of borrowing.

Scanlon & Associates has completed the fiscal 2018 audit, which looks at all aspects of town finances. Copies of the audit report and management letter are available for anyone interested in reviewing the results of the audit and the comments from the auditors.

Finance Department Staff Members: Assistant Treasurer/Collector Kim Serpa, Financial Assistant Libby Cleary, and Assistant Town Accountant John Minnehan. For all of us, our goal is to serve you, the citizens of Tisbury. Please feel free to call or stop by the office anytime. We will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan V. Snyder, Treasurer/Collector
Suzanne E. Kennedy, Accountant

Financial Highlights

Statement of Activities Highlights

	Governmental Activities		
	2019	2018	Change
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,365,753	\$ 1,468,074	\$ (102,321)
Operating grants and contributions	3,204,592	2,780,017	424,575
Capital grants and contributions	171,389	1,118,910	(947,521)
General Revenues:			
Property taxes	26,273,047	24,913,187	1,359,860
Motor vehicle excise and other taxes	1,194,733	1,017,334	177,399
Hotel room occupancy and meal taxes	530,089	518,509	11,580
Penalties and interest on taxes	315,492	181,472	134,020
Nonrestricted grants	513,904	555,934	(42,030)
Unrestricted investment income	220,823	55,600	165,223
Miscellaneous	19,481	5,962	13,519
Total revenues	33,809,303	32,614,999	1,194,304
Expenses:			
General government	4,490,957	2,737,818	1,753,139
Public safety	4,012,310	3,856,898	155,412
Public works	1,767,924	2,144,755	(376,831)
Education	11,893,610	11,339,419	554,191
Health and human services	934,054	766,950	167,104
Culture and recreation	698,224	768,335	(70,111)
Employee benefits and insurance	7,631,847	6,382,477	1,249,370
State assessments	1,316,355	1,334,889	(18,534)
Interest	155,674	194,718	(39,044)
Total expenses	32,900,955	29,526,259	3,374,696
Contributions to permanent funds	9,248	5,706	3,542
Transfers	(114,231)	(119,516)	5,285
Change in net position	803,365	2,974,930	(2,171,565)
Net position - beginning of year	5,559,579	2,584,649	2,974,930
Net position - end of year	\$ 6,362,944	\$ 5,559,579	\$ 803,365

**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,599,464	\$ 2,961,993	\$ 5,049,074	\$ 21,610,531
Investments	2,736,660	-	586,056	3,322,716
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
Property Taxes	721,302	20,250	-	741,552
Tax Liens	966,365	25,671	-	992,036
Excise Taxes	184,583	-	-	184,583
Departmental	60,465	-	226,107	286,572
Due from Other Governments	16,981	-	620,633	637,614
Total Assets	\$ 18,285,820	\$ 3,007,914	\$ 6,481,870	\$ 27,775,604
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	\$ 747,579	\$ 20,332	\$ 88,485	\$ 856,396
Accrued Payroll	743,152	-	51,750	794,902
Payroll Withholdings	299,040	-	-	299,040
Total Liabilities	1,789,771	20,332	140,235	1,950,338
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Unavailable Revenue	1,712,696	45,921	756,182	2,514,799
Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable	-	-	627,093	627,093
Restricted	-	2,941,661	2,806,305	5,747,966
Committed	-	-	2,152,055	2,152,055
Assigned	5,299,810	-	-	5,299,810
Unassigned	9,483,543	-	-	9,483,543
Total Fund Balance	14,783,353	2,941,661	5,585,453	23,310,467
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 18,285,820	\$ 3,007,914	\$ 6,481,870	\$ 27,775,604

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Statement.

**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 25,709,868	\$ 670,960	\$ -	\$ 26,380,828
Intergovernmental	1,033,631	170,306	1,030,936	2,234,873
Excise and Other Taxes	1,067,295	-	144,544	1,211,839
Hotel Room Occupancy and Meal Taxes	530,089	-	-	530,089
Licenses, Permits, Fees	1,131,899	-	-	1,131,899
Charges for Services	-	-	289,748	289,748
Gifts and Donations	-	-	10,875	10,875
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	310,033	5,459	-	315,492
Investment Income	220,823	-	62,288	283,111
Other	-	-	332,961	332,961
Intergovernmental - "On-behalf" Payments	1,219,279	-	-	1,219,279
Total Revenues	31,222,917	846,725	1,871,352	33,940,994
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	3,768,897	930,294	307,402	5,006,593
Public Safety	3,938,318	-	263,291	4,201,609
Public Works	1,743,896	-	297,012	2,040,908
Education	11,451,190	-	288,371	11,739,561
Health and Human Services	618,715	-	191,169	809,884
Culture and Recreation	573,708	-	65,945	639,653
Employee Benefits and Insurance	6,066,877	-	24,806	6,091,683
Intergovernmental Assessments	1,316,355	-	-	1,316,355
Debt Service:				
Principal	880,352	-	-	880,352
Interest	153,678	-	10,348	164,026
Total Expenditures	30,511,986	930,294	1,448,344	32,890,624
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	710,931	(83,569)	423,008	1,050,370
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	623,262	-	495,887	1,119,149
Operating Transfers Out	(661,736)	-	(571,644)	(1,233,380)
Proceeds from the issuance of bonds and notes	-	-	68,113	68,113
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(38,474)	-	(7,644)	(46,118)
Net Change in Fund Balances	672,457	(83,569)	415,364	1,004,252
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	14,110,896	3,025,230	5,170,089	22,306,215
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 14,783,353	\$ 2,941,661	\$ 5,585,453	\$ 23,310,467

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TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS -
(NON-GAAP) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts					Amounts	Variance with
	Carried				Actual	Carried	Final Budget
	Forward from	Original	Final		Budgetary	Forward to	Positive
	Prior Year	Budget	Budget		Basis	Next Year	(Negative)
Revenues:							
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 25,563,787	\$ 25,563,787	\$ 25,694,868	\$ -	\$ 131,081	
Intergovernmental	-	907,611	907,611	1,033,631	-	126,020	
Excise and Other Taxes	-	875,000	875,000	1,067,295	-	192,295	
Hotel Room Occupancy and Meal Taxes	-	375,000	375,000	530,089	-	155,089	
Licenses, Permits, Fees	-	907,000	907,000	1,131,899	-	224,899	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	-	150,000	150,000	310,033	-	160,033	
Investment Income	-	20,000	20,000	78,455	-	58,455	
Total Revenues	-	28,798,398	28,798,398	29,846,270	-	1,047,872	
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General Government	911,066	4,221,222	5,435,665	3,768,897	1,264,803	401,965	
Public Safety	1,579,438	3,800,340	5,579,018	3,938,318	1,265,512	375,188	
Public Works	340,850	1,963,342	2,495,364	1,743,896	568,588	182,880	
Education	7,080	11,467,218	11,474,298	11,451,190	1,460	21,648	
Health and Human Services	852	659,101	659,953	618,715	-	41,238	
Culture and Recreation	160,122	620,570	780,692	573,708	69,566	137,418	
Employee Benefits and Insurance	23,660	5,479,915	5,503,575	4,858,128	-	645,447	
Intergovernmental Assessments	-	1,416,307	1,416,307	1,316,355	-	99,952	
Debt Service:							
Principal	-	953,886	953,886	871,999	-	81,887	
Interest	-	351,121	351,121	151,501	-	199,620	
Total Expenditures	3,023,068	30,933,022	34,649,879	29,292,707	3,169,929	2,187,243	
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,023,068)	(2,134,624)	(5,851,481)	553,563	(3,169,929)	3,235,115	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	-	273,000	568,986	623,262	-	54,276	
Operating Transfers (Out)	-	(1,945,849)	(1,946,736)	(1,946,736)	-	-	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(1,672,849)	(1,377,750)	(1,323,474)	-	54,276	
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance	(3,023,068)	(3,807,473)	(7,229,231)	\$ (769,911)	\$ (3,169,929)	\$ 3,289,391	
Other Budgetary Items:							
Free Cash and Other Reserves	-	3,807,473	4,206,163				
Prior Year Encumbrances	3,023,068	-	3,023,068				
Total Other Budgetary Items	3,023,068	3,807,473	7,229,231				
NET BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				

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**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY,
DEFERRED PROPERTY AND ROLLBACK TAXES
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2018	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2019	Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2019
Real Estate Taxes:						
Levy of 2019	\$ -	\$ 25,252,975	\$ 310,215	\$ 24,408,824	\$ 533,936	\$ 533,936
Levy of 2018	491,482	-	14,180	379,424	97,878	97,878
Levy of 2017	104,457	-	14,372	67,436	22,649	22,649
Levy of 2016	12,280	-	10,431	1,849	-	-
Levy of 2015	-	-	4,697	(4,697)	-	-
	608,219	25,252,975	353,895	24,852,836	654,463	654,463
Personal Property Taxes:						
Levy of 2019	-	547,873	13,681	501,927	32,265	32,265
Levy of 2018	30,439	-	204	21,427	8,808	8,808
Levy of 2017	8,079	-	147	2,331	5,601	5,601
Levy of 2016	5,859	-	147	962	4,750	4,750
Levy of 2015	4,558	-	244	570	3,744	3,744
Prior Years	20,343	-	654	2,301	17,388	17,388
	69,278	547,873	15,077	529,518	72,556	72,556
Deferred Property Taxes	16,139	3,831	-	-	19,970	19,971
Rollback Taxes	41	-	-	-	41	-
Total Real Estate, Personal Property Deferred Property and Rollback Taxes	\$ 693,677	\$ 25,804,679	\$ 368,972	\$ 25,382,354	\$ 747,030	\$ 746,990

TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND VESSEL EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2018	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2019	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2019
\$	- \$	928,952	13,897 \$	808,632 \$	106,423 \$	106,423
Levy of 2019						
Levy of 2018	130,989	120,153	10,442	196,253	44,447	44,447
Levy of 2017	33,845	-	236	15,683	17,926	17,926
Levy of 2016	15,657	-	1,211	4,205	10,241	10,241
Levy of 2015	11,159	-	-	3,714	7,445	7,445
Prior Years	29,019	-	1	1,407	27,611	27,611
	220,669	1,049,105	25,787	1,029,894	214,093	214,093

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

	-	40,593	981	30,110	9,502	9,502
Levy of 2019						
Levy of 2018	8,950	-	465	3,288	5,197	5,197
Levy of 2017	6,399	-	243	2,016	4,140	4,140
Levy of 2016	7,609	-	73	3,293	4,243	4,243
Levy of 2015	5,985	-	65	1,404	4,516	4,516
Prior Years	17,100	-	71	3,695	13,334	13,334
	46,043	40,593	1,898	43,806	40,932	40,932

Vessel Excise Taxes:

	\$	266,712 \$	1,089,698 \$	27,685 \$	1,073,700 \$	255,025 \$	255,025
Total Motor Vehicle and Vessel Excise Taxes							

**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TAX LIENS
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019**

	Uncollected Accounts July 1, 2018	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Accounts June 30, 2019	Uncollected Accounts Per Detail June 30, 2019
General Fund:						
Tax Liens	\$ 1,195,574	\$ 178,800	\$ -	\$ 312,459	\$ 1,061,915	\$ 1,061,915
Non-Major Governmental Funds:						
Community Preservation:						
Tax Liens	\$ 27,464	\$ 4,394	\$ -	\$ 6,187	\$ 25,671	\$ 25,671

TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL RECEIVABLES
JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

	Uncollected Accounts July 1, 2018	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Accounts June 30, 2019	Uncollected Accounts Per Detail June 30, 2019
General Fund:						
Ambulance	\$ 404,938	\$ 325,530	\$ -	\$ 233,551	\$ 496,917	\$ 495,890
Income & Expense Penalty:						
Levy of 2019	-	23,250	750	19,377	3,123	3,123
Levy of 2018	2,764	-	500	1,762	502	502
Levy of 2017	508	-	250	258	-	-
Levy of 2016	250	-	250	-	-	-
Total Income & Expense Penalty	3,522	23,250	1,750	21,397	3,625	3,625
Non-Major Governmental Funds:						
Moorings Receivable:						
Levy of 2019	-	130,327	-	118,530	11,797	11,797
Levy of 2018	6,487	-	-	3,879	2,608	541
Levy of 2017	2,703	-	-	-	2,703	986
Levy of 2016	498	-	-	231	267	100
Levy of 2015	420	-	-	-	420	420
Prior Years	30,613	-	-	-	30,613	30,613
	40,721	130,327	-	122,640	48,408	44,457
Septic System Repair Program Loans:						
Program one	36,116	16,612	-	6,029	46,699	46,699
Program two	126,042	45,705	-	8,440	163,307	163,307
	162,158	62,317	-	14,469	210,006	210,006
Total Departmental Receivables	\$ 611,339	\$ 541,424	\$ 1,750	\$ 392,057	\$ 758,956	\$ 753,978

**TRUST FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

	Balance	Transfers	From or	Transfers	Expenses/			Balance
	<u>06/30/18</u>	<u>To Trusts</u>	<u>(to) G/F</u>	<u>From</u> <u>Trusts</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Adj</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>06/30/19</u>
Library Trust Principal	104,093.81						6,735.54	110,829.35
Library Interest	308.65						210.41	519.06
Redding Principal	50,000.00							50,000.00
Redding Interest	7,761.93						3,952.07	11,714.00
Alisio Principal	14,720.35							14,720.35
Alisio Interest	469.22						1,039.19	1,508.41
Perpetual. Care Principal	349,030.75						2,512.50	351,543.25
Perpetual Care Interest	3,093.71				(390.00)		34,245.45	36,949.16
A & P Principal	100,000.00							100,000.00
A & P Interest	19,551.00						894.19	20,445.19
Manter Principal	778,694.74							778,694.74
Manter Interest	24,095.81		(15,317.00)		(913.00)		67,838.10	75,703.91
Luce	577,190.92			130,256.07	(59,877.26)			647,569.73
Shellfish	132,766.08		887.25	15,712.50	(5,162.74)		911.90	145,114.99
Hamilton	31,266.03						233.85	31,499.88
Unemployment	73,288.73			50,000.00	(24,806.22)		770.23	99,252.74
Municipal Insurance	5,530.68		110,000.00		(11,437.86)		547.53	104,640.35
Stabilization	1,988,732.29		1,000,000.00				135,802.43	3,124,534.72
Fire Stabilization	2,376.87		100,000.00				3,129.51	105,506.38
Ambulance Stabilization	175,843.38		35,000.00				1,400.15	212,243.53
Dredge Stabilization	120,692.28						902.74	121,595.02
DPW Stabilization	77,212.11		50,000.00				698.81	27,910.92
Building Stabilization	20,495.52						153.29	20,648.81
Wicks Stabilization	-		100,000.00				242.62	100,242.62
Sick/Vacation-Town	283,330.03		250,000.00		(58,819.16)		3,189.35	477,700.22
Sick/Vacation-Water	62,583.78		6,000.00		(49,432.22)		482.65	19,634.21
Sick/Vacation-Sewer	11,355.83		7,500.00				103.14	18,958.97
Water Street	193,664.14		10,000.00		(4,400.00)		1,399.93	200,664.07
Window Fund	5,204.01						38.93	5,242.94
OPEB	322.99	(322.99)						(0.00)
OPEB Pooled Trust	1,277,656.32			300,322.99			79,157.37	1,657,136.68
Municipal Housing Trust	374,638.11		85,000.00		(23,941.33)		3,013.18	438,709.96
	<u>6,865,970.07</u>	<u>(322.99)</u>	<u>1,739,070.25</u>	<u>496,291.56</u>	<u>(239,179.79)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>349,605.06</u>	<u>9,211,434.16</u>

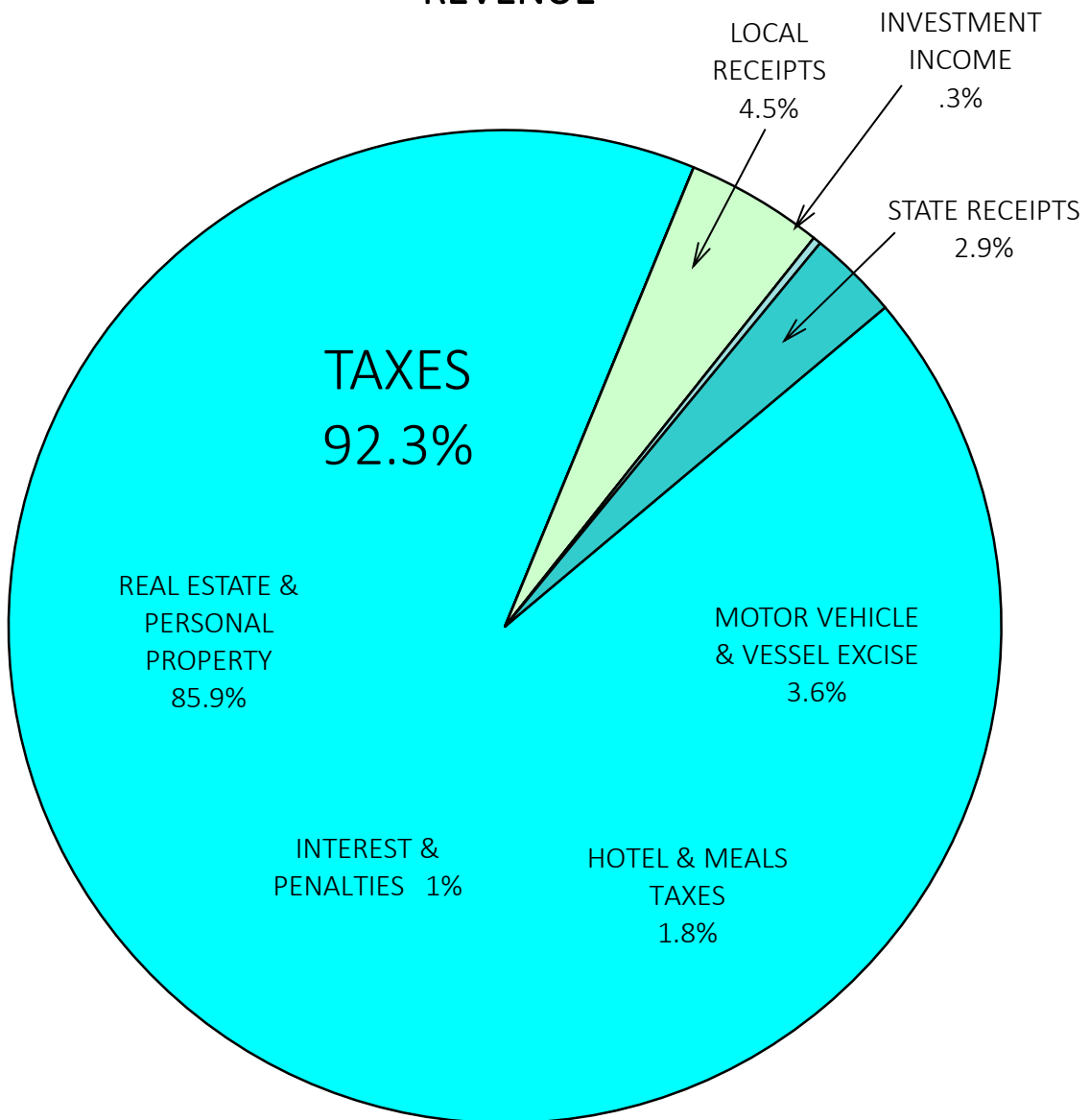
CHERRY SHEET HISTORY TISBURY

Estimated Receipts	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
A. EDUCATION			
Distributions and Reimbursements			
Chapter 70	635,297	698,224	709,444
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	162,876	49,669	52,694
School Lunch			
School Choice Receiving Tuition	110,661	156,874	80,650
Sub-Total, All Education Items	908,834	904,767	842,788
B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Distributions and Reimbursements			
Unrestricted General Government Aid	94,282	97,959	101,388
Veterans Benefits	22,274	14,868	14,658
Exemp VBS and Elderly	17,257	19,679	17,984
State Owned Land	10,706	10,696	11,443
Public Libraries	5,903	5,714	5,446
Sub-Total, All General Government	150,422	148,916	150,919
C. Total Estimated Receipts	1,059,256	1,053,683	993,707
Estimated Charges			
A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS			
County Tax	69,889	68,112	68,112
B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES			
Air Pollution	3,612	3,431	3,509
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	28,820	24,040	24,040
Sub-Total, State Assessments	32,432	27,471	27,549
C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES			
Regional Transit	212,644	217,960	223,409
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessm	212,644	217,960	223,409
E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS			
School Choice Sending Tuition	262,947	251,865	268,392
Charter School Sending Tuition	601,614	701,888	705,367
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments	864,561	953,753	973,759
F. Total Estimated Charges	1,179,526	1,267,296	1,292,829
Net	(120,270)	(213,613)	(299,122)

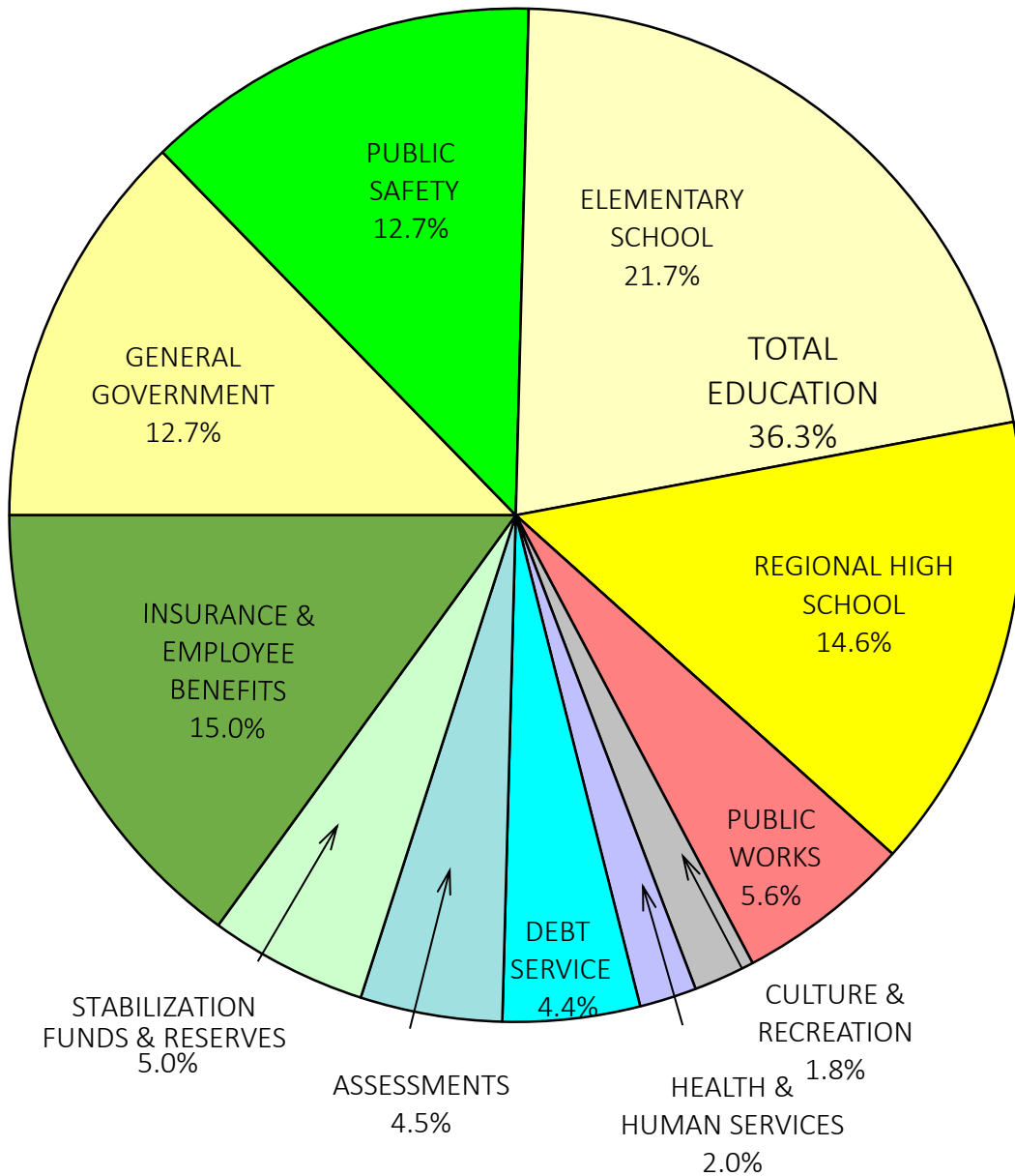
TOWN AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES EARNING OVER \$75,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Police Chief	155,748	School Teacher	97,465
Police Sergeant	143,281	School Teacher	96,563
Town Administrator	143,155	School Teacher	95,796
Patrolman	138,026	Water Superintendent	95,066
School Administration	136,223	School Teacher	95,033
Patrolman	135,185	School Teacher	94,286
Patrolman	127,296	School Teacher	93,426
Police Chief (Ret.)	125,254	School Teacher	93,016
Fire Administration	124,504	Buildings & Grounds Foreman	92,875
School Teacher	124,133	Police Sergeant	91,640
Town Accountant	110,986	Information Technology Admin	90,876
Patrolman	109,218	School Teacher	90,760
Building Inspector (Ret.)	105,884	School Teacher	90,690
Town Clerk	105,751	Health Inspector	89,508
School Teacher	105,599	Electrician	89,346
School Teacher	105,452	Waterworks Foreman	88,007
School Teacher	104,990	School Teacher	87,333
School Teacher	104,850	Facilities Manager	85,840
School Teacher	104,334	School Teacher	85,822
School Teacher	102,975	Patrolman	85,160
School Teacher	102,652	Wastewater Superintendent	84,683
School Teacher	102,191	Ambulance Coordinator	84,181
Library Director	100,984	Contract Specialist	83,835
Finance Director	100,974	School Teacher	83,672
School Teacher	100,911	School Teacher	83,256
School Teacher	100,722	Patrolman	83,135
School Teacher	100,348	Patrolman	82,035
School Teacher	99,978	Assistant Assessor	81,024
School Teacher	99,411	School Teacher	79,962
School Teacher	99,215	Paramedic	79,362
School Teacher	98,765	Coa Director	78,518
School Teacher	98,078	School Administration	77,789
School Teacher	97,809	School Teacher	77,272
School Teacher	97,688	School Maintenance	76,806
School Teacher	97,474	Patrolman	75,385

TOWN OF TISBURY
FY 2019
REVENUE



TOWN OF TISBURY
FY 2019
EXPENDITURES





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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

“A dog might destroy your shoes, but will never break your heart”. – Unknown

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Tisbury,

This year the Animal Control Department logged in a total of 1138 calls.

