



ANNUAL REPORT

2020

TOWN OF TISBURY

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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	\$9.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation
Commercial	\$8.58 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

The Board of Selectmen voted in 2020 to continue the residential exemption for FY2021, 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 FY2021 from the Residential on to the Commercial property. The Board of Selectmen has voted a Residential Exemption since 1988.

ASSESSMENTS: FY 2021 ASSESSED VALUATIONS

Residential Property:	\$2,794,895,550
Open Space:	-0-
Commercial Property:	\$257,938,554
Industrial Property:	\$5,268,700
Personal Property:	\$65,538,996
Exempt Property:	\$225,030,000
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS:	\$3,123,416,770

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Cover photo was taken by the Island photographer Michael R. Blanchard, who is known for his inspirational photography. Taken on the somber September morning, the photo is a perfect reflection of the past year. Despite the pandemic fogging the view of what lies ahead, there is still light that breaks up the darkness and guides you home to safety.

IN MEMORIAM: Christopher Fried - Energy committee; Shelley Carter- Finance Committee and Government Study Panel; Margaret Wolontis - Conservation Commission

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TOWN OF TISBURY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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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.

.....

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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SELECT BOARD

The onset of the COVID 19 Pandemic caused disruptions and new challenges for all of us in our daily lives. Local government was presented with unique challenges requiring innovations in how we conduct our business and maintain continuity in local municipal services. The Select Board are pleased to report that local government responded effectively and was able to implement programs and strategies to overcome many of the obstacles that arose during the current health crisis. Town government was able to quickly implement remote work programs and remote participation for public meetings for all our local boards commissions and committees. Town offices have remained limited in terms of access by appointment only, while expanding other avenues for citizens to conduct business with the town via online, phone and drop off boxes. A testament to the success of our efforts is that the Town of Tisbury conducted an in-person Town Meeting albeit delayed from March to June to take advantage of better weather conditions so it could be held outdoors. The citizens of Tisbury held Town Meeting outside on a bright and warm June Saturday to conduct the town's business. Finishing Town Meeting on the same day with passage of the full operating budget for the next fiscal year, Tisbury has the distinction of being one of the first municipalities to do so in the Commonwealth.

Business was certainly not as usual in 2020. However, the Select Board are pleased to report several achievements over the course of the calendar year.

Following the election of Larry Gomez to the Select Board, James Rogers was elected Chairman, Jeff Kristal was elected Vice Chair, and Larry Gomez was elected Clerk.

The Select Board 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.

Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Project

The Tisbury School Building Committee formed in 2019 continued to work diligently with the Owner's Project Manager Daedalus Associates and Project Architect, Tappe' for the renovation and addition project. Delays incurred due to the pandemic impacted on the timetable and technically behind schedule. Once able to meet again as state government permitted, the Committee and Consultants completed existing conditions report, evaluated several alternatives, progressed the preferred option and schematic plan and developed preliminary cost estimates. In the upcoming calendar year, the Committee and consultants will finalize their work and present the project to the voters.

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. In 2020, the Town was successful in receiving a second grant award from the state in the amount of \$111,022 to continue this important work.

As reported last year, the study is to 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.

New Revenue

The state has enacted new revenue collections in the last few years assessing short term rental income and marijuana sales. The Select Board has approved two host community agreements for marijuana sales. The Select Board are passing new regulations to inspect short term rentals. These revenue sources are able to be assessed and managed through the Select Board’s enactment with Town Meetings approval the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64-N, Section 3 the local sales tax on the sale of recreational marijuana at a rate of 3% of the gross receipts and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts from these revenue sources to a stabilization fund. The objective is to direct a portion of the above revenues received the town’s stabilization funds to be used to address the long-term capital building and infrastructure needs of the town.

Specifically, the Select Board enacted with Town Meeting approval, the dedication of 50% of the local tax revenue from the sale of marijuana facilities operating in the town to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B. The Select Board also enacted with Town Meeting approval pursuant to the same law all the charges received from Short Term Rentals to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund, pursuant to the same law. Last, the Select Board enacted with Town Meeting approval the dedication pursuant to same law 35% of all State receipts received from the State for Hotel, Meals and Short-term Rentals to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund.