2019 STATISTICS:

Dogs licensed	800	General animal concerns calls	112
Cats impounded	2	Dog bites to people	9
Dogs impounded	4	General information calls	299
Cats hit by car	1	Dog bites to other dogs	7
Dogs transported to ASMV	0	Wildlife calls	38
Cats brought to ASMV	3	Dangerous/Nnuisance dog	6
Dogs hit by car	0	Tropical bird calls	0
Cats found	30	General dog complaints	10
Barking dog complaints	41	Assist other depts./towns	15
Cats reported missing	40	Animals taken to vet	7
Dogs surrendered	0	Animal cruelty calls	2
Cats returned to owner	29		
Deceased cats	2		
Dogs killing fowl	2		
Cats left in car (summer)	0		
Dogs loose or missing	170		
Cats killed by dogs	0		
Dogs found or restrained	130		
Cat bites to people	2		
Dogs returned to owner	150		
Farm animal calls	24		
Dogs left in car (summer)	3		



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Always a huge thank you for all the donations received throughout the year.

The Animal Control Department would like to acknowledge the continued support of the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Tisbury.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie C. Clements
Animal Control Officer

BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

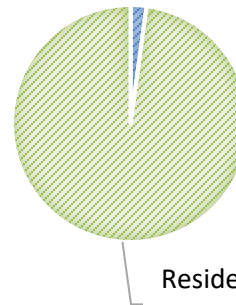
The total number of building permits issued for calendar year 2019 is Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven (387). This is an increase of 20 permits from last year. This Department continues to administer all building, electrical and propane gas permits under the applicable Massachusetts codes. We also continue to enforce Tisbury Zoning Bylaws for new projects and conduct enforcement to address bylaw violations.

2019 was a year of change for the Building & Zoning Department. Kenneth Barwick, the longtime Building Commissioner retired after over 30 years of service to Tisbury, Rhonda Debettencourt, the department's administrative secretary moved to Water Works, Lynn Merry joined the department as the new administrative secretary, and Ross Seavey was appointed as the new Building Commissioner. We extend our greatest thanks to the people of Tisbury, island contractors, elected and appointed officials, and our co-workers for their patience, support, and guidance as the department transitioned to a new staff. The department also instituted regular open office hours for the public four days a week to ask the Building Commissioner building and zoning questions, established regular inspection times three days a week to provide contractors predictability, and replaced the use of typewriters with fillable forms which expedited the issuance of permits and final project sign-offs.

We strive for affective and fair administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Building Code and Tisbury Zoning Bylaws to preserve public safety throughout our Town.

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION TISBURY

Commercial, \$481,621



Residential, \$21,662,565

End of the Year Data

Commercial

New Construction	1
Demolition	0
Renovations	14

Residential

Single Family Dwellings	19
Accessory Apartments	5
Demolition	7
Additions	25
Accessory Structures	13
Renovations	128
Guest House	6
Multi-Family Dwelling	1

Other Types of Permits

Occupancy Permits	21	Sprinkler Systems	2
Town Work	5	Solar Arrays	25
Signs	15	Swimming Pools	3
Wood Stoves	9	Tents	30
Sheet Metal	9	Fire Notification Systems	

Total Fees Collected \$72,570.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Ross P. Seavey
Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

WIRING INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2019 a total of 257 electrical permits were issued. This is an increase of 12 permits from last year. Most permits were issued for residential projects, but there were some commercial and Town related permits.

The total of fees collected for all permits issued during the calendar year of 2019 was \$55,922.25. I would like to thank the Building Department staff for their assistance in processing electrical permits, the scheduling of wiring inspections in a timely manner, and for helping the public navigate the permitting process.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Gosselin

Wiring Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

There was a total of 144 gas permits issued during the calendar year 2019. This is an increase of 27 from last year. Most were for installations of central heating systems, hot water heaters, and gas fireplaces. The total fees collected for gas inspections during 2019 totaled \$7,200.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciano

Gas Inspector

TISBURY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging as always strives to meet the needs of the growing population of Tisbury seniors. We continue to have an increase in need for services referrals such as Supportive Day Program and home care services that provide skilled nursing, personal care and elder services. We refer many to Elder Services who contracts with VNA and Greater Boston Health Care for home care services, Meals on Wheels and other services that help keep seniors in their homes.

Carol Aranzabie offers gentle yoga designed for seniors. Lila Fisher, RN our Town Nurse has returned offering blood pressure clinics monthly and Adult Health Promotion visits through the Board of Health, as well as providing health talks and speakers for the Diabetes Support Group. Catie Blake's class in Functional Fitness concentrating on strength, balance, flexibility, and agility still continues to be very popular. It meets every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We have as many as 40 participants in the class.

The Council on Aging will use the Formula grant from the State to defray for automatic doors as well as recognizing volunteers and defray expense to the Massachusetts Council on Aging Conference.

Sandy Whitworth, our Activities Director continues to present new programs in addition to ongoing programs. She puts out a monthly newsletter and highlights of planned activities available on the website. She works on implementing new programs to attract new participants to our Senior Center.

Susan Klein offers workshops in memoir writing, workshop in collecting family recipes and putting together a cookbook. In January 2020, she has received a grant that will offer a six-week class entitled "Keeping it light in the dark months a Spice of Life conversation café and will also offer another memoir writing class.

We offered two Legal Clinic talks given by Attorney Arthur Bergeron. His talks include Elder Law for Couples, Elder Law for Singles, Getting the Help you Need to Stay Independent provide helpful information to our seniors and their family members. He will resume more talks in the Spring 2020.

We value our volunteers who help us in answering the phone, deliver holiday meals, food distribution, and special events held at the center. We always honor them as part of Volunteer Week with a luncheon for our appreciation for all they do for our center. Volunteers provide a great service to our community. We are always looking for volunteers at the front desk.

A SHINE Counsellor will still be working with seniors providing assistance with Medical insurance claims and answer questions regarding medical insurances that would best serve the need for our seniors. Service is offered the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Appointments are taken.

The Supportive Day Program continues to provide respite for caregivers who care for a loved one 24/7. They have moved into their new building, led by a wonderful and dedicated staff and volunteers. The program continues to all day activities for its participants to promote stimulation and provides a safe environment for the participants and peace of mind for the

caregiver. Referrals are welcome by Family members and Caregivers. The Supportive Day Program also provides support for family caregivers.

We still offer assistance programs ex: fuel assistance, food stamps, and surplus food distribution. Other services and programs include: Legal services provided by the Elder Law Attorney, who comes to the Councils on Aging each month. Other services: Tax Assistance for those 55 years of age and over providing tax assistance starting in March. Volunteers are trained to provide tax assistance preparation to our seniors.

Hearing Clinic through Miracle Ear who comes quarterly, Blood Pressure and Town Nurse Clinics and VTA Bus passes at a discount for seniors 65 years of age and older are provided.

We work with the Healthy Aging of Martha's Vineyard who working to address the needs of our growing elder population. We are still using My Senior Center a software program that we have to enable the Councils on Aging to track participants who come to the programs at the senior centers. One Stop, an information and referral website for one to gain access to services that are available to our elder population and their caregivers.

We want to thank Our Friends of the Council on Aging for all of their support they have given. They still need volunteers to help with fundraising and to help with their planned events. Also thank you to the Board Members and volunteers who support the senior center. Events are being planned for the coming Spring 2020.

New programs and services are in the 55 Plus Times that goes out in the last Thursday issue of The Martha's Vineyard Times each month or look on our website www.tisburyma.gov that has each months events happening at the senior center.

The Tisbury Council on Aging continues its mission to provide services and programs to Senior Citizens of the Town of Tisbury. We welcome everyone to our center and participate in our various activities.

Joyce Styles-Tucker,
Director

Constance Teixeira, Chairperson
Bruce Doten, Vice Chairman
Sandra Johnson -Pratt, Secretary
Kenneth Gross
Eleanor Morad
Donald Rose
Edward Sternick

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of the Town of Tisbury:

The Department of Public Works (DPW) continued to serve the public and perform the services outlined in our charter adopted in 1991. The Department provided local drop off services for refuse and recycling collection, maintained roads and sidewalks, cleared snow from roadways, provided parks and recreation services, maintained cemetery operations and services, and maintained municipal buildings and sewer plant operations and services. The DPW Advisory Board met throughout the year to discuss resident concerns and provide input and direction to the department.

Refuse and Recycling and Hazardous Waste Disposal Services:

The Town, through the DPW and in partnership with Oak Bluffs, continues to operate the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Refuse Transfer Station located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Oak Bluffs for disposal of the Town's municipal solid waste (MSW), which is then transported to the Crapo Hill Landfill in New Bedford for final disposal. The department continues to review the manner of transporting MSW off-Island to try to reduce the cost of disposal where possible. The Town continues to contract with Bruno's Inc. for curbside and recycling pick-up. The Town still provides municipal courtesy barrels and pick-up services on a daily basis. The Department continues to provide local drop-off services for the refuse and recycling needs of the Town and has continued its partnership with the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Recovery District for the disposal of residential hazardous waste.

Highway and Sidewalk Maintenance:

The Department continued its maintenance of Town accepted roads during the year and has worked with Howard Stein Hudson engineering firm on the planning and design of multiple projects that include Complete Streets funded projects along Water Street, Norton Lane and the pedestrian entry leading to Veteran's War Memorial Park off of Beach Street. Engineering plans were completed for new storm water and sidewalk infrastructure along Center Street from Main Street to Franklin Street to include repaving of the street. The project started in November 2018.

The DPW is also working with the engineering firm of Environmental Partners Group designing and engineer bump-outs along Main Street as well as the upper terrace to Owen Park and drafting a five-year capital plan to improve roads and drainage. Woodlawn Avenue and William Street (Camp to Look) had the first phase of paving done this fall and a final coat of asphalt will be laid in the fall of 2020. William Street also had new granite curbing installed along the south side replacing the asphalt sidewalk which is being replaced with grass.

The DPW is in the final stages of completing the Union Street underground project with hopes it will be completed in the Fall of 2020.

Parks and Recreation:

The Department recreation programs continued to include life guard services on the two Town beaches and contracted out beautification needs throughout Town with success. Total park revenues for the season totaled \$7,920 which accounted for tennis court access fees \$1,650 at Church Street, Men's and Women's softball league use, Travel Youth Soccer and camps \$4,100. The Department continues to do annual maintenance on the Church Street Clay courts and held its first 3 day concert in Veterans Park with over 15,000 people attending. The DPW started working with the Field Fund on improving the fields at Veteran's Parks and looks forward to seeing the results in the coming seasons.

Cemetery Maintenance and Operations:

The Town continues to operate and maintain the four Town cemeteries. There were nine interments within the Town cemeteries this past year. Lot sales totaled \$3,350.

Employees:

The DPW welcomed Mike Irizarry, Brian Cimeno and Ray Tattersall who joined our team this past year, Mike and Brian are currently working with building and grounds crew and Ray is serving as the Town Electrician.

Acknowledgments:

This Department would like to thank the taxpayers of Tisbury and other Town departments and boards for their continued support, and the fine people which make up our Public Works Team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk Metell

Acting Director of Public Works & Facilities

HARBORMASTER

The Tisbury Harbor Department is responsible for the safe and responsible use of town waterways by pleasure boaters, commercial and recreational fishermen, daily visitors and shoreside commercial enterprises of vital importance to our Island economy. The Harbor Department strives to maintain a welcoming atmosphere and provide a balance that is beneficial to the town and protects our beautiful harbors.

Currently, the department oversees 785 permitted moorings spread across Vineyard Haven Harbor, Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo. On any given day, visiting boaters arrive in all manner of craft from small sailboats to luxury yachts. The town also hosts the Island's two busiest public launch ramps. Added to that mix, is the Steamship Authority. Our town waters are busy.

In 2019 the Town of Tisbury negotiated a contract with Woods Hole Group to obtain permitting, grant writing to fund the dredge project, assembling the bid package, review of bids and selection and oversight of the Dredging Project for the Town's inner harbor. The entire project is expected to be completed by fall 2021.

The Harbor Department continued to operate an active boat pump out service. In 2019, utilizing two vessels and a dockside facility, we pumped over 17,000 gallons of sewage from boats anchored and moored in our waters. This program, funded in part by the Clean Vessel Act grant administered by the State, is an example of a proactive effort to protect our fragile ecosystem.

The Harbor logged 37 Incidents during the busiest part of the summer season between July 1 and August 31. The department

assisted in a variety of emergencies including responding to and rescuing an adult sea turtle tangled in a pick-up buoy off Lamberts Cove Beach. The Aquinnah Tribe Resource Tech and the Harbormaster successfully cut away the rope that tangled around its front flipper. Two boats burned at the Tashmoo Boatyard pier this summer. Thanks to the timely and professional response of the Tisbury Fire Department adjacent vessels and the pier were spared from major damage. The Harbor Department towed a number of disabled vessels, pumped out vessels in danger of



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sinking and rescued a number of vessels that dragged anchor or broke free during storms. This fall the Harbor Patrol Boat sunk at the Owen Park Pier. The Boat was fully insured and will be replaced at no additional expense to the Town.

It would remiss if the Harbor Department did not note the assistance by members of the tight-knit maritime community. Their vigilance and assistance is greatly appreciated. The department was also assisted this summer by Assistant Harbormaster Will White and number of seasoned high school students, who have been with us for the past few years.

Respectfully submitted,

John Crocker
Harbormaster

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

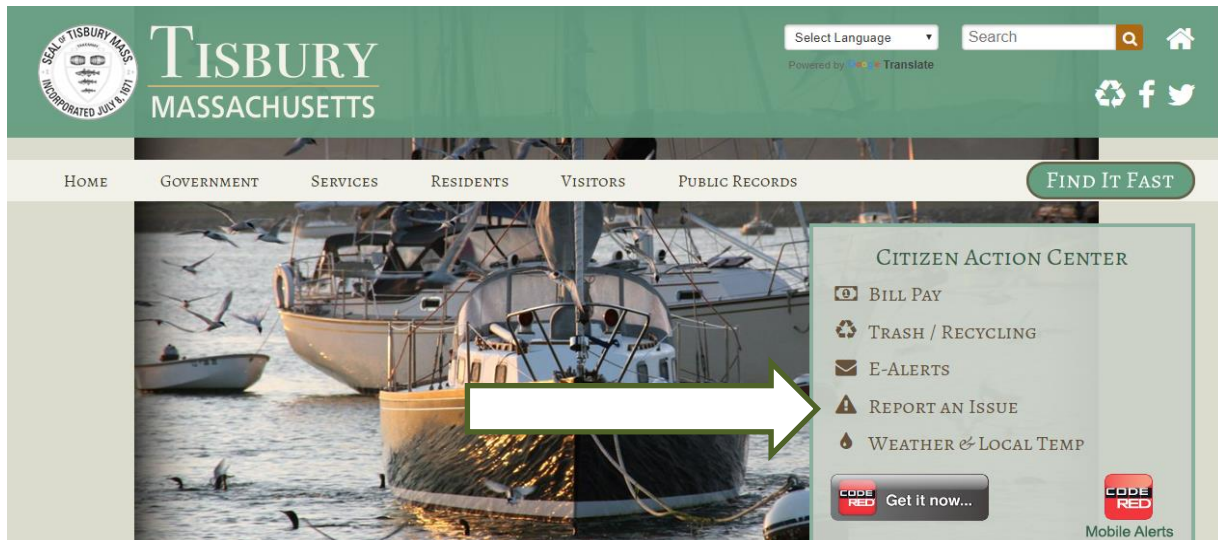
The Information Technology Department is responsible for the overall technical infrastructure of the Town. This includes the LAN (local area network) at each town building, data, servers, LAN peripherals, communications, software applications, network security, cloud-based services such as email, local WiFi and end user support.



The Information Technology Department has had a busy year with upgrading aging equipment, workstations and end user software. Many of our workstations were upgraded from Windows 7 Pro to Windows 10 Pro. We continue to convert documents to fillable forms and upload to our website. This technology offers a new approach to doing business with our citizens and business community. The goal is to get all documents on the website that can be converted to be fillable, at which time a permit, application, license etc., may be filled out online and sent to the appropriate department(s) electronically. We continue to work on adding the feature to accept payment online for a completed form if payment is required.

Our goal is to purchase and migrate to software that is “Permit & Code Enforcement” and with a front facing interface “Citizen Self Service” so our citizens can apply for permits, applications and licenses all online. The backend of this software “Permit & Code Enforcement” will streamline how these documents get processed. There will no longer be a need for an applicant to go to each department for sign off. All transactions are within the software database. This will be a new way of conducting business with the Town.

The Information Technology Department has installed public WiFi for our citizens at the Lake St. landing (Tashmoo) and upgraded the bandwidth.

We continue to work with SeeClickFix which is our citizen reporting tool powered by SeeClickFix (<https://www.tisbury.ma.gov/home/pages/seeclickfix>) which enables residents to report neighborhood issues like potholes, broken signs, cracked sidewalks and more — accompanied by photos, videos, descriptions, and automatic geolocation. Once an issue is reported, the resident will be kept in the loop about progress on fixing it. This tool can be accessed via the town website (on the homepage in the Citizen Action Center, “Report an Issue”).



or go to <https://seeclickfix.com/tisbury>, or from your smart device download the app   from and entering the location Tisbury, Ma. We also use this tool internally for our Facilities Dept. and DPW as a CRM system.

Each town office continues to accept credit card payments and as of July 4, 2019 our local drop-off (AKA LDO) only accepts credit card or checks, no cash.

We are looking forward to our website redesign (facelift), which will freshen the look and streamline even further information our citizens are looking for. In addition, pushing information out to our citizens in a timely manner.

A Mobile Device Management solution was implemented to assign smart phones and iPads to enable a more efficient way of managing these devices. With MDM in place apps become a seamless distribution process for the devices.

Please look for the Town of Tisbury on  and  !

Our department goal is to continue to identify priority areas that we can automate and improve efficiencies in, implement a solution and measure that process.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Rydzewski
Information Technology Manager

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the residents of Tisbury,

In 2019 the Tisbury Shellfish Department, with assistance from various local and state agencies, and nonprofits, enhanced and protected shellfish resources for the benefit of Island residents, visitors and the environment.

In addition to our seasonal assistant shellfish constable Fred Benson, a grant from the Lagoon Pond Association allowed us to hire summer intern George Smith, a recent graduate with M.S. in Lake Management program at SUNY Oneonta. George assisted in all phases of our work, which included propagation of scallops and clams, and water quality testing.

A grant from Tisbury Waterways, Inc. helped underwrite the return of assistant Nelson Sigelman. Much of his time was spent on regulatory enforcement, predator control and propagation efforts on Tashmoo Pond during the busy summer months.

Water quality continued to be a department focus. In March, we assisted the Oak Bluffs Water and Shellfish Departments in cleaning out the Richard F. Madeiras Herring Run at the head of Lagoon Pond. We also began three year water testing in the Lagoon's fresh headwaters as part of a joint town effort to gauge herring spawning habitat.

Tashmoo Spring Pond was also the focus of efforts to measure nitrogen, phosphorus and dissolved oxygen.

The department assisted Martha's Vineyard Commission water resources planner Sheri Caseau in the regular collection of water samples in the Lagoon and Tashmoo. Water testing for fecal coliform is also performed from the state and test results led the State Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to order an expansion of areas already closed to the harvest of hard and soft shell clams at the head of Tashmoo, and the West Arm of the Lagoon, where a seasonal conditional closure was changed to prohibited. DMF acted after water samples showed coliform bacteria consistently above acceptable levels over the past year.

A seasonal closure was also ordered at the bottom of Lake Street for the months of August and September, as numbers for fecal colonies also came back elevated.

Waterfowl, poor circulation, development, boat activity and runoff are all contributors to impaired water quality. The shellfish department will continue to work with water quality experts at the local, regional and state level to try and identify the sources of the problem.

The good news is that our conservative approach in 2018 — we closed the Lagoon to scalloping to protect an abundance of sexually immature scallops — paid off in 2019. The scallop season opened on October 19. As of December 31, commercial license holders (672 bushels) and

recreational license holders (274) had harvested a total of 946 bushels of scallops in Tisbury waters, primarily in shallow waters the West Arm of the Lagoon.

In addition: we purchased 200,000 soft shell (steamers) clam seed from Salem State University's teaching hatchery and planted it on the Tashmoo clam flats.

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group provided us with 2.7 million quahog seed and 5.5 million scallop spat which we raised over the summer in sand filled rafts and bags suspended from floating lines. After a summer of growing the juvenile quahogs and scallops were later distributed throughout the Lagoon and Tashmoo.

We hosted a great Fourth Annual Family Shellfish Day on June 22 at Lagoon Pond behind Wind's Up. Department staff and shellfish committee volunteers introduced members of the public to the fun of shellfishing.

Please check our blog on the town website for updates in the shellfish department: www.tisburyma.gov/node/38/blog.

SHELLFISH BY THE NUMBERS:

	Quahogs	Steamers	Bay Scallops
Recreational amount (in Bushels)	170	20	274
Commercial amount (in Bushels)	472	7.5	672
Total bushels	642	27.5	946
Total \$/bushel	~\$145	~\$150	~\$125
Value	\$93,093	\$4,125	\$118,250
Total Commercial Value using DMF 3.5 economic multiplier (based off commercial limits, this is use by the division to show how much money from shellfishing circulated thought out the town)	\$239,540	\$3938	\$294,000

Permits Sold:

Senior Residents	184/\$5 = \$920	Year-round non-resident	7/\$400 = \$2800
Residents	211/\$40 = \$8440	Short term non-resident	166= \$505
Commercial	19/\$350 = \$6650		

Total: \$23,860

Danielle Ewart,
Tisbury Shellfish Constable

WASTEWATER

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

The Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility (TWWTF) treated 22,116,296 gallons of flow in 2019, compared to a little over 18 million gal. in 2018. The TWWTF has performed well, thanks to the diligent work of Operators Mike Alberice and James Stinemire, with good effluent quality and average Total Nitrogen (TN) of 4.61 mg/L.

2019	Gallons	Total N
Jan.	1,605,894	3.53
Feb.	1,296,574	2.95
March	1,423,202	6.12
April	1,542,347	5.91
May	1,906,600	4.69
June	2,080,209	5.45
July	2,558,443	4.78
Aug.	2,657,017	6.18
Sept	2,149,051	6.37
Oct.	1,906,482	3.57
Nov.	1,515,923	2.87
Dec.	1,474,554	2.94
TOTAL	22,116,296	avg 4.61
Top flow day		
July 5th	104,063	

The staff continues to test Innovative/Alternative (I/A) septic systems as part of the Town-sponsored program to demonstrate their effectiveness and gain State approval, with the 10 new I/A systems averaging less than 10 mg/L of TN. These individual, decentralized treatment systems will allow for future groundwater nitrogen mitigation in areas not easily reached by conventional sewer. A treatment plant capacity upgrade from the present maximum of 104,000 gallons per day to 140,000 gallons per day has completed the design phase. As seen in the table, our facility is at or near full capacity now during the summer months. An upgrade to the headworks and ultraviolet disinfection is underway. These upgrades and a

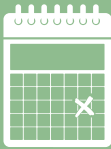
subsequent sewer line expansion on State Road are the first steps in removal of high-nitrogen (+45 mg/L of nitrogen) septic systems from the Tashmoo watershed via sewer expansion.

The Town will need to demonstrate further progress in the coming years to MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to meet the groundwater nitrogen loading reductions spelled out in the Mass. Estuaries Project, to protect the health of our coastal ponds. Future, substantial treatment capacity will be needed, ensuring that while continued nitrogen reductions inside the Tashmoo and Lagoon Pond watersheds can occur, we can also accept the additional flow elsewhere in the Town required to ensure our environmental and economic viability to mid-century.

I am new to this wastewater team, but a 40-year Island resident, and a resident, homeowner and taxpayer in Tisbury. I hope to put my wastewater-operations and nitrogen-mitigation plan experience to good use here. I thank the other Town Departments for their kind assistance, and members of the community for their support.

Respectfully,

David Thompson,
Wastewater Superintendent



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BOARD OF HEALTH

Under Massachusetts General Laws, state and local regulations and community direction, Boards of Health are held responsible for disease prevention and control, health and environmental protection and promoting a healthy community. Boards of Health serve as the local arm of both the Mass. Department of Public Health and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. To fulfill their duties, Boards of Health develop, implement and enforce health policies, oversee inspections to maintain minimum standards for sanitation in housing and food service, and assure that the basic health needs of their communities are being met.

Over the course of the year the Tisbury Board of Health continued working with KleanTu LLC and the Tisbury Wastewater Department to fulfill the piloting conditions of ten (10) NitROE systems, an innovative septic system addition specifically targeted at total nitrogen removal. Test results of the systems installed continue to be very promising and State Department of Environmental Protection approval is being sought to move the project into the provisional phase. Provisional approval will allow for the installation of many more of these systems and bring us closer to our goals of protecting our ponds and streams from excess nitrogen. Our thanks to Mike Alberice and James Stinemire of the Wastewater Department for their continued work collecting and processing wastewater samples for this project.

In 2019 the Board of Health contracted with Island Health Care to provide public health nursing services to town residents. The nursing contract provides home visits to new mothers, home nursing visits to senior citizens, blood pressure screenings and other important health care needs such as dental clinics for income qualifying residents and educational programs through the schools and the Council on Aging. We also continued to sponsor Functional Fitness for Seniors classes at the Tisbury Council on Aging taught by our Assistant Health Agent, Catie Blake. Classes are held every Tuesday at 9:30 am and Thursday at 10:00 am.

In 2019 the Board of Health continued supporting the island-wide tick program run by Richard Johnson. In addition to educational programs and presentations, the Tick Program conducted 212-yard surveys Island wide in 2019. The yard surveys are primarily designed to inform property owners about the number and types of ticks around their homes and provide information on what they can do to reduce ticks in their yards and keep themselves, their families and pets safer. However, the Tick Program has now conducted over 1,000-yard surveys, which allows us to look for patterns in the distribution of ticks as well as changes over time. One of the more interesting patterns found in the data collected from the yard surveys has been the spread of lone star ticks across the Island. Although none were found in the 11 Tisbury yard surveys conducted, lone star ticks were found in 57% of the Island wide surveys conducted in 2019. Please visit our website at mvboh.org for more information on the tick program and how to protect yourself from tick-borne illnesses.

The Board of Health continues funding a mosquito program, which includes spraying and pelletizing public parks and problem areas within the town as well as a county-wide trapping and testing program. Although the Island has yet to see a mosquito test positive for EEE we have collected mosquitoes in 2019 which were positive for West Nile Virus. To avoid mosquito borne diseases during warmer weather you should avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, if

possible, since this is the time when mosquitoes are most active. If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants and use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET, following the directions on the label.

The Board of Health is responsible for the continued inspection and regulation of over 60 food service establishments as well as monitoring water quality in the Harbor, Lagoon and Lake Tashmoo, thus ensuring that dining out and other recreational activities in Tisbury remain an enjoyable and risk-free experience.

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of former Health Agent Thomas Pachico. Tom loved the Town

of Tisbury and he will long be remembered for his tireless service to the Town. Whether acting in his capacity as Health Agent or one of the many other official positions he has held over the years it was clear that Tom wanted the best for both the Town and Town residents. He will be missed.

Servicing the taxpayers in a professional and courteous manner is our number one priority. In helping us achieve this we are fortunate to have the services of our Health Agent Maura Valley, Assistant Health Agent Catie Blake and Administrative Secretary Valerie Soushek.



The Board of Health meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex, 66 High Point Lane. Meetings are always open to the public and we welcome all who wish to attend.

The Board of Health Office collected the following fees for calendar year 2019:

Pumpout Permits	\$17,280.00
Food Permits	\$13,665.00
Plumbing Permits	\$ 7,890.00
Disposal Works Applications	\$13,500.00
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$ 6,985.00</u>
TOTAL	\$59,320.00

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm Boyd
Michael D. Loberg
Jeffrey C. Pratt, Chairman

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

“History is who we are and why we are the way we are.”

David McCullough

To Tisbury Town Residents:

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) enables Massachusetts Communities to levy a surcharge of property tax bills to raise funds to expand their open space, historic, recreational and affordable housing assets. A nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) helps develop and administer projects funded with CPA monies. It encourages participation by interested community members, and all recommended projects are specifically voted on at Town Meeting by the citizens of Tisbury.

Tisbury has appropriated \$9,080,927 over the past thirteen years, FY 2006 - FY 2019. In fiscal year 2019 the following CPC projects completed include:

- Historic Town Clerk Records Preservation
- Owen Park Bandstand Design Project
- Veteran’s Park Memorial Installed
- Martha’s Vineyard Agricultural Society Historic Document Preservation
- 1949 American La France Firetruck Safety Repairs
- Katharine Cornell Theatre Curtains Installed
- Greenwood Avenue - Development of Six Affordable Housing Townhouses
- Stone Church Clock and Bell Tower Repaired
- Historic Gravestone Restoration
- Lagoon Pond Herring Run Repaired
- Dinghy Rack Placement: Lagoon, Owen Park, Lake Street
- Rogers Dog Park, Fencing and Water Source Installed
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Rental Assistance

Respectfully submitted,

John Bacheller

Clarence A. Barnes, III

John Best

Abbe Burt

Victor Capoccia

Cheryl Doble

David Ferraguzzi

Paul Munafo

Tomar Waldman

Heidi Dietterich

Administrator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Tisbury Conservation Commission is a seven-member board appointed by the Selectmen. Its primary responsibility is the administration of state and local statutes, the purpose of which is to protect Tisbury's wetlands, shorelines and flood plains. Projects within these areas that may environmentally alter or impact these resources must be reviewed and approved by the board prior to commencement of work.

Typical projects reviewed by the Commission were Chapter 91 licensing for existing piers, septic system upgrades, construction within wetland buffer zones and various construction projects such as stairs, decks, landscaping and dwelling renovations which may impact wetland resources, and which fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The Conservation Commission reviewed forty-nine (36) applications for projects subject to review under state and local wetlands laws during 2019, and application fees for these projects generated \$7,358.00 in revenue for the Town of Tisbury.

The Martha's Vineyard Shipyard application for a marina is currently under review by the Martha's Vineyard Commission and we hope to get a final decision on it sometime in 2020, at which time the Conservation Commission can tackle the state and local regulations.

The Commission thanks the administrative staff, Assistant Laura Barbera and Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda for providing invaluable service and expertise. We appreciate the assistance of the Harbormaster, Division of Marine Fisheries, Shellfish Warden, the Board of Health and the Building/Zoning Department for their advice and input over the past years. The Commission enthusiastically welcomes two new members, Amelia Hambrecht and Sandra Demel, and looks forward to working with them as projects and applications come in.

The Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at a new time of 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex. Meetings are open to the public and all interested persons are welcome to attend. The Commission would also welcome any and all interested citizens willing to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Best
Caroline Little
Lillian Robinson
Thomas Robinson, Chair
NANCY WEAVER
Amelia Hambrecht
Sandra Demel

EMBARKATION FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Embarkation Fee Advisory Committee was established to address allocation appropriations from revenue generated from a 50-cent fee on Steamship Authority passenger tickets sold in Tisbury. The Legislation enacted in 2003, (Chapter 46, Section 129 of the Acts of 2003) established this fee to be collected by the Steamship Authority and distributed to ports served by the Authority to mitigate the impact of tourism and increased traffic. Initially, after the inception of the Embarkation Fee, the Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee addressed requests for use of these funds, but in 2008, the Town Meeting approved a bylaw to formally provide a process for expenditure of Embarkation Fee monies received by the Town.

The Embarkation Fees Bylaw established the Embarkation Fee Advisory Committee to be constituted by one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member recommended by the Finance and Advisory Committee, one member of the Harbor Management Committee and two At Large Members, not serving on any board or committee, with all members appointed by the Selectmen and serving one-year terms.

Since the first distribution of \$269,395.50 in 2004 following the adoption of the Embarkation Fee Legislation, the Town has received a total of \$3,481,075 an average of about \$260,000+/- a year over the past 12 years.

The members of the Embarkation Fee Advisory Committee determine how these funds are allocated. Department heads are asked in December to submit requests, which are reviewed and considered by the committee prior to the January deadline for Articles for the Annual Town Meeting. When approved by the Embarkation Fee Advisory Committee and the Selectmen, the requests are presented in an Article at the Annual Town Meeting. The legislation specifically limits the use of these funds to areas that are impacted by tourism and additional traffic. Thus, the funds are primarily appropriated for Harbor, Fire, Police, Ambulance, Shellfish and public safety-related projects and expenditures.

For FY 2021 the approved appropriations included the following: Police Department: Tactical Response Team, wages for summer traffic officers and funds allocated to the dredge stabilization fund.

The Committee looks toward 2022 as another year when funds generated by the Embarkation Fee can be used to provide services and equipment to benefit Tisbury residents and visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Goodale
James Rogers
Jynell Kristal, Chairman
Jonathan V. Snyder

ENERGY COMMITTEE

GOAL:

To save money and make money for Tisbury and to protect the town's energy infrastructures.

Income from Park n Ride/landfill solar array since 7/2015 is approx. \$598,277.

PROJECTS:

The solar array project at the Emergency Management Facility has been completed and is now online as of 11/28/19. Note that the annual expense for electricity at this building has been approx. \$25,000. We expect the pay back of the investment of \$122,000 in roughly seven years.

The Selectmen have accepted the Energy Committee's Mission Statement as reported in last years annual report and the committee has been given the formal charges from the Selectmen.

Energy Committee has produced the first draft of the Energy Master Plan for Tisbury. This will be an ongoing project throughout the next year.

The Energy Committee meets once per month usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Department of Public Works facility building at 3PM. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilfoy

Kirk Metell

Bruce Stuart

Dawn Bellante

William Straw, Chairman

PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Tisbury.

The Personnel Board's mission is to put in place personnel policies and procedures that are appropriate for a well-run municipality and fair to all affected employees, both current and future. The board meets on the third Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm.

In 2019 the Board met to discuss the following matters:

Review and update current personnel policies to reflect current changes within the workforce and Enact new policies that were needed. The review of all policies will continue into 2020. The supported the Assistant Fire chief position in light of new OSHA standards and the Short-Term Rental bill.

The Board also reviewed and approved changes for Managerial & Professional Wage Scale and Cost of Living Adjustment of 2.2 % for Fiscal Year 2021. The are working to create a definitive policy in relation to cost of living.

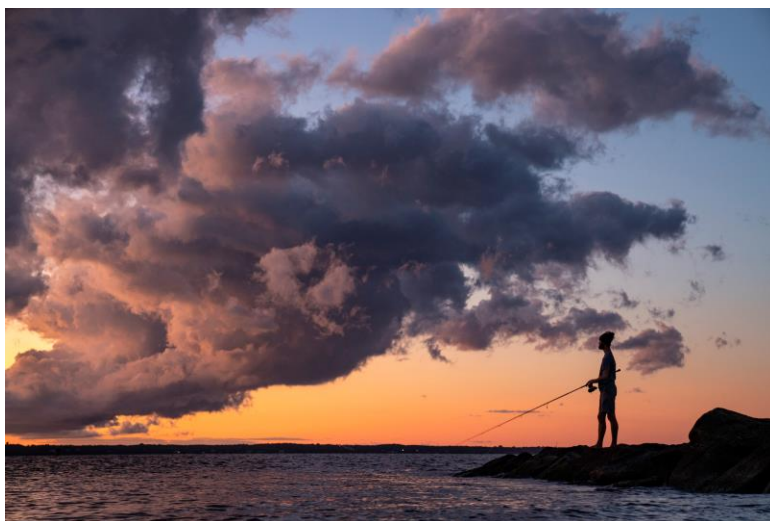


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The Board works closely with the Town Administrator John Grande who also holds the position of Personnel Director for the Town and Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen and Personnel Director Pamela Bennett for their fair and well considered counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

William McConnel, Chairman

John Rollins

Barbara Fortes

PLANNING BOARD

The Tisbury Planning Board has been actively involved in a number of important planning projects initiated during 2019. Over the past year Board has worked with the Selectmen, Town department heads and committees to address the many issues affecting the quality of life for all Tisbury residents.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

The Planning Board completed the 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan, which was approved by the State Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in July 2019. The completion of the plan provides a framework for stewarding these important community properties and makes the town eligible for new funding resources. Acting on the recommendations of the plan, the Selectmen created a new Open Space and Recreation Committee and appointed five members to the Committee.

MASTER PLAN/ACCOMPANYING CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

Tisbury has never completed a Town wide Master Plan. The Town's Zoning By-law was adopted in 1972 without having a Master Plan in place. Over time, bylaw revisions have been approved at Town Meeting. In 2005, the Planning Board developed goals for a Master Plan, but the Plan was never completed. Over the past three years, the Board has worked to complete three elements of a Master Plan: Housing, Transportation and Open Space and Recreation. There are critical decisions facing the Town including: climate change mitigation and adaptation, infrastructure investment, development density and appropriate use of sensitive lands. The Board seeks to complete a Master Plan and accompanying By-laws that will enable us to guide Town development.

As a critical step in this process the Board is working to complete two Area Plans, one for the B-II Upper State Road Business District and a second for the Waterfront Business District. An Area Plan focuses on the land use and development patterns of a specific district in the Town to better understand its issues and opportunities. With this understanding, an Area Plan is developed to address identified issues and meet desired community goals for that district. The Board began work on the B-II Area Plan, and they have conducted a community survey, met with Town department heads and completed mapping exercises to study existing land use patterns.

SPECIAL WAYS

After years of effort, the Planning Board moved forward with the designation of two paths, Red Coat and Shubel Weeks (a/k/a Shubel Weeks Path) as designated Special Ways. They are both protected Special Ways in West Tisbury and were identified as special in the 1997 Open Space Plan and worthy of protection.

Special Ways are often old paths which, have been abandoned or used infrequently. They are usually unimproved, rustic and narrow, and generally have very little or no vehicular traffic. The oldest Special Ways are among the last vestiges of the travel network of the past. They may provide archeological resources or means of retracing historic accounts of the development of Tisbury.

Special Ways designation protects old cart paths and trails that are cultural and historic links to the community's past, and recreational resources for the enjoyment of the outdoor. These Special Ways are a conservation resource that accommodate and promote non-motorized forms of travel, and link to other trails, roads and spaces of quiet beauty. The goal of the regulation is to preserve the character of the old ways, retain the abutting landscape, and prevent the injurious effects that would accompany development of the Ways as a primary vehicular route.

CLIMATE CHANGE

2019 saw a year of real movement on the serious topic of the climate emergency. Two Planning Board members have been actively participating on the Martha's Vineyard Climate Action Taskforce that was established in May 2019. Ongoing and upcoming planning initiatives are looking at our critical infrastructure within the vulnerable Waterfront Commercial District, as well as other parts of the Town that will be directly impacted by sea level rise and other climate related disruption. A Coastal Zone Management grant is underway to study inundation pathways around our Harbor. The Planning Board recognizes the importance of folding climate related planning into its Master Planning process in the years ahead.

BOARD PARTICIPATION ON FOUR CURRENT TOWN PLANNING PROJECTS

- Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management -- Coastal Resilience Grant Program 2020

Project Title: Evaluation of Coastal Processes and Storm Impacts to Support Resilient Planning and Mitigation Strategies for the Vineyard Haven Harbor Shoreline.

Board members contributed to the preparation of the funding grant, and participate in meetings with State Coastal Zone Management managers and consultants to review progress reports, provide documents, share local knowledge and offer feedback.

- US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

Project Title: An integrated Stormwater Management Approach for Promoting Urban Community Sustainability and Resilience

One Board member participated in meetings and community walking tours with the consultant team, reviewed reports and provided feedback on proposals.

- Island Food Products

Project Title: Feasibility Study for Affordable Housing and Mixed-Use development at the Island Food Products site.

Board members participated in meetings with the project consultant, Martha's Vineyard Commission and the property owners to review the consultants work and provide comments. The full Board met with the Town Administrator and the consultant to review and comment on potential zoning mechanisms that would permit the review and development of this type of project.

- Massachusetts Complete Streets Program – Reviewed consultant's work on construction documents, met with the State Complete Streets administrator to address funding allocation issues.

VISION FORUM

Now in its fifth year, the Vision Forum continues to provide a venue for community residents to learn about town projects and to share comments and concerns with town leaders. The Forum fosters a dialogue between citizens and town officials enabling the Town to work toward shared goals. This year the Planning Board hosted meetings on the Library addition, Housing Bank, Tashmoo Overlook, Cultural District, Climate change, Owen Park and Town Meeting Warrants. The comments provided at these meetings offered relevant information to the Planning Board. The Board encourages community members to participate in these events by going to <https://www.tisbury.ma.gov/vision-forum> to keep up with meeting dates and activities.

OWEN PARK

The Planning Board organized a call for conceptual design proposals for the Owen Park Bandstand and sponsored a Vision Forum at which 10 designers presented their proposals at an Open Meeting. Community attendees rated their preferences based on guidelines established by the Planning Board. As a result of the selection process the Board continues to work with Moskow Linn Architects to refine their proposal taking into consideration comments from a well-attended second Vision Forum.

REPRESENTATION ON TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Individual Planning Board members represent the Board by participating on the following committees and boards:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Beach Road Design Committee
- Community Preservation Committee
- Energy Committee
- Land Bank Advisory Committee
- Open space and Recreation Committee
- Sewer Advisory Committee
- Site Plan Review Board
- Wastewater Planning Committee

We anticipate another productive year ahead of us and we look forward to working with all departments and committees to achieve the best results for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Seidman
Benjamin Robinson
Cheryl Doble
Dawn Bellante Holand
Holly Stephenson
Elaine T. Miller

SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Tisbury:

The Sewer Advisory Committee consists of a member of the following town boards: Selectmen, Planning, Health, Conservation, Finance plus two at-large members convened to oversee the work of the Wastewater Treatment Department and advise the Board of Selectmen in matters of policy and planning.

Continuing the work of last year, the Committee developed guidelines and policies regarding new tie-ins to the collection system, flow increase requests, plant improvements and billing. While small increases in flow have been given out to existing users in the B1 District, the fact is that the wastewater plant has reached its maximum output capacity. This severely limits the potential for further growth or development in the B1 District at a time when increased demands for service are emerging. Our existing leach fields have now been permitted for additional capacity. Thus, planning for increased capacity at the plant must now be a high priority for the Town.

Engineering is nearly complete for the planned State Road Sewer District that will add 35,000gpd to the plant's capacity without the need for expansion. You will be presented with a warrant article to borrow the necessary funds to implement this project which will address nitrogen mitigation in the Tashmoo Watershed and lay the foundation for increased business and residential growth in the District. This project will be implemented over two to three years.

The Town recently hired a new Wastewater Superintendent, David Thompson, who brings years of experience at the Edgartown Wastewater Department to lead our department. Under his leadership and working with consultants, the Town will write our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, a DEP required plan that will address our nitrogen-reduction and growth needs through the combined use of sewer and alternatives. The completion and approval of this plan is a requirement for the town to be eligible for zero and low-interest State grants for wastewater improvements and the newly created Cape and Islands Water Quality Trust should the town opt into that in the future. The public will have opportunities to participate in the development of this town-wide planning process.

Our pilot alternative septic program has produced excellent results and is eligible to enter the Provisional Status of DEP where up to fifty additional systems can be installed and monitored. The success of this alternative technology has resulted in the recognition of Tisbury as a leader in the efforts to more affordably tackle our nutrient-loading challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Loberg, Chair

John Best,

Christina Colorusso,

Jeff Pratt,

Dan Seidman,

Nancy Gilfoy,

Josh Goldstein

SPRING BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The restored 1887 Tashmoo Spring Building, owned by the Town of Tisbury, continues to provide a venue for events/ meetings held by town departments/committees and the Tisbury School, with a reduced rate for use by nonprofit organizations. Private and nonprofit events have included family gatherings, art shows, anniversary, retirement and graduation parties, weddings, and the Annual Memorial Day Picnic. Chris Baer's moveable panels about the history of the site and the building provide an informative backdrop. All are invited to inquire about the rental of this waterfront facility by calling the Tisbury Dept of Public Works. Further information is posted on the Town of Tisbury website under the Forms and Documents section/ Tashmoo Spring Building Area Management Committee.

The nonprofit citizens' organization, Tisbury Waterways, Inc., sought and obtained a grant from the Edey Foundation to reduce algae and improve water quality in the Spring Pond. With the help of the Tisbury Shellfish Warden, the TWI sponsored interns and the Martha's Vineyard Commission staff, water quality readings have been taken through the spring and fall. Aeration equipment was purchased has been partially installed by the Tisbury Facilities Manager.

The Committee thanks the town employees who are fully involved in the maintenance, booking and rental of the building. We continue to be grateful to the Community Preservation Committee, which provided essential support for the building's restoration and reuse.

The committee continues to discuss and decide upon issues related to the upkeep and continuing restoration of the main building and the brick outbuilding. The outbuilding requires replacement of the windows and some structural work in order to be fully usable. This work has been estimated to cost more than expected, and renovation is currently on hold. Additional outdoor lighting to provide enhanced safety for building guests is slated to be installed by the Dept of Public Works.

We are appreciative of the continuing involvement of Aase Jones, Henry Stephenson, and Denys Wortman, whose participation on the restoration project has been so crucial. We welcome feedback from town residents and those who use the building as we collaborate to maintain this beautiful, historic building in its lovely waterfront setting at the head of Lake Tashmoo.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Barrow
Lorraine Wells
Patricia Carlet

TOWN PICNIC COMMITTEE

The Tisbury Town Picnic of 2019, open to all, was held on Memorial Day 2019, in keeping with town tradition. Funds for the Picnic are partially provided by a contribution from the Vineyard Playhouse organizers, who use the amphitheatre on the grounds for summer performances. The Flying Elbows provided rousing music, supported by a grant from the MV Cultural Commission. Stop and Shop donated watermelons, Cronig's donated hot dogs and rolls, and many volunteers donated their time, row boating assistance, and grilling expertise. Special thanks to the Tisbury School for loaning us their grill, the DPW for hauling assistance, the Tisbury Shellfish staff for their supervision of the row boating, and to the many folks who loaned us trucks and rowboats for the event. Also, thanks to Seaside Celebrations for the use of a tent to protect our Grill masters/Selectmen from the elements. The Town of Tisbury provided ice cream, while committee members planned, grilled, organized, gave tours of the historic Tashmoo Spring Building, circa 1887, and supervised chalk art, three legged races, sack races and "tennis ball on a spoon" competitions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harriet Barrow

Danielle Ewart

Sheetal Grande

Aase Jones

Jon Snyder

Henry Stephenson

Lorraine Wells

Denys Wortman

Patricia Carlet

TISBURY WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Tisbury:

Please accept this as the official annual report of the Tisbury Water Works for 2019. We would like to begin by taking the opportunity to welcome our newest staff additions, Administrative Secretary Rhonda DeBettencourt and Department Secretary Anne Caldwell. We would also like to recognize and thank Patricia Diamond for her 26 years of service to the town of Tisbury. We wish her all the best as she begins the next chapter of her life

Tisbury Water Works replaced 97 water meters, installed 800 feet of water main on Mayrand way and Midland avenue to complete two crucial fire flow loops, which included 2 new fire hydrant installations and installed 6 new water services in 2019.