Special Legislation

Following Town Meeting approval of a citizen petition to eliminate the food requirement under the town’s All Alcohol Regulations, the Select Board submitted legislation to our state delegation to seek approval from the State Legislature. This legislation is anticipated to be enacted in calendar year 2021.

Aquaculture Regulations

The Select Board adopted comprehensive aquaculture regulations in 2019. The Select Board received three aquaculture applications this calendar year. All three were approved. The aquaculture license application for Lake Tashmoo was approved by the Select Board, but license application was denied by the state Department of Marine Fisheries. The license application approved by the Select Board for Husselton in Lagoon Pond has been moving forward receiving initial approval from the Department of Marine Fisheries, which allows the applicant to continue seeking final approval from the State. The most recent license application approval by the Select Board for Noah Mayrand in Lagoon Pond is still seeking the initial state approval in the state review process. In the very near future oyster production will be a reality in town waterways. The scale of these activities will be constrained by the limited areas and size of waterway bodies available.

Waterways Committee and Water Resources Committee

The Select Board consolidated and drafted charges for two new committees. The Waterways Committee and Water Resources Committee. The Waterways Committee is the successor committee to the former Natural Resources Committee with more refined focus on the town's waterways in support of the Harbormaster and Shellfish Departments, the Natural Resources Office. The primary goals are to amend the town Waterway Regulations and to develop a Comprehensive Dredging Plan for town waterways.

The Waterways Resource Committee is the successor to the Wastewater Planning Committee charged with planning wastewater management town-wide, which will include the completion of the town's Comprehensive Waste Management Plan. This committee will also take on the new charge of planning for stormwater management to improve water quality and to abate sources of pollution that degrade our surface water and groundwater resources.

Open Space and Recreation Committee

The Select Board and Planning Board established a new Open Space and Recreation Committee. The joint appointments by the Select Board and Planning Board charges the committee to maintain and to implement the approved Open Space and Recreation Plan. The committee will be advisory to both boards and the Public Works Director.

The above achievements just a small sample of the Select Board's activities over the calendar year. The Board worked on many other initiatives and

The Select Board will continue to work closely with many agencies and groups outside of town hall in the upcoming year. The Select Board 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 Town continues to retain a sound financial standing with a current AA rating by Standard & Poor's. The Select Board have continued to support homeowners through a residential exemption.

The Select Board 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 numerous public meetings. In addition to the Select Board Meetings, the Select Board routinely attend the meetings of other Town boards, commissions, and committees. Other meetings the Select Board participate in include the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Cape and Island Select Board Association Meetings, All Island Select Board Meetings, Dukes County Commission Meetings and the Select Board also send representatives to other regional groups such as the Steamship Authority, Cape Cod Light Compact, Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, and Vineyard Transportation Authority.

In the year of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Select Board wish to express a special thanks to our health and safety officials for their response, advice, and counsel throughout the year to protect the public health and welfare of all of us. Likewise, we also wish to thank all 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 of you endured this difficult year and through your personal perseverance and mutual support of each other performed to the highest level of professionalism and we thank you. All of you make holding the office of Select Board and position of Town Administrator an unequalled privilege and honor. Working together has helped us to successfully navigate through the current pandemic to achieve so much during the past year. We look forward to a bright future and more success in Calendar Year 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Select Board

James J. Rogers, Chairman
Jeff Kristal, Vice-Chairman
Larry Gomez, Clerk

John W. Grande, Town Administrator
Alexandra BenDavid, Executive Assistant
Pam Bennett, Human Resources Coordinator

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, COVID-19, reviews of FY21 budget and warrant articles, the Tisbury School building project, 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 Loberg, Chairman-Select Board
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
Daniel Seidman, Planning Board
Jonathan Snyder, Finance Director (Ex Officio)
Cynthia Richards, Assessors
Sandra Johnson Pratt, Library Board of Trustees