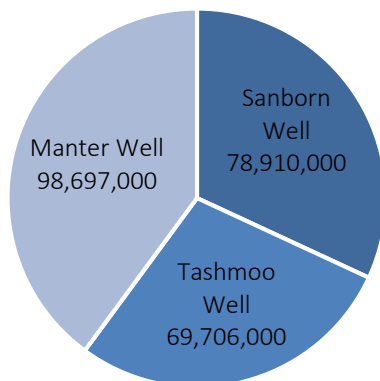
The West Chop water main replacement program has continued this year with great success. 1,100 additional feet of water main was installed including replacement of 2 fire hydrants and renewal of 11 service lines to homes in the area. The increased fire flow and water quality have proven this project to again be a continued improvement on infrastructure for the town.

The Tashmoo well rehabilitation project is anticipated to meet and exceeded the expectations of the department. It is scheduled to return to service in early 2020 to continue providing safe, clean drinking water to the citizens of Tisbury.

The Hydrant Flushing Program was completed in April in less than a week. Every water main in the system is flushed annually and any hydrant that requires maintenance is addressed in short order. The hydrant flushing enhances water quality and ensures that all of our hydrants are operational. There are now 307 hydrants in the system.

The wells produced the following water during 2019:

TOTAL PUMPING 247,313,000 gallons



As you can see from the above chart, the total gallons pumped for the year 2019 was 247,313,000 which is a 12.3% decrease from the 2018 total of 282,268,864. The maximum daily pumping was 1,594,120 gallons on August 9, 2019. The maximum week was 10,723,644 gallons during the week of August 12th. The average day was 680,000 gallons per day. There was 55.62 -inches of rainfall for 2019 measured at the Tashmoo Well.

During Fiscal Year 2019, the Water Works collected \$2,177,655.14 for water usage,

system development fees, jobbing fees and lease revenue.

The Water Works continued to provide safe drinking water to the community and produced both an Annual Statistical Report (ASR) for the Department Environmental Protection and the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for our customers. The ASR is available online or by request. The CCR is available online on the Water Department's website Tisbury MA.GOV. The CCR is also available at our office located at 400 West Spring Street.

The Water Works continued the Town's Water Use Restriction Bylaw throughout the year in 2019. We ask our customers to observe our voluntary water restrictions. During the hot summer months customers are more likely to use greater quantities of water than normal. This can diminish our ability to supply the Town with adequate fire flow protection as well as affect our operating permit issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Also, we would like to thank Rhonda DeBettencourt, Anne Caldwell, John Jensen,

Scott Norbury, David Lopes, James Cleary and Christopher Cassidy for their hard work and dedication to the residents and Town of Tisbury.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Schwab, Chairman
Roland M. Miller,
Elmer Silva, Jr.

VETERAN'S AGENT

In the past year (2019), The Veterans Services Department assisted 48 cases in the Town of Tisbury, including financial and medical assistance. The total amount expended was \$21,826.92. We can expect 75% of this money to be reimbursed next year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year \$14,482.18 was reimbursed for last years services to veterans and their dependents under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, as amended.

We lost 19 veterans this past fiscal year. All were buried with Military Honors and with a representative from the Veterans Service Office and the Veterans of Martha's Vineyard present. All veteran's graves were decorated with flags per MGL 108 CMR 13:03.

Veterans participated in 3 parades this past year: Memorial Day, Fourth of July in Edgartown and Veterans Day. The guest speaker for Memorial Day was U.S. Marine Jeff Spears who fought in the Battle of Khe Shan and received a Purple Heart. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services and the Governor's Office sent out a Proclamation to be read on Memorial Day. The Friday before Memorial Day saw island veterans at the Oak Bluffs School for their community meeting honoring veterans and at the Tisbury School for their march to the sea.

This year marked the 9th year that the Town of Oak Bluffs was a recognized site for Veterans Day by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans participated in the Wreaths Across America Program sponsored by Worcester Wreath Company, which has been decorating graves at Arlington National Cemetery for 26 years. Seven Ceremonial wreaths were placed to remember those who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations about the high price of our freedoms, Specially made wreaths for Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW/MIA were placed on memorials during a unique ceremony. Thank you to John Custer and the Tisbury School children for being part of our Ceremony.

Dr. Monte Vanbeber from VA Clinic in Hyannis is still coming to the island to see veterans twice a month. The last figures that we had are 225 veterans registered for VA Health Care. A town hall meeting and Veterans Expo was held at the American legion in V.H. with representatives from the VA Regional Office, Medical Center and Vet Center to answer questions regarding claims and concerns regarding Veterans Choice.

Veterans also participated in a march to bring awareness to veteran's suicide sponsored by Sgt. Michael Blake and Offshore Kinetics. This is the 6th year the march has been held. Thank you to Michael Blake and the VFW Post 9261. The money raised by this event was donated to VFW Post 9261, American Legion Post 257 and the Matthew Pucino Foundation.

I also work with M.V. Community Services Veterans Program. Bob Tankard is the new Outreach Veterans Coordinator for Community Services.

This past year we had a cookout at the American Legion in Tisbury to honor veterans. Bob Sparks honored two of our deceased WWII veterans: Ted Morgan and Eugene De Felice with a speech about their lives. Thank you to Jim Bishop for sponsoring this event again this year.

It has been four years since I became a SHINE Counselor. I feel that this has been a help to my clients and the community. SHINE stands for Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone.

I continue to write every month on veterans benefits for the 55 Plus Times, go to veteran's organizational meetings, and to training with the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services. As of this date we have no island soldiers serving in Afghanistan but have numerous others serving in the U.S. and around the world. If you know of someone serving please call my office with the address.

This is my last annual report as I am retiring on October 1st. I want to thank all my veterans, their families, the Town Treasurer and Accountant, the Police and Fire Departments for all their support and assistance when I needed it. It has been an honor to work for all the Island Towns. I might not be in the office but I will still be involved in advocating for our veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Murphy
Director Dukes County Veterans Services

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The primary function of the Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear and decide applications for Special Permits, Variances and Appeals as they apply to the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Tisbury. The Board has attempted, in every case, to determine the intent of the Zoning By-Law as regards the protection of the integrity of the Town of Tisbury and the rights of the individual citizens to use their properties in a proper manner under the By-Law approved by the people of the Town over fifty (50) years ago.

We urge all who come before this Board to prepare their cases carefully and seek professional assistance, if appropriate. We often find that this is not the case and undue delays result. Also, be reminded by the Zoning By-Law, Section 10.03.01 that "Permits, Special Permits, and Variances are not granted as a matter of right; they are privileges which may be granted as appropriate in specific circumstances and which are in keeping with the intent of the Zoning By-Law. It is incumbent upon applicants to demonstrate the appropriateness of their petitions for Permits, Special Permits and Variances."

The Board continues to see an increased number of applications for accessory apartments, guest houses and swimming pools and fewer application for projects within the coastal district. The Board has also been working with the Tisbury Planning Board and Affordable Housing Committee to address changes to the Zoning Bylaws in an effort to address the need for new affordable housing opportunities.

We would like to thank Town Counsel, Kopelman & Paige, for their advice and counsel in helping us understand and interpret the Zoning By-Law and Massachusetts General Laws. Thanks also go to Laura Barbera in her twenty-seventh year of outstanding service as the Board's Administrative Assistant. Further thanks go to the Building/Zoning Department, Planning Board and Board of Health for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ciano, Clerk
Susan Fairbanks, Associate
John Guadagno
Anthony Holand
Jeffrey C. Kristal, Chairman
Frank Piccione, Associate
Neal Stiller

Cases handled by the Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2019 are as follows:

NAME	PARCEL	CASE	SUBJECT
Williamson, Gregory	5-L-3	2334	SP To Expand A Pe/Nc
Norman, Dana	11-A-11	2335	SP For Expansion In Shore Zone
Gafencu, Florin	12-G-8.1	2337	SP For Guest House
Bergonzi, Adam	34-A-6	2338	SP For Swimming Pool
Ascoli, Robert & Rebecca	12-G-10	2339	SP For Guest House
Ruttner, Michael	55-A-2	2340	SP For Guest House (Withdrawn)
Desousa, Marcia	12-E-4.1	2342	SP For Accessory Apartment
Denhart-Holzer, Simeon	34-B-1	2344	SP For Guest House
A2z Restaurant (Zeender)	7-F-22	2345	SP For Food Service
230 Lake Street Vh Llc	37-B-2.5	2346	SP For Swimming Pool
Darack, Adam	5-A-15	2347	SP For Accessory Apartment
Innovation Mv Property (Epstein)	28-B-2	2348	SP For Guest House
Sayre, Nevin	4-G-6	2349	SP To Reconstruct Pe/Nc Bunk House
Salvatore - Burbridge	26-D-34.2	2350	SP For Accessory Apartment
Baptiste, Kim	36-A-10	2351	SP To Expand A Pe/Nc Structure
Flowerwood Llc (Sawyer)	23-A-19	2352	SP For Outside Storage Of Vehicles
Dasilva, Jean	8-M-4.1	2353	SP For A Guest House
Robinson, John & Lupi	16-N-5	2354	SP For Expansion In Shore Zone
Backus, Rodman	24-A-22.2	2355	SP For A Guest House
Mv Community Services	7-C-9	2356	SP For Activity Outside
123 Greenwood Ave R.T. (Avalon)	26-D-18.1	2357	SP For A Guest House
Oliver, Jenniffer	7-F-3	2359	SP For Outside Activity
Backus, Rodman	24-A-22.2	2360	SP To Raise Fowl
Keenan, Kyleen	22-A-19.2	2361	SP For Outside Food Cart
Chirgwin, Thomas	8-E-16	2362	SP For Guest House
Sampson, Allan	21-B-14.1	2363	SP For A Guest House
Tate, Thomas	60-A-4	2364	SP To Modify Height & Swimming Pool
Jackson, Ronald	4-B-9.4 & 9.5	2366	SP For Guest House
Malone- Goldberg	6-F-7	2367	SP To Expand a Pe/Nc Structure
Sedgwick, Theodore	3-B-7	2368	SP For Addition in Size
Bristol, Brian Trust	29-B-12	2371	SP To Expand A Pe/Nc Garage

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DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

The 6 towns of Martha's Vineyard established the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority through State public charter in 1986 in response to the Island's growing need for stable year-round affordable & community housing. The Island-wide Housing Forum of 2000 resulted in several significant housing efforts including the 6-town agreement to proportionately share the administrative costs of the Housing Authority. Fully funded by the towns since 2005, the staff of the Housing Authority collaborates with town, state, and island-wide efforts to provide year-round rentals, rental assistance and homelessness prevention; homebuyer training, lottery support and affordability monitoring; and advocacy and planning for future housing program development, management and support.

The Housing Authority's work on homeownership in 2019 included management of a re-sale process for an Island Housing Trust home in Tisbury; assistance with application and lottery preparation for resale of a home in Edgartown; preparation and opening of a lottery process for 6 townhouses being developed by the Island Housing Trust on Greenwood Ave in Tisbury; support of Trust development of ownership opportunities at Daggett Ave in Tisbury; service as affordability monitor for properties in 6 towns including support of 3 affordable home re-finances and 6 re-sale requests including assistance to 2 towns faced with difficult resale and affordability maintenance issues; 26 referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law; and maintenance of the Homebuyer Clearinghouse used to publicize homebuyer opportunities and currently numbering over 400 island households.

2019 saw the Housing Authority managing 94 rentals on 16 properties in 5 island towns. Each apartment requires initial and annual income and tenant certification and apartment inspection, attention to service requests throughout the year, work on household and apartment turnovers, and compliance with multiple funding source requirements including program and household income audits and Fair Housing policy strictures. During this past year, the Housing Authority has supported needed development of new rentals by the Island Housing Trust at the Perlman House, the Hanover House, and Kuehn's Way in Tisbury; Meshacket Road by the Town of Edgartown; the Town of Chilmark's planning of housing development at Peaked Hill; the Town of West Tisbury's effort on Old Courthouse Road; the Town of Oak Bluff's replacement of the commercial tenant at the Noyes Building; and the Town of Aquinnah's revisit of rental development in the Town center. The Housing Authority maintains a rental housing waitlist currently numbering over 240 households;

In this time of a near total absence of 12-month leases on the Island, the Housing Authority is particularly appreciative of town voters who continue to dedicate Community Preservation Act funding to the Rental Assistance program which helps stabilize an annual average of 65 working island households. Since 2002, the Housing Authority has administered these funds to work with over 300 tenant households and 260 landlords who have utilized Rental Assistance for an average of 3 years. Each Rental Assistance situation requires initial and annual income certifications and apartment inspections, support contracts, and lease addendums. Beginning each fall, the Housing Authority provides town Affordable Housing and Community Preservation committees the figures of usage, need, cost and landlord availability necessary for thorough

deliberation before Annual Town Meeting funding votes.

Island-wide, the Housing Authority provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town programs such as accessory apartments, resident homesite subdivisions and multi-family density allowances. The Housing Authority actively partners with Harbor Homes, the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc, the County Manager's office, the Tower Foundation and other organizations that assist with rent, utilities, emergency support and apartment rehabilitation for island tenants and their landlords.

The staff of the Housing Authority is available to work on individual and community housing needs and opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven. For more information please stop by, call (508) 693-4419 or check our website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org/>

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

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ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS INC.

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty-two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community and help assist them to maintain maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the state designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), and the Aging Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC).

In FY 19 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 43,995 meals on MV. There were 204 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 259 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 100 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Nutrition program coordinator also participates in the Island Food Equity Network Summit that meets to collaborate on food access for Martha's Vineyard residents.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders the supportive services they need to live safely and independently at home. Professional Care Managers assess needs, develop a service plan, arrange for necessary support, and see elders on going to ensure continuous management of services. In FY 19, The Home Care Program served 271 elders on MV. There were 24,846 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 93 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) and the cost for our consumers to attend the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Supportive Day Program was covered by our Home Care Program.

Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to provide advocacy and support. Elder Services of Cape Cod and The Islands has also been an active member of The Dukes County Health Council since its inception. We also serve on the Oversight Committee of its Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard as well as the Falls Prevention sub-committee. Our Protective Services unit has joined Martha's Vineyard Community Services' Connect to End Violence elder abuse prevention effort and Safe Seniors collaboration. We look forward to active and ongoing participation in these local initiatives.

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard was awarded funds for programs offered through Martha's Vineyard Community Services. Martha's Vineyard Community Services provides bi-monthly support groups for caregivers of elders. MVCS also provides some funding for respite needs while caregiver attends the support group. This program was awarded \$7,500. Martha's Vineyard Community Services also provides home/community short-term assessment,

intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$8,000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Panek, MV Director



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Information & Referral: A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referral to Elder Services' many programs. All referrals Call 1-800-244-4630. For additional information visit our website at www.escci.org. Martha's Vineyard Office- 508-693-4393.

Protective Services: Help is available 24/7 for anyone over the age of 60 who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect. Call 1-800-922-2275 to report 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

Home Care Program: Services are provided to help an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on going to manage services, and help with resources. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Up-island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri usually between 10-Noon.

Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.

Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and oversee other routine financial management tasks.

Senior Community Services Employment Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

Senior Service Corps: A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, support, and settings.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their families to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.

Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC or Commission) is the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) for Dukes County, offering planning services to the seven towns in Dukes County (including Gosnold); and to the County itself. The Commission's enabling legislation also allows Island towns to adopt special regulations targeting Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs), and requires the Commission to review Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) on the Vineyard.

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Board of Selectmen, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2019 were Doug Sederholm of West Tisbury, Chairman; Josh Goldstein of Tisbury, Vice-Chairman; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2019

Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds

The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program, and participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination. In 2019, Commission staff completed a fourth year of extensive testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Samples are used to examine nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Comprehensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2019, along with a report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study. The MVC has created one-page pond summaries for each of the ponds, and is in the process of updating the MVC website to make data and reports more accessible.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies, receiving \$250,000 in Federal grants to develop and implement a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury. Groundwater wells have since been placed, and monitoring and evaluation is ongoing for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering and installation are expected to begin in early 2020.

The MVC also funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leeching into ponds from Title 5 septic systems. In order to demonstrate their effectiveness to State and Federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have functioned well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds. MVC staff assists with the testing of the pilot systems.

Healthy Aging

The Commission continued its collaboration with Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV) and Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS), completing a survey and analysis of the Island's

elder-service network. The project aims largely to help Island towns and organizations document their annual spending, and to generate wider conversations and planning surrounding the topic of healthy aging. The results are included in the MVC's 2019 Elder-Service Database, which is designed to be easily updated in the future; and a narrative report, Martha's Vineyard Elder-Service Mapping, which summarizes the data and explores key issues. The project offers a foundation for additional data collection and analysis in the future.

The Commission also worked with the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (Cape RTA) to create a pilot program for transporting seniors from the Woods Hole Ferry Terminal directly to the door of their Cape-based medical provider and back to the Island. The program ran from October 2018 to September 2019. The MVC then convened the VTA and Cape RTA, along with the Councils on Aging, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, and Elder Services of the Cape and the Islands, to discuss potential solutions moving forward. At the meeting, social service and healthcare providers explained the most pressing needs for seniors seeking transportation to off-Island medical appointments, and the Cape RTA explained the idiosyncrasies of their different services originating from Woods Hole and Falmouth. MVC staff and HAMV compiled a short profile of services best suited to Island seniors who might utilize the Cape RTA for medical appointments, and gained a commitment from Island service providers to disseminate this information to their clients and patients. The Cape RTA agreed to collect data to share with the MVC and other partners to help better understand this segment of the senior population.

As HAMV moves into a new phase (a new governance structure and full-time director are planned for 2020), the MVC has provided administrative and planning support, including coordination with the HAMV Executive and Oversight committees to host and document their meetings, and additional guidance during the transition. The partnership with HAMV and MVCS has benefitted the MVC by providing additional data and resources, along with insight into the elder and caregiver communities, which will help inform all types of regional planning in the future.

Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile

In February 2019, the MVC released its first Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile, which highlights trends in demographics, land use, economy, health, education, housing, real estate, transportation, energy, environment, and taxes and town services in Dukes County. The report compiles hundreds of data sets from 70 different sources, including Island towns and organizations, and State and Federal agencies. The report will be updated every two years starting in 2021 when the 2020 Census becomes available. The profile is available on the MVC's website, and paper copies are available for reference at every Island library and town hall.

Climate Action Task Force

The climate crisis has become a top priority for the MVC, which formed a Climate Action Task Force in 2019 to focus on mitigating the effects of global warming and adapting to the changes that are projected or already underway. The Task Force is made up of MV Commissioners and staff, along with Island leaders and other professionals. The Task Force has begun the process of developing integrated mitigation and adaptation master plans for the Island, with extensive public outreach planned for 2020. It also advanced a non-binding resolution for the Annual Town Meetings in each town, seeking support for an initiative to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions on

the Island by 2040 and pursue methods of carbon capture. In addition, the MV Commissioners adopted a resolution to 1) incorporate climate impacts into the MVC's regulatory and planning activities, 2) support the non-binding resolution mentioned above, and 3) draft both an energy and adaptation master plan to help guide the Commission's work in the future.

Permanent Traffic Counters

In November 2019, six traffic counting stations were constructed and came online. The MVC worked with Weymouth-based Bell Traffic; consultant TrafInfo; the Towns of West Tisbury, Edgartown, and Oak Bluffs; the State Police; and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) to obtain the necessary approvals for the project. The data is updating daily, and a range of reports detailing the direction, speed, and length of vehicles can now be generated. The installation culminated an 18-month process initiated by the Island's Joint Transportation Committee (JTC). The MVC managed the \$139,715 contract funded through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and automated data collection commenced in mid-November. Data can be found on the public facing MS2 portal.

Finances

The Commission's FY19 income was \$1,676,580, of which 63.3% came from town assessments, 31% from grants and contracts, and 5.7% from other sources. The Commission received \$519,355 in grant funding, a 16.3% increase over the previous fiscal year. FY19 expenses were \$1,753,418, of which 53.4% was for salaries, 23% for salary-related costs, 5.4% for legal costs, 5.4% for mortgage payments for two MVC-owned properties, and 12.8% for other expenses. The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness. The FY19 budget and FY18 audited financial statements are available on the website.

Review of Aquinnah Casino

In February 2019, the Towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark referred the proposed tribal casino in Aquinnah as a Discretionary Referral for the Commission to review. This began a lengthy process to review the project, determine the impacts associated with it and develop a process to render a decision. This process, already complex, was made even more so when the Tribe determined that it would not participate. Ultimately the MVC developed a comprehensive legal analysis, compiled a staff report that detailed as much information as could be gleaned from public disclosures related to the project, held a public hearing, took testimony, and rendered a decision stating that the proposal could not be approved based on the lack of information provided. The decision was not appealed.

ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS

Affordable Housing

FY19 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, the two CDBG lead communities for Dukes County, were awarded more than \$1.9 million for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies in August 2019. Both programs assist individuals and families that are income-qualified, earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The AMI for Dukes County in 2019 was \$50,350 for an individual and \$71,900 for a family of four. The Town of Edgartown, applying with Aquinnah and West Tisbury, was awarded \$1,134,472 to rehabilitate 20 homes, providing 0% interest, deferred-payment, forgivable loans. The funds will also help low- to moderate-income families pay for childcare, allowing parents to work or go to school knowing that their children are safe and well-cared for. The Town of Oak Bluffs, applying with Tisbury, was awarded \$838,871 to rehabilitate approximately 12 homes and provide childcare assistance. (Chilmark has to sit out the CDBG applications for the next two years.) MVC staff worked with an Edgartown-Oak Bluffs consultant to provide supplemental materials, and coordinated a public hearing for the FY19 CDBG grant application.

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Group: MVC staff will continue to assist the towns and grant writer Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd Associates with the CDBG application process.

Community Resiliency by Design: In May 2019, the MVC hosted the Cape Cod Commission's Community Resiliency by Design program to develop model housing designs for compact development in three different but typical Cape Cod development patterns. Each focused on compact design forms, which allow more units with fewer infrastructure demands, while maintaining the community character of the surrounding neighborhood. The design techniques could also be applied to Island towns.

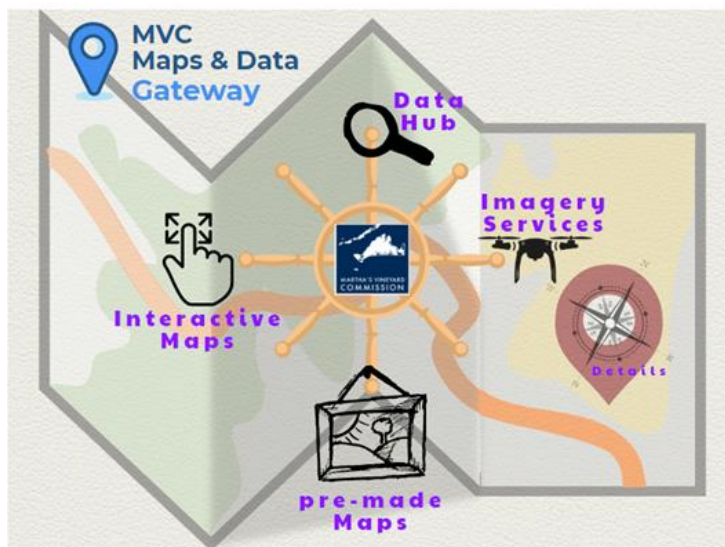
Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP): In July 2019, the MVC coordinated an educational workshop with Mass Housing Partnership to provide an overview of the State's Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit Law. MHP provided the necessary guidance and resources needed by the local zoning boards of appeal.

Site Suitability Tool: The MVC continues to work with Bluegear Labs to execute a grant issued by the State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to ultimately develop a user-friendly, web-based site suitability tool for affordable housing development in Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. This tool is built upon local, Vineyard-centric datasets, and customizes user input prior to ranking properties across each town. Planning boards and affordable housing committees are then able to visualize spatial data distribution of high-scoring sites. Results can be saved for further research and review. The tool has been refined in the beta stage this year, and the MVC and Bluegear are now preparing a hosting arrangement so the tool can officially be deployed.

Cartography Department

Maps, maps, maps, and more maps! The MVC's Cartography Department's goal is community service. The mapping/Geographic Information (GIS) Office is staffed by Chris Seidel. During her 16 years with the MVC, Chris has made mapping services easily available to all municipal employees, citizen action groups, and local non-profits. If you need a map or data, just give Chris a shout at 508-693-3453 ext. 120.

To readily provide information in a visually intuitive fashion, Chris first focuses on listening to your needs and goals. Depending upon the end-goal, some maps are made for an online interactive experience, some for on-screen presentations or reports, and some for marking up hard copies during planning discussions. The MVC's Cartography Department has the latest mapping technology at its disposal:



Desktop Mapping Software

- ArcMap
- AcrGIS Pro

Online Mapping

- ArcGIS Online

GPS Technology

- Trimble Geo 7x
- Trimble Positions
- Collector for ArcGIS

Aerial Imagery Acquisition

- Phantom 4 (Pro) sUAS/Drone
 - o Video
 - o Still Photography
- Drone Pilot App
 - o Georeferenced Aerial Photos

Printing/Scanning Services

- HP DesignJet T2530 36" Large Format

Plotter/Scanner

- HP5500DN Color Laser Printer

New this year, the mapping department intensified its efforts to push spatial data to the cloud. Fueled by our county-wide ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) contract, the MVC is using the ArcGIS Online cloud space to host spatial and map data. These data sets can be accessed by town employees and the public. The data can be viewed online in interactive maps, or downloaded for use in desktop mapping software. Please contact Chris to discuss your project's data needs.

Lastly, the Cartography Department also provides dependable GIS technical support to all town employees to aid them in using the ESRI GIS software provided through the county-wide GIS license.

The major Island-wide mapping initiatives this year have focused on populating the MVC Data Hub with the County's GIS data, and working with Island emergency responders to develop the EROMP.

Emergency Responders Online Mapping Portal (EROMP): A collection of data, maps, and apps in the County's ArcGIS Cloud for use by emergency responder personnel. This group, comprised of police, fire, emergency management directors, etc., can access shared interactive data-rich maps from any device or desktop computer with an internet connection. The EROMP encourages collaboration across the towns, since users can share project-specific maps with the group. The maps may also be shared with the public if desired.

Funding for the EROMP project was awarded through the Commonwealth's Community Compact Mass Efficiency and Regionalization Grant Program. These funds will cover the County's entire annual ESRI licensing fee of \$25,000 (plus the County administration fee, if any) for FY21. Examples of projects underway include:

- Aquinnah Emergency Management: Delineating Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) leader's outreach area
- Chilmark Fire: Identifying areas with challenging water availability for fighting fires
- Edgartown: Event planning maps (such as for the 4th of July)
- Tisbury Police: Obtaining interior building layout designs for public buildings (schools, churches, town halls, etc.) and making those layouts accessible through an online map

Island Climate Action Network (ICAN): As part of ICAN's engagement with Island entities around sustainability, the MVC and ICAN members engaged the Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority to discuss its efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate disruption. As a follow-up item, the MVC agreed to collect data from sites where electric-vehicle charging stations are available, and to map those locations; the SSA indicated that would help their customers who struggle with range anxiety when considering the practicality of bringing their electric vehicles to the Island.

Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning

The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and Federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards. Coastal planning in 2019 focused on hazard mitigation and especially climate change adaptation. There is very little doubt that climate change has begun to produce significant effects on the Vineyard, and that it is accelerating. However, there are many ways that the impacts can be mitigated. Adaptation to sea-level rise, in particular, involves a choice of retreat, abandonment, or elevation of buildings and infrastructure—all necessary and costly options. There are difficult choices ahead for Island leaders, homeowners, and business owners. As planning professionals, it is the responsibility of MVC staff to provide material for thoughtful solutions and to encourage responsible and clear-headed decision making.

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation: The MVC continued investigation and outreach related to the impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, along with mitigation and adaptation strategies. The main challenge is in preparing for the coming changes, with vulnerability assessments and mitigation/adaptation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program: MVC staff participated in the State's MVP program to strategize and prioritize actions for climate change adaptation. The program is similar in thrust to hazard mitigation planning, but more focused on the impacts of climate change.

Hazard Management: The Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) includes management tools and keeps the towns eligible for Federal funding of mitigation projects. MVC staff tracked progress in preparation for the 2020 update, and began collecting GIS and other materials. The MVP program provided helpful prioritization for the update. The 2019 round of FEMA funding is unusually generous, and MVC staff encouraged the towns to pursue 75% funding available by means of the approved 2015 HMP. MVC staff submitted a planning application for a seven-town Wildfire Preparedness Plan, as part of the 2020 update.

Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation: MVC staff continued assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. Staff continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. Measurements were taken and recorded at a monitoring station at Felix Neck, hosted by Mass Audubon with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Edey Foundation. Those measurements provided enough data for a preliminary assessment that the marsh is keeping up with sea-level rise. MVC staff also began taking measurements at the second monitoring site, on Tribal lands, hosted and funded by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).

Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan: The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. In 2019 the group continued to advise the Commonwealth on data collection and preparation for offshore wind energy projects.

Martha's Vineyard Wind Energy Area: The MVC, towns, Tribe, and fishing community kept in close contact with the leaseholders for wind development south of Martha's Vineyard. MVC staff participated in Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) review of the Vineyard Wind project, part of which was reviewed as a DRI by the full Commission.

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2019, 40 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. Fourteen projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, eight were approved with conditions, and six remain under review at the end of the year. One project was referred as a Discretionary Referral by two different Towns, and was denied. Eleven projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, five were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, two were determined by MVC staff to not require any action by the MVC, two are on hold at the request of the applicant, and two remain under review at the end of the year. Twelve projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, 10

were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a DRI public hearing and were remanded back to the Towns for approval, one was determined to have a significant impact (a DRI public hearing was held, and the project is still under review at the end of the year), and one modification was withdrawn before a decision was made. Two projects were previously approved DRIs returning to the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC), one for approval of their landscape and lighting plans, and one was granted an extension. Additionally, one lawsuit was settled. A total of nine projects remain under review at the end of the year, and many large projects are slated to be referred in the beginning of 2020.

In May 2019, the MVC bid farewell to DRI Coordinator Paul Foley, who steadfastly served the Commission for 15 years. We wish Paul all the best in his new position as Director of Planning and Economic Development in Fairhaven, MA.

DRI Checklist Review: The biennial review of the DRI Checklist began in 2019. Among the most significant proposed changes would be the review of residential development that exceeds a certain square footage. As of the year's end, the Checklist Review Committee has decided to meet with each Town Planning Board to discuss DRIs in the broader context of Town and Island-Wide issues, before forwarding the final recommended DRI Checklist changes for public hearings in 2020.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2019, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from town boards, attorneys, and property owners. In an otherwise quiet year for DCPCs, MVC staff assisted in many ways with the smooth functioning of the Districts.

Island Road District (Tisbury): The MVC accepted a nomination and held a designation hearing and vote on a new Special Ways Zone for Tisbury: Shubael Weeks Path and Red Coat Hill Road, both of which are already protected in West Tisbury.

Island Road District (West Tisbury): The MVC continued to support the Planning Board's efforts to update the Town's Special Ways regulations, after voters approved the update at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

Economic Development

Economic Development Listening Sessions: In June 2019, the Governor held Economic Development Listening Sessions to solicit input for the Administration's strategies for economic development and public policies for the Commonwealth. MVC staff prepared an outline for the towns to provide feedback to the Commonwealth about the State projects and programs that have had or are having a positive impact on the Island, such as the following:

1. Establishing the Rural Policy Advisory Commission to assist the 170 rural communities in Massachusetts and identify existing and future challenges facing small towns.
2. Signing the Short-Term Rental Tax, along with creating the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund. The local revenue to the expanded Room Occupancy Tax will provide Island towns a much-needed financial cushion to town budget limits under Proposition 2½.

3. Creating the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP) and MVP Plans and Action Grants, which assist municipalities to plan and prepare for climate change and sea-level rise with an eye toward implementing the MVP Plans.
4. Creating the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Small Town Grant Program, which fulfills a critical engineering design step to bring projects from a plan to shovel-ready status.
5. Providing a financial incentive for towns to participate in DHCD's Housing Choice Program by granting a lower interest rate through the State's Clean Water Trust Fund.
6. Working with the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council on coastal infrastructure improvements.
7. Encouraging MassDOT to work with Regional Planning Agencies to consider refining population, housing, and employment projections that more accurately reflect the seasonal variations on the Cape and Islands.
8. Encouraging the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to consider piloting advanced denitrifying systems for affordable housing.
9. Supporting Oak Bluffs and Edgartown as lead communities for DHCD's Community Development Block Grant Program for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies.

Short-Term Rental Tax: On December 28, 2018, the Short-Term Rental Tax was signed into law by Governor Baker. The legislation subjects short-term rental properties to the Room Occupancy Tax, (G.L. c. 64G) for hotels, motels, and inns. The new law imposes State and local option excises on short-term rentals that are rented for more than 14 days in a calendar year, starting July 1, 2019, and for which a rental contract was entered into on or after January 1, 2019. All short-term rental operators are required to register with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

Of the 351 municipalities in Massachusetts, 175 collect Room Occupancy Taxes. The Room Occupancy Tax is split in two parts: a State tax rate of 5.7% and a local-option tax rate of up to 6%. All local option revenues go directly to a town's General Fund. In 2018, Martha's Vineyard had 1,216 hotel and inn rooms, which generated a total of \$1,969,004 in revenue for the five participating towns.

The MVC has been working with the towns and other agencies to provide information regarding the new legislation. In June and September, the MVC hosted two workshops, with Host Compliance and Hamari STR, to provide best practices and options relating to monitoring and enforcement. The MVC will continue to work with the towns and DOR to monitor the State's short-term rental registration, and revenues generated by the short-term rental tax.

Transportation

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the towns, VTA, Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, MassDOT, and the public. MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provides approximately \$300,000 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping.

Joint Transportation Committee (JTC): The MVC facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the Tribe, and the County; along with ex-officio members from the VTA, MVC staff and BPAC, Federal Highway and Transit administrations, Steamship Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport and MassDOT, to coordinate Island transportation planning.

Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019, \$712,712 in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2019 TIP projects included the following:

- Permanent Traffic Counting Stations: Installation of the permanent traffic counting stations was completed in November 2019. The counters provide comprehensive traffic counts for each site, 365 days per year. With this data, Island planners can better understand seasonal fluctuations in vehicle volume and infer some circulation patterns.
- Beach Road Shared-Use Path: A cost increase of \$188,410 was added to the FFY19–20 Tisbury Bike and Pedestrian Improvements along Beach Road, and was approved and endorsed by the JTC in May 2019. The advertisement date for this project was scheduled for August 31, 2019.

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2020–2040

Commission staff and the JTC updated the Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which provides an analysis of the Island's transportation network, including goals and recommended actions for each sector, and proposes transportation expenditures for the years 2020–2040. The RTP is updated every four years, and allows the Vineyard to qualify for State and Federal transportation funds. The 2020–2040 update includes a greater focus on climate change in regard to roads and infrastructure, and prioritizes alternate modes of transportation and the reduction of single-occupant automobile use on the Island. It also includes new sections on rideshare networks (Uber and Lyft), mopeds and electric vehicles, and expanded data on Island demographics and each transportation sector. Public outreach was conducted via public meetings and an online survey, with comments also solicited by email.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): In the spring, the JTC re-constituted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with eight appointees from across the Vineyard. The MVC provides staff support. Among the BPAC's activities in 2019 were:

- Support of proposed state legislation categorizing types of electric bikes (e-bikes) and treating some classes the same as regular bikes.
- Support of Oak Bluffs' effort to develop a shared use (i.e. bike) path from the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge to Eastville Avenue and County Road. Staff provided detailed comments and suggestions for making the preliminary project design more suited to the needs of cyclists and pedestrians, while retaining the roadside character of the community.

- Creating a new bike map for the Island with route characteristics that will enable viewers to better assess how routes match their abilities.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: As initiated by the BPAC, the MVC has done a desktop analysis to evaluate the path of least resistance when considering the prospects of a Shared-Use Path parallel to the three up-Island corridors (South, Middle, and North roads). Variables included wetlands, frontage, proximity of structures to the roadway, and the number of intersecting driveways and roads. South Road was eliminated from consideration, and Middle and North roads are being evaluated further before the MVC requests formal presentations to West Tisbury and Chilmark town boards. MVC staff has met with various conservation groups with landholdings along the roads to gauge their level of support, and have thus far been met with an encouraging response.

Trails Planning: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard. Three new trail easements were recorded, and discussions began with multiple landowners for three new trails and a fourth to realign a planned trail. Staff continued working with the Town Byways Committees in Edgartown and West Tisbury, and assisted Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's initiative to develop a cadre of "trail champions" to pursue trail development for that organization.

Transportation Managers Group: The MVC is a member of the Transportation Managers Group (TMG). As with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA), the 13 RPAs across the State that form TMG are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and State and Federal governments. The MVC Transportation Program Manager meets monthly with other members of TMG, along with senior Commonwealth officials, to discuss legislation and funding programs related to transportation, and to collaborate on many fronts.

Island Transportation Engineer: The MVC received a grant of \$100,000 through the Lt. Governor's Community Compact program to hire Island-wide transportation engineering services for a 10-month pilot term. Following the issuance of an RFP, Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) was chosen to provide this new capacity for the towns, working directly with MVC staff to focus work plans within budget. A total of nine projects were assigned to HSH, following a concerted effort between the MVC and town staff to identify projects where clear goals could be achieved. For those projects, deliverables came in all forms, ranging from formal design plans with cost estimates and book jobs, to concept schematics and technical memos. The Island partnership afforded the towns a great deal of flexibility for services at a reduced, negotiated rate.

Water Quality

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

Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP): For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.

Water Testing: MVC staff collected water samples from Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, Cape Pogue, Pocha, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, and Squibnocket ponds, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, for analysis at the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the MEP, to determine the status of the coastal ponds. Staff also collaborated with the Buzzards Bay Coalition for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building. Staff also attend and present at meetings of all Island pond advisory committees, and in 2019 staff presented their findings at pond association annual meetings.

Groundwater monitoring: In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) the Water Resource Planner takes monthly groundwater measurements and maintains a database of groundwater elevation at nine well sites around the Island.

Island Blue Pages: Staff worked with members of the Water Alliance to edit and update the 2006 Island Blue Pages. An Edey Foundation grant and donations were obtained for the printing of the updated version. The Blue Pages are also available online. Currently a Portuguese translation of the Blue Pages is underway.

SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant: The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Throughout 2019, testing and monitoring continued for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering and installation will begin as early 2020.

Northeast Acidification Network (NECAN) Shell Day: Staff participated with organizations from Long Island Sound to Downeast Maine in a single-day monitoring event to help determine the relationship of salinity and total alkalinity as a way to monitor coastal acidification.

Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Review: MEPA conducts inclusive reviews that incorporate local and State agency comments and questions to discern the readiness of a project to proceed. MEPA ensures that all of the necessary review information is available before a project proceeds. In 2019, MVC staff participated in MEPA review of a number of projects, including the Martha's Vineyard Shipyard expansion, Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) review of a Gosnold property, Clam Point dredging in West Tisbury, the Tower Hill Road Estate plan in Edgartown, the Martha's Vineyard Airport Capital Improvements Plan, and the Vineyard Wind proposals.

Inter-Regional Collaboration

Education and Training: The MVC hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the public.

Governor's Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC): The MVC is one of nine regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor's Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The RPAC is charged with making recommendations over a four-year period to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the health and well-being of its rural residents. (The State has defined "rural" as having

populations of no more than 500 per square mile - which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). The principal achievement of the RPAC in 2019 was the production and release of the Rural Policy Plan. The plan is targeted to State administration and legislators “to illustrate the unique attributes and challenges faced by rural communities, inform policy makers of existing best-practices and identify a series of recommendations to be explored and implemented under a proposed new Office of Rural Policy.” Among the top three priorities of the plan is the creation of a rural factor within state funding formulas that also take into account the impact of seasonal population swells of tourist areas. The plan also recommends the creation of an Office of Rural Policy to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level.

State Socio-Economic Projections: Staff joined representatives from other regional planning agencies (RPAs) to review and comment on MassDOT’s multi-year effort to develop new population and workforce housing forecasts out to the year 2040, for use in long-range transportation planning. The projections weighed heavily the aging population, which was projected to decline in many regions, including Cape Cod. MVC staff was able to demonstrate that the State forecasting methodology did not accurately reflect the continual infusion of retirees relocating there. MVC staff also pressed the State for recognition of how the second-home economy affects year-round population, employment, and housing. The tremendous surges in seasonal and visitor populations place infrastructure and service demands upon local communities, which is not accounted for in State funding mechanisms that are based on year-round populations.

Statewide Workforce Development Strategic Plan: As part of the Governor’s Workforce Skills Cabinet initiative, the MVC participated in developing the Cape and Islands Regional Workforce Blueprint. The Blueprint is a comprehensive report on current trends in labor force (those working or willing to work) and workforce (those actually working) participation rates in leading industries on the Cape and Islands. The MVC will continue to work with MassHire Cape and Islands Workforce Board, Adult and Community Education of Martha’s Vineyard (ACE MV), and Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School’s Career Technical Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) staff to provide greater educational and professional workforce development opportunities to students and residents of Martha’s Vineyard.

Promoting the Blue Economy: In 2019, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce’s Blue Economy Project worked with schools in Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket, and Dukes counties to launch the Blue Economy Career Intention and Perceptions Survey for students in grades 6–9. The MVC worked closely with the Superintendent’s Office to ensure that the High School, along with the Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury, and Charter schools, participated in the survey. Over 3,600 students participated, which will help align educational and workforce development resources with the needs of our growing year-round Blue Economy. In January 2019, the MVC worked with the High School and Charter School, and 34 Island students participated in the Waterworks Blue Economy Career Day at Cape Cod Community College.

The MVC will continue to work with local businesses and organizations in water-based industries, in an effort to provide workforce development opportunities in aquaculture, commercial fishing, transportation and boating, harbor and marina management, education and marine sciences, engineering and design, boat building, dredging, wastewater, alternative nitrogen management

and technology, energy, environmental advocacy, climate adaptation, water resources and climate adaptation planning, and tourism and recreation.

US Small Business Administration (SBA): MVC staff continues to work with the SBA and the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation to provide technical and financial resources to small businesses on the Vineyard.

Cape Cod Canal Bridges: The MVC continued to provide updates on the US Army Corps of Engineers' decision to replace the Cape Cod Canal bridges. As the three-year transportation planning process moves forward, the MVC will continue to collaborate with the Cape Chamber of Commerce, the Cape Cod Commission and Nantucket Regional Planning Agency on issues of shared interest regarding the Bourne and Sagamore bridges.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR TISBURY

Geographic Information Systems



Shellfish Department - Shellfish closure maps

The MVC's cartography services are available to all Town Departments. Some items provided over the last year include:

Electric Department - Utility Poles: A plan is in place for the MVC to create an app for use by the Electric Department & DPW showing utility pole locations. The app will permit the user to flag poles needing repair. The information will be accessible online to both departments. Anticipated completion date is early 2020.



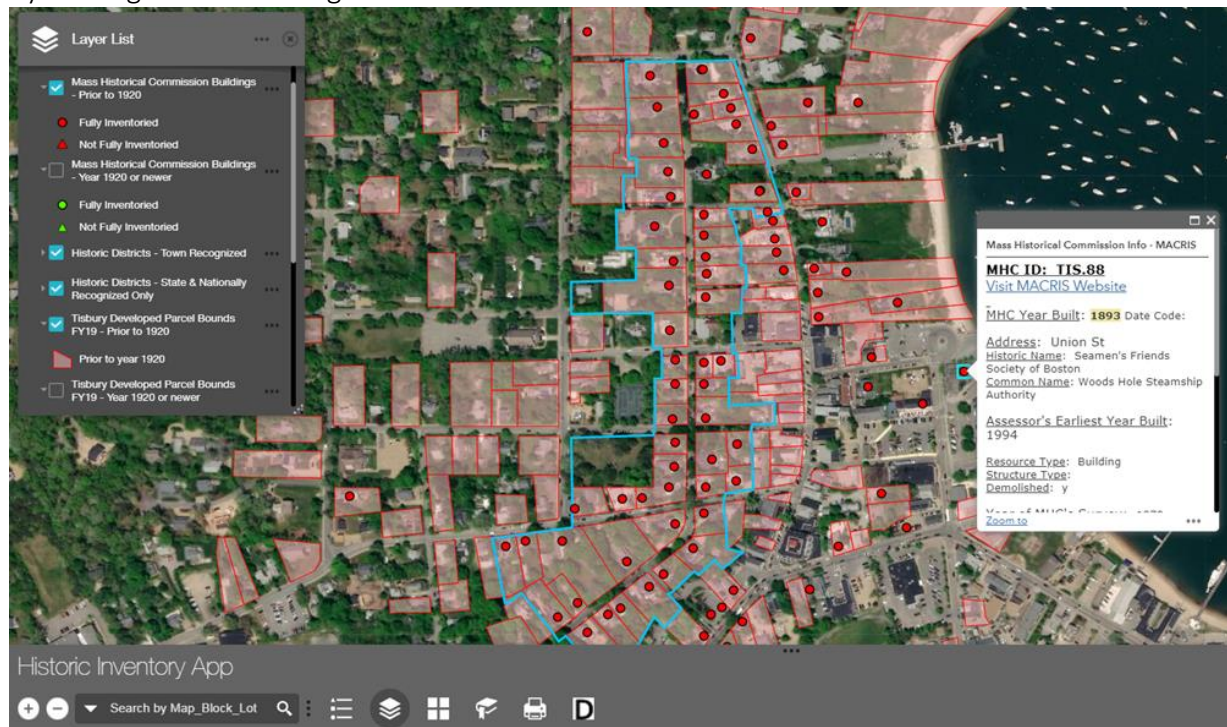
Assessor's Office - Abutters across town line

Topography/Elevation Data was uploaded and made accessible to the Tisbury Waterways, Inc. in an interactive map format.

Historic Building App

To aid the Building Inspector, the Tisbury Historical Commission and the William Street Historic District Commission with identifying buildings of a certain age, the MVC compiled a mapping App which displays properties with a structure built before a particular date. The Assessor's building

information, as well as the Massachusetts Historical Commission's building information is available by clicking on the building.



Districts of Critical Planning Concern

Island Roads District: The MVC accepted for nomination and held a public hearing and vote on a new Special Ways Zone in the Island Road District: Shubael Weeks Road and Red Coat Hill Road, both of which are protected in West Tisbury.

MEPA Review

MVC staff participated in the MEPA review of the MV Shipyard Expansion project.

Transportation

Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis for the following DRIs: MV Shipyard Expansion, 35 Main Street Restaurant, Carroll's Trucking, and the Multi-Use Hinckley's Development.

Performance Measures: MVC staff began collecting its annual performance measure data for the congestion management program. The travel-time runs were collected each month along both the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road Corridor as well as the Beach Road Corridor between the times of 7-9 AM, 11 AM-2 PM, and 4-6 PM. The data will be compiled, and a Congestion Management Report will be put together in 2020.

Data Collection: Installation of the permanent traffic counting stations has been complete as of November 2019. These traffic volumes will provide comprehensive traffic counts for each site, 365 days per year. With this data, Island planners can better understand seasonal fluctuations in

vehicle volume and infer some circulation patterns. There is one permanent counting station located on State Road in West Tisbury, close to the town boundary with Tisbury.

Water Quality

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect Tisbury's water quality, especially the threatened coastal ponds.

Innovation: The Commission staff was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies. In 2018, the MVC was awarded \$250,000 in Federal grants to develop and implement a permeable reactive barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury. Wells have been placed and monitoring and evaluation is ongoing for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering and installation will begin in early 2020. Staff also assists with the sampling and testing of the pilot innovative/ alternative NitRoe septic system.