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
Deborah Medders	2023
Selectmen	
Melinda F. Loberg	2020
James Rogers	2021
Jeff Kristal	2022
Larry Gomez	2023
Assessors	
Roy Cutrer, Jr.	2023
Cynthia Richards	2021
David Dandridge	2022
Town Clerk	
J. Hillary Conklin	2023
Board of Health	
Jeffrey C. Pratt	2023
Malcolm Rich Boyd	2021
Michael D. Loberg	2022
School Committee	
Janet M. Packer	2020
Amy B. Houghton	2021
Michael Watts	2022
Jennifer Cutrer	2023
Water Commissioners	
David J. Schwab	2023
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
Constance Alexander	2025
Library Trustees	
Carolyn Henderson	2023
Akeyah Lucas	2020

Sandra Johnson Pratt	2023
George J. Balco	2021
Nora Nevin	2021
Pamela S. Street	2021
James H. K. Norton	2022
Myra Stark	2022
Archibald Alexander Smith	2022
Dennis Gene Agin	2023

Constables

Mark Campos	2021
Kenneth A. Barwick	2023
Michael Ciano	2022

Finance & Advisory Committee

Jynell Kristal	2023
Mary Ellen Larsen	2023
Nancy B. Gilfoy	2021
Laura A. Rose	2021
Lesley Segal	2022
Sarah York	2023
**India Rose	2021
**Kelly Metell	2021
**Allan Rogers	2021
*Larry Gomez	2021
*Patricia Hand	2022
*Seth Gambino	2022

Fish Committee (Elected at Town Meeting)

Janet Messineo	2021
James T. Tilton	2021
John M. Wilbur, III	2021

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

Nancy Weaver	2023
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Martha's Vineyard Commission Terms Expire December 31

Clarence A. Barnes, III	2022
Ben Robinson	2022

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

Animal Control Officer

Patrick Souza, Interim 2021

Chief Procurement Officer

John W. Grande Indefinite

Animal Inspector

Catie Blake 4.30.2021

Information Technology Administrator

Heidi Rydzewski Indefinite

Cape Light Compact

John W. Grande 2021

Director of Municipal Finance

Jonathan V. Snyder 2023

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative

John W. Grande 2021

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Jonathan V. Snyder 2023

Emergency Management

Christina Colarusso, Director 2021

Assistant Treasurer & Tax Collector

Kimberly J. Serpa 2021

Shellfish Constable

Danielle Ewart 2020

Fred Benson, Assistant 2021

Nelson Sigelman, Assistant 2021

Principle Assessor

Ann Marie Cywinski Indefinite

Elections Warden

Mary Ellen Larsen 2021

Town Accountant

Suzanne E. Kennedy 2022

Municipal Census Supervisor

J. Hillary Conklin 2021

Building & Zoning Inspector

Fence Viewer

Ross Seavey 2022

Gas Inspector

Michael Ciano 2021

Local Inspector

Justin Lucas 2021

Plumbing Inspector

Michael Ciano 2021

Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

Wiring Inspector

Raymond Gosselin 2021

Robert Mongillo, Assistant 2021

Harbormaster

John S. Crocker 2021

Will White, Assistant 2021

Veterans Agent & Veterans Burial Officer

Jo Ann Murphy Indefinite

Veterans Grave Officer

Brian Montrose	2021
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Board of Registrars

Leniston Daughtery	2022
J. Hillary Conklin	2023
Catherine M. Mayhew	2023
Elizabeth M. Call	2021

Beautification Committee

Jynell Kristal	2021
Dawn Braasch	2021
Kathy Rogers	2021

Council on Aging

Edward Sternick	2022
Sandra Johnson-Pratt	2022
Eleanor Morad	2020
Donald Rose	2023
Kenneth R. Gross	2021
Constance Teixeira	2021

Community Preservation Committee

Cheryl S. Doble	2021
John Best	2021
Abbe Burt	2021
John Bacheller	2021
Victor Cappoccia	2022
Clarence A. Barnes	2023
Paul Munafo	2021
David Ferraguzzi	2022
Tomar Waldman	2022

Conservation Commission

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

Dukes County Advisory Board

Jeff Kristal	2021
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Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust

Jonathan V. Snyder	2021
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Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

Daniel Jay Seidman	12.31.2023
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Embarkation Advisory Committee

Peter Goodale	2021
Jynell Kristal	2021
James Rogers	2021
Jonathan V. Snyder	2021

Energy Committee

William Straw	2021
Kirk Metell	2021
Bruce Stuart	2021
Nancy Gilfoy	2021
Dawn Bellante Holland	2021

Housing Committee

Laura L. Barbera	2021
Abbe Burt	2021
John W. Grande	2021
Daniel Jay Seidman	2021
Jean Hay	2021
Lesley Segal	2021
Victor Capoccia	2021

Housing Trust

Jeff Kristal	2021
Larry Gomez	2021
James Rogers	2021
Abbe Burt	2021
Daniel Jay Seidman	2021
John Grande	2021
Jon Snyder	2021

Land Bank Advisory Board

Lillian Robinson	2021
Henry Neider	2021
Gerard Hokanson	2021
Elaine Miller	2021
Jeffrey Pratt	2020

David J. Schwab	2021
Malcolm Boyd	2021

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

Julia Kidd	2022
Susan Johnson	2022
Suzanne Rosenberg	2022

Martha's Vineyard Commission

Ben Robinson	12.31.2020
Josh Goldstein	12.31.2021

MVC Joint Affordable Housing Group

Alexandra Kral	2020
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Martha's Vineyard Community

Television Board of Directors

Robert Tankard	2021
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Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Elaine Miller	2021
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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

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Cheryl Doble	2021
Gerard Hokanson	2021
Henry Stephenson	2021
Carolyn Wallis	2021
David Welch	2021

Parking Clerk

Donna Michalski	2021
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Personnel Board

John H. Rollins	2020
William C. McConnell	2020
Barbara Fortes	2020
John Schilling	2021
Marilyn Wortman	2021
Christine Redfield	2021

RECC Finance Advisory Board

Jonathan Snyder	2021
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RECC Public Safety Advisory Board

John Schilling	2020
Greg Leland	2021
Mark Saloio	2021

Sewer Advisory Board

Jeff Pratt	2021
Dan Seidman	2021
Melinda F. Loberg	2020
Jeff Kristal	2021
Josh Goldstein	2021
John Best	2021
Christina Colarusso	2021

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

Caroline Little	2021
Frank Piccione	2021
Dana Hodson	2021
Benjamin Robinson	2021
Jeffrey Pratt	2021

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	2021
John Schilling	2020
Elaine Miller	2021
Fredrick Rundlet	2021
Doris Clark	2021
Christine Redfield	2021

Spring Building Management Committee

Harriet Barrow	2021
Patricia Carlet	2021
Lorraine Wells	2021

Steamship Authority Port Council

George J. Balco	12.31.2020
John Cahill	12.31.2022

Steamship Long Range Task Force

John Cahill	2021
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Steamship Working Group

Steven Araujo	2021
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Town Cabinet

Archibald Smith	2021
J. Hillary Conklin	2021
John W. Grande	2021
James Rogers	2021
Nancy Gilfoy	2021
Malcolm Boyd	2021
Amy Houghton	2021
David J. Schwab	2021
Elaine Miller	2021
Jonathan V. Snyder	2021
Cynthia Richards	2021

Town Picnic Committee

Harriet Barrow	2021
Patricia Carlet	2021
Danielle Ewart	2021
Aase M. Jones	2021
Jonathan V. Snyder	2021
Henry Stephenson	2021
Lorraine Wells	2021

Sheetal Grande	2021
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Vineyard Healthcare Access

Alan Hirshberg	2021
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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

Waterways Committee

Jeff Canha	2021
Greg Martino	2021
Roger Moffat	2021
John Packer	2021
Matthew Hobart	2021
Michael Baptiste	2021
Paul Manafo	2021