Water Sampling: MVC staff collected water quality samples and on-station field data of Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo in cooperation with the Tisbury Shellfish Department and the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Lagoon Pond: MVC staff is meeting with the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to review the Lagoon Pond MEP study findings and discuss options for improving water quality and meeting the Pond's nitrogen loading limit. MVC has developed several grants for nitrogen mitigation in the watershed. Water Resource Planner acts as science advisor to the Tisbury Wastewater Committee and the Lagoon Pond Association.

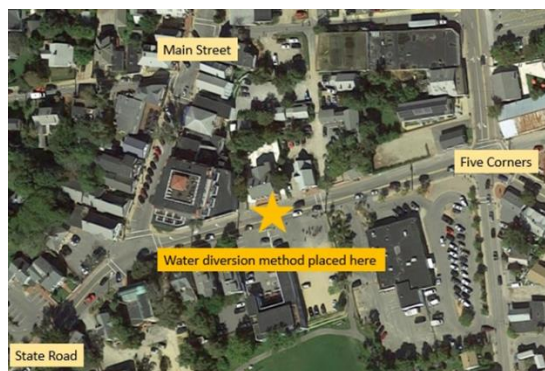
Tisbury Channel Dredging: The MVC Water Resource Planner continued to work with other members of the Tisbury Dredge Committee to address dredging needs in the Tashmoo Channel and the Vineyard Haven Harbor.

Community Involvement: The MVC Water Resources Planner participates on the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee, Lagoon Pond Association, Tisbury Waterways Inc., and the Tisbury Dredge Committee. The Water Resources Planner has provided technical support on storm water mitigation to the Town and Drawbridge Committee and to the Board of Health for use in changes to regulations. Staff has assisted visiting researchers in sample collection and site review.

Climate Change

EPA Drainage Project:

The MVC, along with the Town of Tisbury, worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MassDOT to develop two project plans for the 5 corners area. The EPA provided technical assistance using experts from their own organization as well as the University of New Hampshire to determine natural methods in response to the drainage issue at 5 corners. The group also brought in representatives from MassDOT, because of their roles and responsibilities for each of the corridor roadways.



Together this multi-jurisdictional group designed two projects for implementation: one to re-deploy drainage pipes in the Harbor, and the other to divert runoff into natural areas prior to reaching the 5 corners intersection.

Developments of Regional Impact

12 Tisbury projects were reviewed by the MVC in 2019:

35 Main Street Restaurant (C.R. 1-2019) Proposal to convert an existing building on Main Street in Vineyard Haven (formerly the Barn & Bowl and Bunch of Grapes Bookstore, and earlier a firehouse, stables and a taxi stand) to a 130-seat restaurant. Remanded to Town without a Public Hearing on February 7, 2019.

92 Center Street Historic Demolition (C.R. 3-2019) Proposal to replace the front porch. MVC staff determined that the proposal did not rise to a level requiring any action by the MVC; remanded to the Town on June 14, 2019.

484 Main Street Historic Demolition (C.R. 4-2019) Proposal to replace the chimney and roof, and renovate interior portions of the house. MVC staff determined that the proposal did not rise to a level requiring any action by the MVC; remanded to the Town on July 8, 2019.

187 Lagoon Pond Road Historic Demolition (C.R. 5-2019)

Proposal to renovate a house built in 1850. MVC staff determined that the proposal did not rise to a level requiring any action by the MVC, remanded to the Town on June 20, 2019.

Westman Historic Demolition (DRI 675-M) Compliance issue with Condition 1.1 of the 2017 DRI 675 Decision. Issue resolved on August 26, 2019.



Verizon Tower (DRI 677) Proposal to increase the height of the Verizon Tower used to transmit landline call and internet access via narrow width microwave between Vineyard Haven and Falmouth (also handles Nantucket) from 77 feet above ground to 130± feet above ground. Public Hearings held on September 7, 2017; August 23, 2018; November 15, 2018 and closed on December 6, 2018. Public Hearing re-opened on May 23, 2019; project approved with conditions on July 11; written decision approved on August 1, 2019.

Mill House Historic Demolition (DRI 693) Proposal to significantly modify the exterior of a historic structure built in 1750. Project referred after demolition occurred; project discussed prior to referral on May 2; Public Hearings held on June 20 and August 22; project approved with conditions on September 19; written decision approved on October 3, 2019.

Carroll's Trucking (DRI 532-M4) Proposal to update the Carroll's Trucking site, including adding a new storage building, renovating the existing buildings and reception area, and significant site improvements. Public Hearings held on July 18 and August 1; project approved with conditions on August 22; written decision approved on September 5, 2019.

319 Main Street Historic Demolition (C.R. 9-2019) Proposal to build an addition and construct other alterations to a house built in 1800, including new doors and windows for improved egress safety. Remanded to the Town without a Public Hearing on December 19, 2019.

Caleb Prouty House Historic Demolition (DRI 694) Proposal to demolish a historic house built in 1828. Public Hearing held on October 17 and then postponed until January 2020 at the request of the Applicant. Project is still under review at the end of the year.

MV Shipyard Expansion (DRI 314-M) Proposed Shorefront Improvements: installation of two piers/ramps/floating dock systems, and two finger floats adjacent to existing boat ramps; zone of float reconfiguration; offshore pile installation; re-dredging in a previously dredged area. Proposed Upland Improvements: removal of two existing warehouse buildings; re-grading; construction of a smaller warehouse within the footprint of the removed buildings and existing parking area; formalized parking. Public Hearing scheduled for early 2020; project is still under review at the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Turner, Executive Director
Clarence "Trip" Barnes
Josh Goldstein
Ben Robinson

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

3476 acres, representing 6% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the land bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the land bank office in Edgartown.

ACQUISITIONS

The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation (SMF) began, decades ago, a significant conservation effort in the area of Cedar Tree Neck in West Tisbury. The land bank tried to complement this work in its 1986 acquisition, on the eastern flank of the SMF holdings, of its ***Christiantown Woods Preserve***. In 2019 the land bank was able to add to its preserve with a purchase of 7.3 acres from the Jonathan Rose family. The price was \$550,000.

The old Whale Jaw Farm in Edgartown was conserved via a cooperative acquisition with Zachary Pinerio. He purchased the 1.6-acre farmstead and the land bank acquired the remaining 18.2 acres. The land bank paid \$950,000; the seller was Judith Tucker. The property will be incorporated into the land bank's now 305-acre ***Three Ponds Reservation***.

Two beachlots were donated to the land bank. Charles Hotchkiss et al. donated a 0.1-acre lot to be included in the ***Chilmark Pond Preserve***; Joseph Kapell et al. donated a 0.3-acre lot to be appended to Moshup Beach at the ***Aquinnah Headlands Preserve***.

The environs of existing land bank properties are natural priorities, as conserving them expands the protected area. The land bank purchased 4.5 acres adjacent to the ***Pecoy Point Preserve*** from the estate of Jerome Kenney for \$890,000.

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

LAND MANAGEMENT

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Beech Tree Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Tashmoo Beach, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

7.5 acres of woodland crowding the island's highest point — Peaked Hill, at 311 feet above sea level — were returned to an open state. Boulders were exposed and native grasses were planted. Hikers now experience a nearly panoptic view including Nomans Land Island, the Aquinnah peninsula, Buzzards Bay and Cuttyhunk Island and, in the far distance, the Sakonnet River estuary. A lottery was conducted to distribute the firewood to the public.

Similarly reclaimed was the portion of the Tashmoo peninsula comprising the Tashmoo Preserve: the land bank removed two beach-cottages and restored the dune. The commonwealth's energy and environmental affairs secretary approved a management plan for the property, and it was opened to public use. This added 400 feet of Vineyard Sound beach to the existing public

lands at the end of the Herring Creek Road. Under consideration is removal of the revetment, so as to further renaturalize the dune system there.

Staff removed, per an off-premises view easement, trees that had grown and blocked the view of the Tisbury Great Pond from the Middle Ridge Preserve's summit.

As usual, the land bank field crew continued ongoing general maintenance on various land bank properties across the island. In particular, the crew reconstructed boardwalks at the Blackwater Pond and Poucha Pond Reservations. Progress in realizing the cross-Chilmark trail — specifically, the creation of a link between the Peaked Hill Reservation and the Trustees of Reservations' Menemsha Hills Reservation — occurred when the staff installed a new trail connecting Peaked Hill and the North Road.

CROSS-ISLAND HIKE

The land bank's twenty-seventh annual XIH celebrating National Trails Day – the first Saturday in June – extended from Blackwater Pond Reservation in West Tisbury to Big Bridge in Edgartown, touching 13 conservation lands. A record 120+ hikers started in the morning and nearly 60 people arrived at the finish. All told, about 140 people participated in all or part of the hike. The 16.2-mile hike was completed by 52 people, far surpassing the record set the previous year of 39 people. Almost half of the through-hikers, evenly split between islanders and visitors, had never before been on an XIH.

BUDGET AND RELATED MATTERS

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

	FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED	2019 ACTUAL	FISCAL YEAR BUDGETED
Revenues	\$10,075,000	\$13,387,307	\$10,075,000 *
Administrative Expenses	(\$576,051)	(\$545,776)	(\$589,441)
Land Mgmt. Expenses	6%	4%	6%
Debt Service Expenses	(\$1,392,998)	(\$1,261,698)	(\$1,510,936)
Reserve Expenses	14%	9%	15%
Unencumbered	(\$4,926,173)	(\$4,627,562)	(\$4,466,907)
New Receipts	49%	35%	44%
	(\$55,000)	(\$0)	(\$75,000)
	1%	0%	1%
	(\$3,130,277)	(\$6,925,271)	(\$3,432,716)
	30%	52%	34%

As of December 1, 2019, the land bank treasury contained some \$14.6 million in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

The asterisk (*) indicates the land bank's revenue projection.

GIFTS

The land bank gratefully accepted a gift of \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman; and \$8,900 from multiple donors for the erection of a deer fence to protect croplands at the Poucha Pond Reservation.

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Fiscal Year 2019 transfer fee revenues were:

Aquinnah Fund	\$224,211	2 %
Chilmark Fund	\$712,403	5 %
Edgartown Fund	\$3,020,655	23 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$979,191	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$865,642	6 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$891,551	7 %
Central fund	\$6,693,653	50%
Total	\$13,387,307	100%

This represented a 1% decrease over the previous year.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The land bank bade farewell, with appreciation, to long-time commissioners Priscilla Sylvia (land bank study committee 1984-1986; land bank commission 1986-2019) and Edward Vincent, Jr. (Edgartown land bank town advisory board 1986-1996; land bank commission 1996-2019). The land bank commission currently comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Richard Knight, Jr., Edgartown, Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Mary Robin Ravitch, West Tisbury; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Nancy Weaver, Tisbury. The year-round land bank staff comprises the following individuals: Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Harrison Kisiel, crew manager; Antone Lima, conservation land assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; Ian Peach, land superintendent; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lengyel
Executive Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

Mission statement:

"Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment."

"This is beautiful. What a wonderful, warm place to come to" is the overwhelming reaction of clients and family members who come to the Center every day, as well as those who drop in for the first time. MV Center for Living continues to grow and adjust to our new location and surroundings. We are providing new and engaging programs along with many of the old favorites. Lots of talented and interesting community members have joined us for lunch, sharing their talents and engaging in the fun and vitality. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. A 501c3 non-profit, we are generously supported by all six island towns, and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 13 members, 2 from each island town and one County representative. Current board members are Gail Barmakian, President (OB); June Manning, Clerk (Aqu); Shirley Dewing, Treasurer (Edg); Jane Keenan (Edg); Miki Badnek, (Tisb); Jay Grande, (Tisb); Risë Terney, (WT)); Mary Breslauer, (Chil); Martina Thornton (Dukes County). We have openings on the board for members from Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury and Oak Bluffs.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs & Services:

Supportive Day Program:

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and unable to participate independently in community activities and programs such as those offered at local Senior Centers.

Equally important is respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of our clients have multiple medical conditions or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. None of this changes the fact that most folks wish to live at home in the care of their families, and are eager to spend time with peers and friends. The Center is a place where all can engage in their community, regardless of ability, enjoying the company of others in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day offers companionship and a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity, including exercise and yoga, music and dancing, arts and crafts, a book group, history club and more. Most importantly, careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. We provide a nutritious, home-made noon meal served family style, and morning and afternoon snacks. Some meals are provided through generous donations from several restaurants and caterers including Linda Jean's, Bite on the Go, Island Fresh Pizza, the Black Dog Bakery, Johnny Smiles catering, and one donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Daily transportation to and from the Center is available and provided by the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA).

In 2019, 42 individuals joined us at the Supportive Day Program for a total of 2543 units of service (days). The Center is a place for folks who are otherwise isolated, to meet their peers, de-

velop friendships and enjoy the company of others. Respite for caregivers is critical. Schedules are arranged according the needs of individual participants and caregivers, full or half days are an option. In comparison, in-home, private duty care, (if you can find it!) is \$25-\$35 per hour. The cost to a family for private care would be \$150-\$350 per day, or between \$37,000 and \$90,000 annually. Supportive Day Program rates are \$50 for a full day (9am-3pm) and \$35 for half day (11:00-3pm), a cost effective, affordable alternative to private in-home care, or long-term care (nursing home) costs which can be as much as \$9000 per month. The new building at 29 Breakdown Lane also gives us the ability to expand the Supportive Day Program to 5 days; Thursday was added to the schedule as of October 2019 (FY20).

Dementia Family Support:

Dementia Family Support Services began as a pilot program and continues to be supported with grant funding and donations. In 2018, we received \$7,100 from United Way of Cape Cod & the Islands. Dementia Family Support Services has two components;

- Dementia Caregiver Support Group - meets twice monthly
- Family Support Services - for individualized support, care management, planning and referrals (as funding allows).

In FY19, 12 caregivers attended the Support Group over the course of the year, some regularly and others as needed. Family Support Services met with 20 families/caregivers. Referrals for Family Support are initiated by family caregivers and other agencies or professionals involved with the client or family. Most families meet with the clinician for a 1-2-hour consultation, some for an additional 1 hour follow up. The DFS clinician is available to do cognitive assessments, refer to a Neurologist for further diagnostic testing, and to local agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the CORE program at MV Community Services, the Center for Living Supportive Day Program and the Memory & Music Café for additional supports and services.

“There is no book on how to transition your family’s entire life to care for someone with dementia. We need all the support we can get. Until you have experienced it yourself you can’t imagine how terrifying it is. We were drowning until the Dementia Family counselor was kind enough to throw us a lifeline. She was there when we needed her most. Please keep up the good work at MVCL and continue to offer these essential services.” DFS Family

Memory and Music Café:

The Memory & Music Café brings elder community members, their caregivers, and adults with developmental and cognitive challenges together every Thursday from 10am to 12n, to socialize, sing and enjoy the company of their peers. Memory Cafés are a national movement in community-based services for older adults with memory loss, their family members and caregivers. Memory Cafés are also increasingly open to older adults with developmental disabilities. A portion of our funding for the Memory and Music Café comes from the state Department of Disability Services (DDS). There are over 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts and the movement is rapidly going national and international. Memory Cafés differ, but are all welcoming places where people can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of stigma. There is no charge to participants and each week 15 to as many as 30 participants join us for two hours of music, song, conversation and camaraderie.

Cape Medivan Service (formerly the Medical Taxi Program):

In October of 2018, the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) began a one-year pilot program, the Cape Medivan Service. Available on Wednesdays with a handicapped accessible VTA minibus it left on the 8:15 am boat with passengers going to medical or dental appointments on Cape Cod and in Plymouth for a fee of \$20/round trip, \$10/one way. Unfortunately, this pilot program ended in as of October 2019 and MV Center for Living, along with other community organizations will continue to work with the VTA to find solutions to the growing gap in availability of transportation for Vineyard residents, both on and off island.

Emergency Food Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is a sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program Martha's Vineyard, coordinating five Emergency Food Pantries (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). Each pantry orders a variety of nutritious foods monthly from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston. MV Center for Living coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up and deliver these orders for distribution to food insecure islanders of all ages.

Island Food Products (IFP) donates a truck & driver and storage space twice a month to pick the food up in Boston, transport it back to the Vineyard and store overnight. It is delivered on-island the next day to the 5 pantry sites mentioned above by one of the local highway departments. Steamship Authority costs for these trips are reimbursed to IFP with grant funding and donations. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the emergency pantry sites, through their gleaning program. The local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Center for Living Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meet the Needs" program, as well as their "Food for Friends" program.

The Emergency Food Program serves an average of 250 households monthly, including children and elders and up to 450 families during the mid-winter and holiday seasons. Through the Greater Boston Food Bank we also have access to grant funding to increase capacity by providing additional refrigeration and/or freezer and dry storage space at sites where this is feasible.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month at a cost of \$8000 annually. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times. It is a valuable source of information and we look forward in 2019 to working with the MV Times editors and staff to make this publication an even better resource for islanders 55 and over.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chefs Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell, the culinary arts students plan, prepare and serve this delicious

meal. Students from the Music Department, under the direction of Michael Tinus, provide musical entertainment. Between 25 and 40 seniors attend these luncheons each month. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Chris Porterfield at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital kitchen to provide a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone or homebound on the Thanksgiving, December and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In March 2019, 78 Easter meals were delivered, and during the 2018 holidays, 85 meals were delivered on Thanksgiving Day, and on Christmas Day, 86 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, through the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2019, the island towns contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. This support and generosity makes a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Clapp, Executive Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In 2019, the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued programs to fulfill its mission of enhancing shellfish resources for the wellbeing of the entire Island community. MVSG received funding from all six Island towns, the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, the Jewish Communal Fund, Edey Foundation, Lagoon Pond Association, Slough Farm Foundation, Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard, Farm Neck Foundation, Proud Pour, Cardinal Brook Trust, The Boston Foundation, and many private donors. Town funding ensures each member town an equal portion of the shellfish seed we grow.

Seed Shellfish Production for Municipal Enhancement

MVSG operates the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven; The John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs; and the Chappy Point nursery on Chappaquiddick. Although the Solar Hatchery is "home base", each site has its strengths and each is important to maximizing the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2019 we used these 3 facilities to produce 13.5 million quahogs, 27.5 million scallops and 12.5 million oyster seed for the Shellfish Departments of our six island towns. We also released over 146 million scallop eggs and larvae and 45 million oyster eggs to help supplement the wild populations.

We spawn local shellfish and grow the seed in our hatcheries to an average of 1mm. At that point we distribute them evenly to the Shellfish Departments. West Tisbury receives only oyster seed because there is no quahog or scallop habitat in West Tisbury. The remaining 5 towns receive quahog and scallop seed only. Edgartown Great Pond hosts an oyster restoration project which is funded by a private grant, and therefore receives a fraction of the oyster seed. The Constables grow the seed in nursery systems such as floating cages, bags and rafts where they are safe from boats, people and predators. At the end of the summer they are released to good shellfish habitat where they can improve water clarity and be harvested by recreational and commercial fisherpeople.

Oyster Restoration and the Shell Recovery Partnership

MVSG has managed oyster restoration projects in Tisbury Great Pond (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and Edgartown Great Pond (funded by a private grant) for 30 and 12 years, respectively. The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose shell. Spat-on-shell yields clumps of oysters that are better protected from predators and creates habitat for many other estuarine creatures. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond, so that oysters do not perish into soft mud; provides calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on, and acts like a natural TUMS® by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. Both of these tools depend on shell. In the past, we have purchased clam shell from off-island; only as of recently, we are able to rely solely on scallop shell and shells that have been saved from the trash by our Shell Recovery Partnership.

Since 2011 the Shell Recovery Partnership has committed to rescuing this valuable resource from the waste stream by collecting it from Island restaurants, letting it age, then returning it to the Great Ponds. Thanks to l'étoile, The Port Hunter, Offshore Ale, Noman's, The Lookout Tavern, Chowder Company, Beach Road, the Oyster Bar and the Edgartown Yacht Club, we collected more than 3 times our previous benchmarks in 2019.

Pilot Eelgrass Propagation Project

Eelgrass, *Zostera marina*, is an important nursery habitat for many species, especially bay scallops. It is sensitive to summer heat and poor water quality. On a global scale, seagrass meadows contain 10-40 times more carbon than forests, and are an effective carbon sink. On an ecosystem scale, eelgrass buffers acidic water which helps shellfish produce shell. This summer we planted dislodged eelgrass into biodegradable containers at the Hughes Hatchery. In the spring we will plant them in to Lagoon and Menemsha Ponds. The two main goals are to 1. 'Rehabilitate' plants that would perish otherwise; and 2. Plant re-established, potted plots instead of bare root plants.

Updated edition of the Island Blue Pages

Almost 15 years ago, a committee of the Water Alliance, lead by Amandine and Rick of MVSG, published an illustrated environmental booklet to teach Islanders to be kind to our watersheds and our sole source aquifer, every day. In 2019, with contributions from many organizations and the Edey Foundation, an updated edition was printed by the MV Commission. A Portuguese edition will be printed, pending available funds. Pick up a copy at your Town Hall, Library, pond group, MV Commission or access online at www.mvshellfishgroup.org/island-blue-pages.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA GREEN-BEACH and AMANDINE SURIER HALL
Co-Directors and Biologists



Hatchery-reared oysters on a recycled shell. Left: spat at 5 weeks post-set. Right: same spat at 10 weeks post-set.



Scallop seed grew and survived very well in the hatchery, although wild seed sets were low across the island.

Shellfish Seed Produced in 2019

Quahog Seed		Aquinnah	2,700,000	
		Chilmark	2,700,000	
		Edgartown	2,700,000	
		Oak Bluffs	2,700,000	
		Tisbury	2,700,000	
		Total	13,500,000	
Scallops		Aquinnah	5,466,000	
Seed		Chilmark	5,466,000	
		Edgartown	5,466,000	
		Oak Bluffs	5,466,000	
		Tisbury	5,466,000	
		Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000	
		Gosnold**	100,000	
		Total	27,580,000	
Eggs		Tashmoo	32,800,000	
		Sengekontacket	32,800,000	
		Lagoon Pond	38,400,000	
Larvae		Lagoon Pond	400,000	
		Cape Pogue	15,100,000	
		Menemsha Pond	30,895,000	
Oysters	Tisbury Pond	Great Edgartown Pond***	Great Other	Total
Eggs	45,000,000	-	-	45,000,000
Larvae	2,500,000	4,350,000	-	6,850,000
Remote set	7,952,500	4,480,000	-	12,432,500
Singles	274,261	152,288	800	426,549

Provided by: *contract; **State funding; ***private grant funding

MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Leadership

Oak Bluffs	Alice Butler, Chairman
West Tisbury	John Alley
Aquinnah	June Manning
Tisbury	Elaine Miller
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Louis Paciello
Rider Community Representative	Vacant
Disabled Community Representative	Vacant
Administrator	Angela E. Grant

Service Modifications

The VTA made numerous modifications to the service offering throughout FY 2019, as compared to the previous year. Nearly all of the modifications were reductions of service. These changes were either the elimination of trips or a shortening of the periods during which they run. The reasons were a combination of budget constraints and the results of ridership analysis - complying with MassDOT's directive to eliminate any underperforming service that cannot be reasonably expected to improve to meet performance standards.

Changes to In-Season 2018 as Compared to In-Season 2017 Starting in July

The last Route 4 evening trip was eliminated. The operating period for the previous trip was noted to run June 30 – August 25, 2018 only, instead of April 29 – October 9, 2018. The last Route 5 trip was changed to operate upon request only. Similarly, the last two Route 6 trips were eliminated. All of these trips were originally offered to provide a way to return to up-Island destinations late in the evening during the summer, but they were under-utilized by mass transit standards and have been discontinued.

For Route 8, Friday and Saturday service in September and early October after 7:45 pm was eliminated. These trips previously ran every 30 minutes until 10:15 pm. The period for the remaining evening service was shortened to end the last week of September instead of Columbus Day weekend in mid-October.

One round trip on Route 10 Tisbury Park-and-Ride was added. The 5:15 AM trip serves the 5:30 AM ferry trip recently added to the Steamship Authority's schedules.

The season for Route 11 service was shortened to the end of September instead of mid-October.

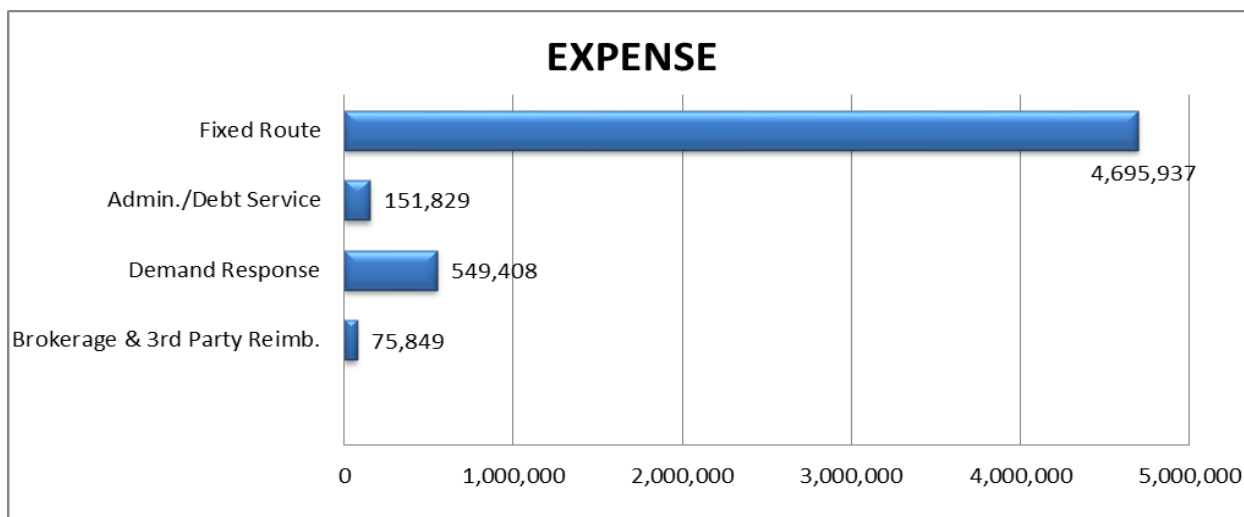
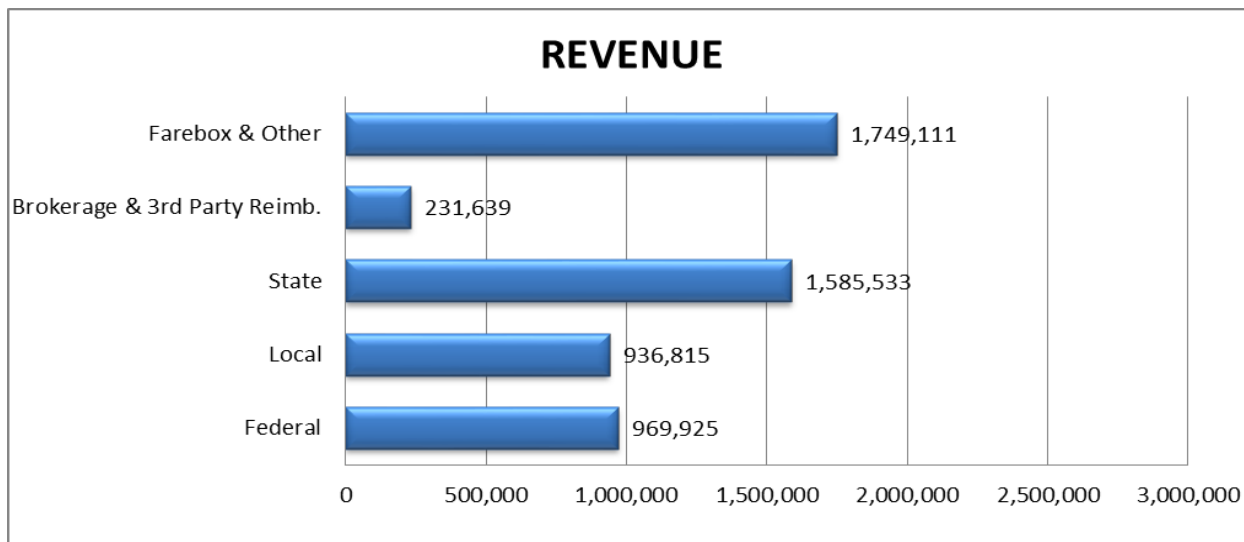
Clean Transportation Initiatives

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated

renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system.

To date, the VTA has made great strides in its electrification project. The VTA has 10 all electric battery buses two six more are slated to arrive in the spring of 2020. The upgraded operations and maintenance facility to support the electric buses will have solar canopies installed this year. In route inductive charging stations are being designed, and the infrastructure has been ordered

Financial



Operational Facts & Figures

Fixed Route

Facts:

	FY 19	FY 18
Annual Ridership	1,305,195	1,347,337
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	1,666,065	\$1,683,544
Annual Cost of Operations	4,695,938	\$4,425,849
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	35.48%	38.04%
Fleet Size	32	33

Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	1,305,195	1,347,337
Annual Revenue Hours	67,047	68,528
Annual Revenue Miles	1,097,108	1,087,337
Annual Vehicle Hours	71,025	72,905
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,162,191	1,156,742

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$3.60	\$3.28
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$70.04	\$64.58
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$4.28	\$4.07
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	19.47	19.66
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	1.19	1.24
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$2.32	\$2.04

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

Adult	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Base		
Elderly		
Fare	\$0.75	\$0.75/zone
Disabled Fare	\$0.75	\$0.75/zone
Under 12	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Under 6	free	Free
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare
Incremental Zone Fare	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Free Fare - describe	6 and under	6 and under

Operational Facts & Figures Continued
ADA – Demand Response

Facts:

	FY 19	FY 18
Annual Ridership	12,298	13,160
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$32,384	\$30,787
Annual Cost of Operations	\$549,408	\$584,893
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	5.89%	5.26%
Fleet Size	6	6

Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	12,298	13,160
Annual Revenue Hours	7,321	6,776
Annual Revenue Miles	106,696	85,966
Annual Vehicle Hours	7,788	7,209
Annual Vehicle Miles	118,551	91,451

Performance measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$44.67	\$44.44
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$75.05	\$86.32
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$5.15	\$6.80
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.68	1.94
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.12	0.15
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$42.04	\$42.11

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

Elderly	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Disabled	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A

Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019 and 2018

ASSETS		2019	2018
Current Assets			
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 986,967	\$ 645,431
	Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 2,020,467	\$ 1,869,833
	Other current assets	\$ 452,436	\$ 534,830
	Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ -	\$ -
	Total current assets	\$ 3,459,870	\$ 3,050,094
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets			
	Restricted assets		
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 221,136	\$ 221,136
	Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,442,525	\$ 4,361,861
	Total restricted assets	\$ 1,663,661	\$ 4,582,997
	Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 464,195	\$ 438,784
	Capital assets, net	\$ 15,763,867	\$ 14,696,379
	Net OPEB asset	\$ 326,777	\$ 348,950
	Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 18,218,500	\$ 20,067,110
	Total assets	\$ 21,678,370	\$ 23,117,204
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
	Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 174,473	\$ 53,888
	Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 15,562	\$ 39,104
	Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 21,868,405	\$ 23,210,196
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
	Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 279,868	\$ 231,670
	Total current liabilities	\$ 279,868	\$ 231,670
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities			
	Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
	Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,437,623	\$ 4,036,516
	Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,437,623	\$ 4,036,516
	Other post-employment benefits	\$ -	\$ -
	Net pension liability	\$ 421,760	\$ 226,827
	Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,762,820	\$ 1,500,284
	Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,622,203	\$ 5,763,627
	Total liabilities	\$ 3,902,071	\$ 5,995,297
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
	Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 21,132	\$ 58,003
	Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 3,923,203	\$ 6,053,300
NET POSITION			
	Invested in capital assets	\$ 15,763,867	\$ 14,696,379
	Restricted	\$ 226,038	\$ 546,481
	Other current assets	\$ 1,955,297	\$ 1,914,036
	Total net position	\$ 17,945,202	\$ 17,156,896



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VINEYARD HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Over the past year, the Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Design and Construction Committee, appointed by the Board of Library Trustees, have been working with the firm of Maryann Thompson, Architects, to design an addition to the library building, in order to build a multi-purpose meeting room for classes, lectures, films, entertainers, literary and other cultural programs for all ages. In January 2019 the design team completed a site survey, documentation and analysis of existing conditions, and building systems assessment. In February 2019, the Tisbury Vision Forum hosted a well-attended Community Meeting with the design team, to gather input about how the community envisioned the new space, and how they would like the meeting room to look and feel, using a 'wish list' and a character study process to understand community preferences.

Conceptual design work continued through fourteen schemes based on four proposed site plans. Draft cost estimates were produced based on three site plans, and in May 2019 a site plan was recommended to the Board of Library Trustees and approved at the May 22nd, 2019 joint meeting of the Board and Committee. In June 2019, the Committee hosted a 2nd Community Meeting, to provide the public with an overview of the conceptual design phase, present the site plan to serve as the basis for schematic design, and offer a "menu" of other potential building improvements. In July, 2019, The Committee consulted with a traffic engineer, and followed recommendations to conduct a parking inventory and parking survey. The design is being finalized, and construction is anticipated to begin in FY2021. The Vineyard Haven Library Building Fund Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has launched a Capital Campaign to fund completion of the project, *without the use of tax dollars*.

When completed, the room will be a gathering space for the many programs now enjoyed by library patrons. More than 8,000 adults, children, and teens attended library programs and events in FY2019, accounting for more than 12% of library visits. Weekly programs for children were presented with the support of the Friends of the Library, the Anderson Foundation, and the Martha's Vineyard Library Association. Highlights of our adult lecture series included a six-part literature seminar with Swarthmore Professor Phil Weinstein, a talk by Arnie Reisman, "Rembrandt Has Left the Building," with more than 150 attendees, and "The Writing Life Public & Private: Rose Styron, Philip Weinstein & Alexander Weinstein in Conversation," in collaboration with Martha's Vineyard Institute for Creative Writing.

Visiting speakers including Appalachian Trail thru-hiking expert Sam Ducharme, Mount Washington Observatory's Will Broussard, MFA curator Pamela Parmal, wildlife photographer Peter Christoph, NASA's Marie Kesten Zahn, and nationally known authors including Martha Hall Kelly, author of *Lilac Girls* and *Lost Roses*, Frye Gaillard, and Martin Garbus, one of the country's leading First Amendment lawyers. Local authors also presented book talks and readings, including Michael Blanchard, Thomas Dresser, Skip Finley, Herb Foster, Mark Halperin, Linsey Lee, Wayne Nichols, Annette Sandrock, Nelson Sigelman, and Professor Philip Weinstein. Many of these programs have been filmed for Martha's Vineyard Television (MVTV).

Library visitors were informed and entertained by feature films and documentaries, including a special screening of "The Cat Rescuers" with producer Steven Lawrence, and a free screening of the feature film "The Public" presented at the Martha's Vineyard Film Center. Performances included a concert by award-winning folk performer Kyle Ann Carey, and a reading of Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" by the Luce Play Readers. The library offered free workshops on Genealogical Research, Advance Care Planning, College Admissions, Emergency Preparedness, Memoir Writing, Regenerative Backyard Gardening, Indoor Plant Propagation, and cooking demonstrations by Liz Kane of Cakes by Liz and bread maker Nina Levin.

Consumer programs included sessions by Cape Light Compact, Housing Rehab with The Resource, Inc. (TRI), and "Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable TV" with State Representative Randy Hunt. Health and wellness programs included "Death Cafes" with Heather Massey, Tai Chi with Derek Notman, and programs on reflexology, pressure points, medical marijuana, and avoiding ticks and tick-borne diseases. Presentations on scientific topics included "Basics of Global Warming" with Dr. Peter Neille, and several talks by visiting Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute scientists. Other popular programs include the "Great Decisions" global affairs discussion group, the Library Book Club, and adult crafting programs.

While continuing to develop a wide-ranging collection of printed materials, the library continues to expand the "non-traditional" items available to library patrons. Technology available for checkout by library patrons now includes a digital projector, Roku and Chromecast devices for streaming digital content, and Kindle eReaders preloaded with popular eBooks. Online resources available to library cardholders and visitors include downloadable eBooks, magazines, and audiobooks through the CLAMS Overdrive collection, the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy, online continuing education service Universal Class, Consumer Reports, Morningstar Investment Research Center, and Mango Languages. Library mobile apps include Printer-On to print to the library printers from home or from your mobile device, and the Shoutbomb app for text message notifications from the library.

In November, Vineyard Haven Library and other CLAMS libraries introduced automatic renewals, to increase the convenience of library borrowing and help patrons avoid late fees. Most items checked out from the Library now renew automatically on a patron's account. Three days before items are due, the system checks for eligible items and renews them, with loan periods extended from the original due dates. Most physical items borrowed (Books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, Audiobooks, Music CDs) are eligible for up to three auto-renewals. Following a national trend, the Martha's Vineyard Library Association, including Vineyard Haven Library, will be part of a pilot within the CLAMS library network, to have all libraries on Martha's Vineyard stop charging late fees this year.

The Library Trustees appreciate the dedication and creativity of our outstanding staff, including Director Amy Ryan, Children's Librarian Emily Lapierre, Young Adult Librarian Jennifer Rapuano, and Library Associates Anne McDonough and Lagan Treischmann, who were joined by new full time staff members, Reference Librarian Kasia Piasecka and Associate Polly Simpkins. The Vineyard Haven Library is open Monday through Saturday year round, and on Sundays during the

winter months. The Board of Trustees meets at the Library at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month and welcomes your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Pratt, Chair
Carolyn Henderson, Vice-Chair
Akeyah Lucas, Secretary
George Balco
Nora Nevin
Jim Norton
Arch Smith
Myra Stark
Pamela Street

Key Statistics, Fiscal Year 2019

Number of visits	64,454
Collection size	93,384
<i>Books</i>	45,359
<i>Audio CDs</i>	2,985
<i>DVD, VHS & Blu-Ray</i>	6,502
<i>Downloadable books</i>	37,841
Circulation	87,719
Interlibrary loans	30,240
Program attendance	8,120
Registered borrowers	6,145
Total hours open	2,438

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to present to you the accomplishments of our departmental staff at MVRHS in the service of our students and community. There are many reasons to be proud of that are highlighted by each department. As an all-Island school, we strive to represent the best of this unique community through our high-performing academic core, our hands-on career and technical programs, our abundantly talented performing and visual arts departments, and our very competitive sports teams.

Art, Design & Technology

The MVRHS Art, Design & Technology Department had an engaging and fruitful year in 2019. In addition to the successful annual Evening of the Arts event in May, students showcased their talents in the "Nothing Without Joy" community art show at Featherstone, in the Old Sculpin gallery, in the MVRHS Yearbook (which won a 2019 Highest Achievement Award from the New England Scholastic Press Association), and in our art & literary journal, SEABREEZES. A team of computer technology students placed second and third at Code Quest, an international computer programming competition. 19 students won a total of 24 statewide awards at the Scholastic Art Awards, five of whom advanced to the national competition, and one of whom won a National Silver Medal in New York.

This year, the department introduced a new course, AP Studio Art and fourteen students will be submitting AP portfolios in May 2020. Drawing & Painting students have been working closely with the leadership class to create art installations and much-needed beautification around the building, while Design & Architecture students held architectural tours of the Campgrounds, Edgartown, and Hutker Architects. Students are illustrating backdrops for this year's musical, "Big Fish." Tech Support, now in its second year, played an important role in supporting the computer based MCAS tests last year and is also helping the leadership class set up a TV/kiosk system throughout the school. A large contingent of students shared their work at Portfolio Day in Boston in November. Dozens of students participated in the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and exhibit and five students won awards in the 2019 Cape Cod Times' "Classroom Times" photography competition, including a first-place award.

Athletics

The athletic program had its share of successes this past year. As we entered this year, we were first-year members of the Cape and Islands league, a league in which we were original members during the 60's, 70's, and 80's. This fall, we saw the Cape & Islands take full shape as Falmouth, Barnstable, Sandwich, Dennis Yarmouth, and Nauset joined the league. The new look will see some sports entering the same league as all other sports: sailing, swimming, and girls' hockey will now be Cape & Islands members. It's very exciting to see some of our old rivals return. Our travel will be cut almost in half for our league games. This means less time traveling and earlier boats back at night.

This spring, we saw the girls' tennis team win its 5th straight State title. The girls' lacrosse team won the Cape and Islands, as well as the boys' and girls' tennis and track teams. This fall, the boys' cross-country team won the league title, the Eastern Mass D5 championship, and then

went on to win the D2 State championship - a first for the program. They were welcomed in Vineyard Haven with the usual champions' welcome as fire trucks and cruisers from each town greeted them.

We're excited with this new beginning in the Cape & Islands, and look forward to more successes on the field and developing young men and women into well-rounded individuals.

Career and Technical Education

This past year has been a busy one and we've had some staffing changes. In Healthcare Assisting, we said goodbye to Susan McHugh and hello to Darcy Neago. Darcy is returning to the position she had several years ago. We welcome her back and look forward to the energy and skills she brings to the program. In Automotive, Mr. Ward and his classes are preparing for Nataf certification. This important certification will allow students to receive hours towards their own individual credentials. In Carpentry, Mr. Seabourne and crew are busy building sheds and friendship benches using locally sourced wood from the state forest. In Culinary, Chefs Crowell and O'Malley have the students working different local intonates reducing food waste, while supporting local agriculture and school lunch programs. Kyle Crossland, the Horticulture teacher, reports that his team is looking forward to using their new greenhouse to propagate plants for their annual plant sale. In Business, Mr. Jakusik and company are preparing to compete in DECA, a national competition that affords our students the opportunity to compete in regional, state, and, possibly, on a national stage. We look forward to seeing how far this talented group can go.

English

The English department hosted several highly anticipated annual events this year, including Poetry Out Loud and Writer's Week. Over 150 students participated in Poetry Out Loud, and 15 made it to the school-wide competition where three winners were named by a panel of Island poets and teachers. The Fifth Annual Writers Week featured visits from over 25 Island writers and poets. The culminating event, the Writers Week Coffeehouse, celebrated both visiting and student writers who shared their work with over 100 attendees. *Seabreezes*, the school's literary magazine, sponsored a coffee house during last spring's Writer's Week in which a gathering of student and community poets performed their work. The 2019 edition of *Seabreezes* has made the first (state) cut in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Awards and is in consideration for national honors.

Additionally, *The High School View* received the "Highest Achievement Award" in its class last May at the annual New England Scholastic Press Association conference. This award honors the outstanding efforts of the newspaper's staff, led by editors-in-chief Henry Hitchings, Mackenzie Condon, and Alexis Condon, all seniors.

As for travels and field trips, the Humanities 11 class visited the MV Museum dressed in Gatsbyesque finery; the AP English 11 class toured Boston and visited the MFA; and English 10 students enjoyed a production of *Macbeth* at the Trinity Rep in Providence.

ESL

Numbers of new ESL students continues to climb. The school community welcomed between 25-30 newcomers to our ranks during the 2018-2019 school year. Consequently, we welcomed new

teacher, David Foley, to the department. David comes to us from the Nantucket school system. He has over 10 years of experience teaching ESL in both the US and Japan. Another addition to the support network for ESL students and their families is a full-time Brazilian Portuguese/English interpreter, Matheus Dos Santos. Again, this past year, students were able to connect with an adult mentor in the community, as well as visit Lasell University to meet with both faculty and students in the education department, tour the campus, and learn about all Lasell has to offer diverse students. Other news in the department is that Dianne Norton was re-appointed Department Chair. Finally, members of the department participated in numerous professional development programs focused around keeping students engaged in the classroom, teaching students with interrupted learning, and race identity and implicit bias.

Guidance

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped 143 graduates develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, the Class of 2019 had 65% of the students attend a four-year college/university; 8% attended a two-year college; 5% attended trade/technical schools/programs; 4% took a gap year; and 18% entered the workforce. This year's generous donors provided scholarships, grants, and additional items such as computers and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,587,966. 108 students in the 2019 graduating class received 502 awards totaling \$1,074,096. Post-graduates and other Island students received \$1,513,870.

The guidance department continued to work with students to help them be trained as leaders in the school and Island community. Peer Outreach, Race Culture Retreat, SWEAR (Stand with Everyone Against Rape) are examples of the work done to help students be effective leaders.

The guidance department also continued to work with all the Island sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming ninth graders. The guidance counselors work with all students to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Students work with their counselors, in groups and individually, to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options.

History

The history department worked on developing a common set of skills for students, building each year upon the skills introduced in the prior year. The department reinforces critical skills of reading, writing, listening, and active engagement. Student progress is assessed using common rubrics across all history classes. Teacher-peer class observations are a central part of the department's vision to ensuring good teaching practice and a cohesive approach across students' history exposure at MVRHS.

The history department strives to make history relevant to students today. The freshmen, studying early American History, attended the new *Harriet Tubman* movie at the Martha's Vineyard Film Society. The AP Modern European history went to Boston, visiting the Museum of Fine Arts, followed by dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant. The Women's Studies class went to Salem to bring life to the struggle of women in the 1600s. The Sophomore Humanities and US II classes participate in mock trials to build speaking skills and analyze social issues of today. Give

Back Day, a day when students volunteer across the Island, continued to be extremely popular and we're looking forward to this third annual event in the spring.

This year welcomed Bill Brown to the department, who joined us from Haverhill High School. Bill is dual certified in social studies and special education. He is currently teaching three sections of Global I and co-teaching two sections of US II. Bill brings a positive energy to the department and the students respect and appreciate him as a teacher.

Library

The library continues to be one of the busiest spaces in the school. So far this year, students have signed into the library over 13,000 times. In addition, classes regularly visit the library for research, to find books, and to work on projects - 246 classes in all since January. Our librarian, Kevin McGrath, regularly visits with classes to teach research skills, including using the library databases, citing sources, and media literacy. He co-teaches the Capstone course, which graduated 10 seniors in June and has 13 enrolled this year.

Students are borrowing books at a higher rate than last year - already over 1,000 books have been checked out. The library has increased support for our growing ELL population through book talks for emerging English speakers and a growing collection of high-interest, low-reading level books. The library hosted several speakers and special events, including student coffeehouses and speakers on diversity and inclusion. The library is home to the Best Buddies club, which meets weekly during Flex as well as after-school events, and was home to an American Sign Language independent study course created by students and advised by the librarian. The library is a haven for students both during and after school until 5:00 pm.

We won a \$9,250 grant from Mass Humanities, which funded the installation of a Portal in the library over 5 separate weeks in April, October, and November. Portals are live, full-body audiovisual environments hosted by communities around the world that enable face-to-face dialogues between people who will likely not otherwise meet. On average, per visit, students talked for 25 minutes in groups of 6. Since April, students visited over 850 times, either individually or as part of lessons developed by a team of 8 MVRHS teachers. We connected with people in places as diverse as Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Qatar, Gaza, Germany, Mexico, and Milwaukee. The Portal project has led to the development of The Parlour in the Library Lab. The Parlour is a collaborative video-conferencing project facilitated through iEARN (a global network of schools) to connect schools around the world with MVRHS students. The Library Lab continues to function as a recording studio, project development hub, and small-group meeting space. More info about these ongoing projects is available at mvrhs.org/library.

Math

This past year in the Mathematics department has been quite productive. We have spent numerous hours during the school year and the summer months aligning and realigning curricula to the common core with the goal of providing clarity for our students and staff.

We now offer 3 different courses for our incoming and current ESL students, and have written the scope and sequence for these courses to better serve this growing population.

We said goodbye and good luck to Margaret D'Angelo as she moves forward into retirement. Her positive attitude and dedication to the subject and her students will be missed. With Margaret

leaving, this meant a new member would be joining our department. We are so lucky to welcome Kelly Magnuson, a young, energetic, and skilled teacher of mathematics. She has proved to be a great addition to our team.

Department member MaryLee Carlomagno continues to enhance our robotics course and extra-curricular activities related to it. She took our robotics team to participate in competition this past spring and reports the students performed well, and, more importantly, learned a lot through this experience.

As a department we are immersing ourselves in the new next generation MCAS Test that is being administered to our 10th graders. This computer-based test is new to our students and we are committed to preparing them and providing them with the necessary technology training and skills to meet with success.

Many of our math department members are also engaged in a Math CoP focusing on the smooth transition for, and proper placement of, our incoming freshmen. Some Faculty from the elementary schools are involved with this process making this experience a positive and collaborative initiative. We are excited about our work going forward.

Performing Arts

In addition to our curricular classes offered to both performing and non-performing students, the Performing Arts Department offered opportunities to students outside the school day. Singers and string players participated in the Southeast District Music Festival (Christian Schmidt, Tripp Hopkins, Josephine Orr, Victoria Scott) last January and the All-Cape and Island Festival in February. Two students, Christian Schmidt and Josephine Orr, went on to audition for, and be accepted to, the All-State Music Festival chorus. Students in the Musical Theatre Production Class presented their annual Cabaret at the PAC.

In February, the entire department was part of the production of the musical, 'As You Like It.' Community instrumentalists, English classes, art classes, and faculty joined the student cast for four performances. Choral students had the opportunity to sing with the elementary school students at the annual All Island Choral Festival. We look at this festival as an opportunity to bring together Island musicians from all the Island towns and celebrate our love of singing.

The Minnesingers travelled to Scotland for a 10-day performing tour. We sang at St. Giles Cathedral, Stirling and Edinburgh Castles, as well as workshopped with the Glasgow Children's Chorus. Our performance at Iona Abbey was unfortunately cancelled due to the boats not running (something we understand all too well). These 26 students represented the Island and the country in fine form. We are planning the next competition in April 2020.

In May, the Pops Concert featured all the performing groups as well as solo and small group numbers. Several singers and instrumentalists performed in the Coffee House and in the hallways at Evening of the Arts. Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Minnesingers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band participated in the graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle, celebrating another successful group of seniors leaving the High School. October auditions were held for the upcoming school musical, 'Big Fish the Musical.' Community members and local musicians join the students in rehearsals. 'Big Fish' will run performances in February 2020. 32 singers and string players who auditioned for the All Cape Music Festival this fall were chosen to perform at

the festival, and Spencer Pogue, Linus Munn, Jack Crawford, Skylar Hall, Lily Jones, Caitlin McHugh, and Maddy Tully will represent MVRHS at the Southeast District Festival. Spencer, Linus, and Skylar were selected to audition for the All-State Music Festival in January. The Winter Concert featured the String Orchestra, combined instrumental groups, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Chorus, and Vocal Ensemble. The Minnesingers presented their annual Winter Concerts at the Whaling Church on Dec. 13 and 14. Instrumentalists continue to entertain at the Senior Citizen lunches and the Minnesingers performed for the community several times during the holiday season.

Physical Education

The past year in Physical Education was transformative with new directions in both health education and physical education. On the MVPS district end, health education was given new life for all students Island-wide thanks to the MedStar Report conducted to examine our overall health and wellness in all Island schools.

At the High School this brought the Michigan Model Curriculum to our 9-12 students, which will be instructed in all PE sections by splitting our scheduled time between health and physical education. Additionally, we have divided the block schedule by grade so that there are eight blocks of freshman and sophomores together and eight blocks of juniors and seniors. In January, we added the Catch My Breath curriculum directed at the E-Cigarette - vaping crisis in our school community. Our student body also created and produced a high-quality public service announcement that involved many departments at the High School. A highlight of community building was our basketball, floor hockey, and volleyball student and staff flex tournaments. Together with the Restorative Justice Office (RJO) we collaborated with organizing, officiating, and playing in these tremendously exciting active sports.



Photo Credit: Lulu White, Tisbury School Student

Project Vine

Project Vine is proud of the accomplishments of our program members and of the positive growth our program has seen this year. In January, Project Vine welcomed a new class of 12 freshman students and for the first time began a waitlist for those interested in being part of our alternative model. Continuing with our mission to provide regular, intentional academic and non-academic experiences for our students, which build engagement through relationships, Project Vine hosted its annual Chopped For Charity event, raising hundreds of dollars, food donations, and awareness for the Island Food Pantry.

We ran a fourth annual Corn-Hole Tournament and Silent Auction to raise money for both our awesome multi-disciplinary trip to New York City in early May and to build the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Outdoor Classroom, now open for use. The outdoor classroom space was dedicated at our end of the year banquet, where we also announced the winners of the first Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial scholarships, given to two of our graduating seniors in June. The award will be given annually in Jake's memory.

In September, students and staff attended a two-night, technology-free retreat at Penikese Island for the second year in a row. In October, our Island Lore Open-Mic Event held at the MV Museum made the front page of the MV Times. As a testament to the positive reputation of our program, three different Cape and Islands Schools have shown interest in the embedded alternative model used here at MVRHS, and have met with our staff or shadowed our program in the hopes of creating similar programs at their respective schools.

Science

In the past 12 months, the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and computer-based STEM design. Teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Conference and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on-Island and off-Island), including Biodiversity Works, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

Dr. Fyler has continued working on the growing issue of tick-transmitted Lyme disease on Martha's Vineyard. Dr. Fyler and a number of students have been collecting and extracting tick DNA to better understand the transmission of the disease and its spread on the Island.

The department has set goals to improve student work around formal lab writing and organizing data. We continue to try to identify best practice standards and implement common skills, assessments, and overarching ideas that can be incorporated throughout the science curriculum.

MVRHS students continue to do well on the biology MCAS with the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced well above the state average.

The science department also saw the retirement of long-time science teacher Jackie Hermann last June. Jackie's devotion to her students and hard work on the science fair will be greatly missed. Anna Cotton has moved into the science department full time in Jackie's place. Jason Neago took over the science fair reins last year, and he did a great job organizing the fair and science day. The science department held its science fair and science day in March of last year and received a great deal of positive feedback concerning the student work displayed and projects completed by the students. In response to feedback from students, the science fair is moving back to its February 7th date to allow our students to compete in the regional and state science fair.

Louis Hall and the Protect Your Environment Club have been leading the cause of climate change education and helping to raise awareness of the climate crisis. Students under Mr. Hall's guidance participated in climate strikes locally every Friday and at the state house.

Special Education

The focus of the department is to build a positive, collaborative environment and to be an integral part of the school community at large. The role of the Special Education Department is to identify eligible students and provide them with specialized instruction to help them fulfill their potential towards college and/or career readiness. Specialized instruction and supports are provided on a continuum from academic and transitional support, in-class support, co-teaching, small-group instruction, to our substantially separate programs. These services/programs are designed with the belief that all students can learn together in the same school to prepare for adult living after graduating/transitioning from high school.

We continued Unified Sports this past year and became one of sixteen schools in Massachusetts



Photo Credit: McKensi Jackson, Tisbury School Student

that earned the status of a banner school after exceeding the minimum qualification of 10 national standards. It was noted that MVRHS exceeded the standards in an inclusive culture, youth leadership, and whole-school engagement. The Unified Program consists of basketball, track and field, and bocce.

The Voyager program is a new development and is a program that supports the transitional needs of our young adults with more significant needs who are working on accessing the community and building independence.

The Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, monitoring of compliance, and to ensure appropriate supports and services are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. We look forward to 2020 as a year to strengthen initiatives already started and to make progress toward meeting the needs of ALL our children!

Wellness Program

This past year, the peer-to-peer programs continued to grow by including more students. Students now have the opportunity to apply to attend workshops, retreats, and trainings in Dialogue Circles, SWEAR (Stand with Everyone Against Rape) and the Race Culture Diversity Retreat. The 14-year-old Peer Outreach Program is now a weekly club co-created with NAMI of MV. NAMI also sponsored a school-wide assembly on Suicide Prevention in May 2019. In Collaboration with CONNECT and the YTF, a DDT (Drunk Driving Task Force) grant was awarded, and together our organizations sponsored 3 school-wide assemblies about substance use/mental health. The grant also paid for an anti-vaping PSA developed by students. Embedded mental health and substance abuse counseling continued this past year and included individual and

group therapy, Al-a-Teen meetings, Recovery Coaching, and counseling for our ELL population. MVRHS and IWYC continued their collaboration by offering case management services to families in need.

World Language

The World Language Department continues to honor and celebrate language and culture with a wide variety of events and opportunities for students including a Festa Junina celebration in collaboration with the Family Center, a forró dance group and Student Immigrant Leadership Club during flex, and a new Spanish for Portuguese speakers' course. Students in the department demonstrated their advanced language skills and seven graduates earned the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, which was awarded for the first time this year. Also, all students who took the AP Spanish exam passed with flying colors. Teachers in the department had the honor of meeting with Laurie Olsen, one of the people responsible for starting the original Seal of Biliteracy in California. As we move forward with the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy and the soon-to-be-updated state standards for language learning, the department embarked on a shared goal of exploring more proficiency-based strategies. A large portion of the department is also participating in a district-wide Community of Practice where they continue to collaborate with the elementary language teachers and share best practices in order to improve students' proficiency in the languages they are learning and discuss proficiency targets for each level.

Thank you for letting me share this information with you and for your continued support of MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are committed to engaging students with challenging academics and providing additional support and resources to better prepare them for their journey after high school. It is through the dedication and support of our teachers, our administrators, school committee, community partnerships, parents, and our students that all of this is made possible. Without these groups working together as a team we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Dingley
Principal

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

To the Citizens of Tisbury:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

FY2019 Assessment
Balance Sheet
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer



MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VS ACTUAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,2019

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	\$ 155,294.71	\$ 151,807.79	\$ 3,486.92
Administration: Expenses	11,535.00	14,689.71	(3,154.71)
Administration Subtotal	166,829.71	166,497.50	332.21
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	282,503.63	276,291.97	6,211.66
Instruction: Expenses	38,700.00	34,949.08	3,750.92
Instruction Subtotal	321,203.63	311,241.05	9,962.58
Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,891.53	(1,891.53)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	24,570.20	20,505.06	4,065.14
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	24,570.20	22,396.59	2,173.61
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	39,261.00	39,261.02	(0.02)
Fixed Costs: Expenses	39,738.74	40,669.54	(930.80)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	78,999.74	79,930.56	(930.80)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	591,603.28	580,065.70	11,537.60
High School Programs: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	141,185.00	145,492.00	(4,307.00)
Administration: Expenses	113,657.28	115,863.02	(2,205.74)
Administration Subtotal	254,842.28	261,355.02	(6,512.74)
High School Programs: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	10,096,557.09	10,095,506.50	1,050.59
Instruction: Expenses	697,582.73	648,867.45	48,715.28
Instruction Subtotal	10,794,139.82	10,744,373.95	49,765.87
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,797,549.79	1,716,911.70	80,638.09
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	710,419.84	817,493.12	(107,073.28)
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(1,033,840.00)	(1,159,313.75)	125,473.75
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	1,474,129.63	1,375,091.07	99,038.56
High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	632,705.70	655,277.77	(22,572.07)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,324,703.26	1,429,710.93	(105,007.67)
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,957,408.96	2,084,988.70	(127,579.74)
High School Programs: Fixed Costs			
Employee Retirement	338,889.47	358,186.26	(19,296.79)
Retired Municipal Teachers	615,638.41	584,870.57	30,767.84
Other Post Employment Benefits	838,783.00	838,783.00	-
Employee Separation Costs	13,000.00	35,700.00	(22,700.00)
Insurance - Employee Related	2,653,631.51	2,590,721.19	62,910.32
Insurance - School Related	322,351.14	329,655.85	(7,304.71)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	325,000.00	318,399.00	6,601.00
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	29,700.00	29,700.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	618,171.00	595,965.54	22,205.46
Fixed Costs Subtotal	5,937,664.53	5,863,981.41	73,683.12
TOTAL High School Programs	20,418,185.22	20,329,790.15	88,395.07
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 21,009,788.50	\$ 20,909,855.85	\$99,932.67

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESMENT ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

DESCRIPTION	FY19 AMOUNT	
Operating & Capital Budget	\$	21,009,788.50
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	831,933.00	21,841,721.50
Less		
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,835,120.00	
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	285,259.00	
Other Revenues	286,135.00	
E&D Offset	43,377.21	3,449,891.21
 FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	 \$	 18,391,830.29

Town Apportionments	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	103,424.00	298,082.00	1,888,137.00	1,944,163.00	1,797,530.00	1,136,584.00	7,167,920.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	177,044.39	450,667.85	2,720,089.83	2,848,855.03	2,575,241.92	1,577,337.48	10,349,236.50
(iii) Transportation	6,515.22	16,584.54	100,099.07	104,837.62	94,768.68	58,045.88	380,851.00
(iii) Capital	9,147.11	23,284.05	140,535.20	147,187.94	133,051.54	81,494.16	534,700.00
(iii) Other Costs	42.77	108.87	657.08	688.18	622.09	381.03	2,500.00
Gross Assessments	296,173.49	788,727.30	4,849,518.17	5,045,731.76	4,601,214.22	2,853,842.56	18,435,207.50
Less E&D Offset	742.05	1,888.90	11,400.83	11,940.53	10,793.72	6,611.16	43,377.21

FY19 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt							
Method	295,431.44	786,838.40	4,838,117.34	5,033,791.23	4,590,420.49	2,847,231.39	18,391,830.29

This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.

Numbers may be off due to rounding.

Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment							
Method (voted by School Committee)	1.64%	5.22%	25.04%	28.32%	25.78%	14.01%	100.00%
School Population based on Town Census	11	35	168	190	173	94	671

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2019 annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The schools on the Island continue to strive to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills necessary to compete in today's world.

There have been minimal personnel changes at the central office. After twenty years of committed service to the district, Janet Sylvia, our Financial Analyst, has retired. We are very fortunate to welcome Bernadette Cormie as Janet's replacement. Bernadette has worked at the high school for several years and has a background in finance. Sheryl Taylor has been hired as our Health Education Coordinator. Sheryl brings extensive experience in health care to the position. We have taken steps to fully implement our Health and Wellness initiative in grades K through 12. This work, along with our partnership with Martha's Vineyard Community Services, has greatly improved the services that we are providing our students and their families. These changes have proven to be very positive for our district.

A large part of our health and wellness initiative is to improve the athletic facilities at our high school. Safe and durable athletic facilities are crucial not only for our high school students but for all the youth organizations that utilize these facilities. This project will provide us with a new track and a reliable playing surface for our lacrosse, field hockey, football, and soccer teams. Huntress Associates, our landscape designer, along with our Owner's Project Manager, are developing the construction documents. We hope to begin construction as early as this spring.



Photo Credit: Nyoka Walters, Tisbury School Student

The lead remediation work at the Tisbury School has been completed and the students will be reunited in the building on January 6th. Thanks to the help from the Tisbury Fire Department and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School we were able to complete the work while still educating our students. The Tisbury Building Committee is continuing to work on a renovation and addition project for the school building that will provide students with a state-of-the-art facility while preserving the historical significance of the current building.

Last year, we completed negotiations with each of our five bargaining units – Teachers, Educational Support Professionals, Administrative Support Personnel, Food Service Workers, and Custodians. Each contract was ratified by the All-Island School Committee and is in effect for the

next three years. Final drafts of each contract are available on the Superintendent's website under the Employment tab.

During the fall of 2019, we had an evaluation completed of our English Language Learner program. Our ELL population has continued to grow across the Island schools and the evaluation will provide us with strategies to meet the needs of this growing school population. We will receive the final report in January and our ELL Action Team will use the recommendations to develop an action plan to make the necessary changes to our program. Additionally, the final part of our special education evaluation was completed this fall. Jim Shillinglaw completed an assessment of our building based special education programs. Each school will receive recommendations on how to make improvements and will develop plans for implementation.

The focus of our professional development over the past year has been the social and emotional well-being of our students, and teaching and learning strategies. In October, we will be providing training for all of our staff on Think-Kids, a program that will provide both our teachers and students with valuable conflict resolution skills. Additionally, we have continued our focus on improving writing instruction and will be offering additional training in the Lucy Calkins writing program for our K-8 teachers. Our high school continues its implementation of restorative

justice, and its expansion of a co-teaching model to the benefit of our special education students.



Photo Credit: Emily Coogan, Tisbury School Student

MCAS results show that our students are performing well in English/Language Arts, math, and science. We use the results of these assessments to evaluate our instruction and make changes to both instructional strategies and to the curriculum. Our schools strive to continually improve in these areas, so our students are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in school, career, and their personal lives.

Several staff members will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the high school, English teachers Bill McCarthy and Cindy Cowen will be retiring. Also, math teacher Jamie Norton will be leaving us at the end of the year. At the Edgartown School, Special Education Teacher Diane Smadbeck will be missed. West Tisbury Social Studies teacher Robyn Maciel-Wingate has retired. Collectively these staff members have dozens of years of service to the Island's students. Congratulations to you all.

I am truly privileged and honored to be serving as the Island Schools' Superintendent. Happy New Year!

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools



AUG./SEPT. 2019

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LEGEND:

Staff Preparation/Orientation Days



Holiday and Vacation Days



Teachers' Professional Days



2019

August	26-27	New Teacher Orientation
August	28	Full Professional Development Day
August	29 & 30	Staff Preparation/Orientation Days
September	2	Labor Day
September	3	All Schools Open
October	11	Full Professional Development Day
October	14	Columbus Day
November	6	Teacher CoP (after school)
November	11	Veteran's Day
November	27-29	School Closed/Thanksgiving
December	20	Elemen. Schools Close at Noon/December Recess
		MVRHS Closes at 11:00/December Recess
Dec. 23-Jan. 3		School Closed/December Recess

2020

January	1	New Year's Day
January	6	Schools Re-Open
January	15	Teacher CoP (after school)
January	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	17	Presidents' Day
February	24-28	February Vacation
March	11	Professional Development Day – ½ day
March	25	Teacher CoP (after school)
April	20	Patriot's Day Observed
April	21-24	April Vacation
May	25	Memorial Day
May	27	Teacher CoP (after school)
June	8	Professional Development Day – ½ day
June	19	Last Day of School
June	26	Last Day of School with 5 Snow Days *

CALENDAR INCLUDES 185 SCHEDULED SCHOOL DAYS, INCLUDING 5 SNOW/EMERGENCY DAYS. IF THESE DAYS ARE NOT USED, THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL IN JUNE WILL BE ADJUSTED IN ORDER FOR THE CALENDAR TO CARRY A TOTAL OF 180 STUDENT SCHOOL DAYS.

ADDITIONAL DATES

September	30	Rosh Hashanah
October	9	Yom Kippur
October	8	Cranberry Day
April	9	Passover
April	10	Good Friday
April	12	Easter
May	24	Eid al-Fitr

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

August	30	Freshman Orientation
June	7	Graduation

PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS

Elementary Schools: October 22, 24, 28; March 12, 16, 18
MV Regional High School: October 15, 16, 17, 18

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Revision Approved by the AISC 6.25.2019

TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thank you for supporting the children and staff at the Tisbury School. The generosity of residents in our town is remarkable every year, but even more so today. This past year brought challenges that at times seemed insurmountable; however, our community proved that we can overcome the hurdles in front of us, and we will continue to do just that.

For many months there has been a spotlight on a building that needs major repairs and has for many years. The repairs could not have been addressed by a maintenance line in the school budget last year, five or ten years ago due to the magnitude of the deficiencies. The town has paid for three independent inquiries since 2008 to evaluate the state of the building and develop a strategy for the future. The latest report suggests exiting conditions require the building to be nearly gutted to ensure structural fidelity and elimination of hazardous materials. We must be prepared for a major school project.



Photo Credit: Ronan Mullin, Tisbury School Student

Thus, we are at crossroads - continue to bicker and point fingers and place blame upon each other, or move forward together to create an educational space that is safe, sustainable, and meeting the needs and opportunities presented in the educational program endorsed by the school community, the selectmen and community volunteers sitting on the building committee. With your help we can choose the latter.

What happens next?

The building committee will present a project for town vote within the coming months.

Please ask questions, make suggestions and understand what is needed structurally and financially. Time is not on our side with the building. The longer we wait to build consensus, the more costly it will become.

The town administrators, school administrators and school committee recognize that until we have a renovated school, we will need to continue to remediate and address maintenance issues that impact the health and safety of the students and staff. To that end, we are seeking to add \$300,000 to the 2020-2021 budget to address those needs as they arise.

Most important for you to know, the heart of our school beats strong despite the state of the building. Students and staff are resilient, determined, supportive of each other and hopeful.

Sincerely,
Amy Houghton
Chair, Tisbury School Committee

TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

While the start of the 2019-20 school year was certainly not what we had hoped for, it did provide an opportunity for our school community to rally and demonstrate impressive commitment. The decision to relocate students in order to remediate lead paint was made out of an abundance of caution. In late August and early September, it was challenging and at times overwhelming to work towards re-creating two separate schools – grades K-4 located in the 1990s-addition wing of the Tisbury School and grades 5-8 located at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. In the weeks and months that followed our delayed opening of the school year, I often was amazed how it was all done. With tremendous support and understanding from parents, the school staff did incredible work. It's been said that one learns more about oneself – and others – during times of adversity. Our relocation made me prouder to be part of the Tisbury School staff than ever before, since I joined in 2004.

I am sincerely sorry for the many challenges created by our relocation. Personally, it was disappointing and embarrassing. However, I was buoyed by others – especially parents and students. The opening of school on September 9 felt celebratory, as the return of students reinforced the joy of working with children. Students are remarkably resilient and they adjusted to different conditions capably. Throughout the fall, as the School Committee, town leaders, and school administration worked to reunite grades K-8, it became clear that the strength of the Tisbury School is found in its people.



Photo Credit: Evie Moffett,
Tisbury School Student

Therefore, looking ahead, there is reason for optimism that there will be support for a comprehensive building project to address the educational and facility needs of the school. The Tisbury School Building Committee has been engaged since last summer, and the hiring of an owner's project manager and architect were promising milestones. I am hopeful that our community realizes this critical opportunity to improve the school.

The Tisbury School Education Program outlines many of the reasons that our school has been successful in its work with children. Supporting the increasing needs of all students in a K-8 school is challenging, but also a rewarding responsibility. Our community should be proud of the opportunities that Tisbury School students have to learn, grow, and develop.

Countless individuals deserve thanks for their support of the Tisbury School. Let us hope such support continues, allowing the school community to strengthen its work with children. That is something our town can be very proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

John Custer
Principal



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TISBURY MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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ANIMAL CONTROL 66 High Point Lane - (Dog Pound)	508-696-4209
ASSESSORS 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4206
BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4280
CONSERVATION 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	580-696-4260
COUNCIL ON AGING 34 Pine Tree Road	508-696-4205
COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER (Non-Emergency)	508-696-1212
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4220
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 215 Spring Street	508-696 4250
FINANCE DEPARTMENT 51 Spring Street (Town Hall)	508-696-4205
FIRE DEPARTMENT To Report A Fire	911
FIRE DEPARTMENT, 215 Spring Street (Office- Non-emergency)	508-696-4246
HARBORMASTER 19 Owen Park Way	508-696-4249
HEALTH DEPARTMENT 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4290
IT DEPARTMENT 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-684-8303
LIBRARY MAIN NUMBER 200 Main Street	508-696-4210
PLANNING BOARD 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4270
POLICE DEPARTMENT 31 Water Street	
To Report An Emergency	911
Headquarters	508-696-4240
RECREATION/PARKS 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4220
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 40 West William Street	
SELECTMEN 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4202
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4201
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4250
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4203
TOWN CLERK 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4215
TOWN ACCOUNTANT 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4255
TOWN HALL General Information 51 Spring Street	508-696-4201
WATER DEPARTMENT 325 West Spring Street	508-696-4230
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4260

NOTE: All Departments listed at 51 Spring Street are located in the Main Town Hall
All Town Hall Annex Departments listed are now located at 66 High Point Lane

YEARS OF SERVICE

10 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Eloise Boales-Moreis
Amy Ryan
Amy Maciel
Donald Fraser
Sean Duarte

John Minnehan
John Crocker
Brian Flanders
Betty Burton
Troy Maciel

Tracey Jones
Patrick Murphy
Catie Fuller Blake
Jakob Levett

15 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Rhonda DeBettencourt
Cecily Greenaway
Alycelee Pigman

Kenneth Maciel
Laurie Clements
Chris Habekost

John Childs
Scott Ogden
Marie Ann Maciel

20 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura Barbera
Rhonda DeBettencourt
Sandra Whitworth
Shawn Decosta
George Medeiros

Kim Serpa
Scott Norbury
Joanna Jernegan
Ann Marie Cywinski

Darren Welch
Hillary Conklin
Maura Valley
Jason Robinson

30 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Pat Harris
Glenn Pinkham

Joyce Stiles Tucker
John Schilling

Suzanne Kennedy
Gary Sylvia

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TISBURY WORD SEARCH

There are 12 Tisbury related words hidden in the puzzle below!
Can you find them all? Remember they can be spelled forwards,
backward and diagonally! Good luck!

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BEACH ROAD
VINEYARD

WEST CHOP
DUKES
MAYHEW
STREET FAIR