Water Resources Committee

Larry Gomez	2021
Nancy Gilfoy	2021
Michael Loberg	2021
Ben Robinson	2021

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

Craig Whitaker	2023
John Bacheller	2021
Judith E. Federowicz	2021
Dana L. Hodsdon,	2021
Harold W. Chapdelaine	2021
Paul Lazes	2021
Dawn Braasch	2021
Polly Simpkins, Alternate	2021
Christine Redfield, Alternate	2021
Greg Milne, Alternate	2022

Zoning Board of Appeals		Anthony Holand	2024
Neal Stiller	2021	Michael Ciano	2023
Jeffrey C. Kristal	2022	Frank Piccione, Associate	2021
John Guadagno	2025	Susan Fairbanks, Associate	2020

Police Department

Mark Saloio	Police Chief	Pierce Harrer	Patrolman
Christopher Habekost	Sergeant	Jonathan Goeckel	Patrolman
Max Sherman	Sergeant	William Brigham	Patrolman
Jeffrey Day	Sergeant	Edward St. Pierre	Patrolman
Scott J. Ogden	Patrolman	Julia Levesque	Patrolman
Andrew Silvia	Patrolman		
Peter Sidoti	Patrolman		
Charles Duquette	Patrolman		

Special Officers

Michael Cutrer	2020	Dwayne Koohy	2021
Patrick Souza	2021	Washington Ives	2021
Mataya Trusty	2021	Savannah Barnes	2021
Juan Sanchez Roa	2020	Andrew St. Pierre	2021

Traffic Officers

Eloise Moreis Boales	Traffic Officer
Carla Gomes	Traffic Officer

Crossing Guards

Christina Whitney	2021
Stephen Nichols	2021
John Rollins	2021
Cheryl Pinkham	2021

Special Traffic Officers

Mataya Trusty	2021
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Fire Department

John F. Schilling, Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden	2020
Gregory Leland, Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden	2023
Patrick Rolston, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief	2021

Fire Captains

Kenneth Maciel	Glenn Pinkham
James Rolston	Gary Sylvia

Fire Lieutenants

Jacob Levett	Jason Robinson
James McMann	Gregory Leland
Patrick Murphy	Patrick Rolston
Darren S. Welch	Justin Lucas

Chaplin

Stephen Harding

Fire Police

Richard Roy

James McMan

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

James Rolston, Captain

Julius Middleton, Firefighter

Jamilyn Joseph, Firefighter

Sheldon EBanks, Firefighter

Justin Lucas, Lieutenant

Derek Nagengast, Firefighter

Jessica VonMehren, Firefighter

Engine #2 (Rescue Squad)**2018 Pumper; 1990 Rescue Pumper**

Glenn Pinkham, Captain

Jason Robinson, Lieutenant

James McMann, Lieutenant

James Cleary, Firefighter

Jason Davey, Firefighter

Connor Chisholm, Firefighter

Daniel Martino, Firefighter

Sean Duarte, Firefighter

George R. Medeiros, Firefighter

Jacob Maciel, Firefighter

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James Stinemire, Firefighter

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Ladder Truck (Bronto)**2006 RLP**

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Patrick Murphy, Lieutenant

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Cortland Cammann, Firefighter

Louis D'Agostino, Firefighter

Ryan Welty, Firefighter

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Dear Tisbury Friends,

The Covid-19 global pandemic has put enormous burdens on our local economy, our hospital, medical, and professional communities, and of course our most precious resource: our children and families.

Martha's Vineyard has seen unprecedented levels of unemployment with so many Islanders unable to work. If you or someone you know has filed for unemployment (UI) or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and need assistance with a claim, we are more than happy to help.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime at: (617) 722.2013 ext. 3, or email me at: Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov.

My office is always here to serve you.

Respectfully yours,

Dylan



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VOTERS

As of December 31st 2020

VOTERS	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Democratic (D)	1329	1338	1283	1280	1281	1230	1203
Republican (R)	229	262	265	276	282	316	314
Unenrolled (U)	1924	1932	1901	1932	1844	1791	1749
Green-Rainbow (J)	2	3	3	14	9	12	11
United Independent	5	9	11	14	17	6	0
Libertarian (L)	3	6	5	5	3	8	8
ACTIVE	3471	3493	3447	3440	3437	3306	3285
INACTIVE	21	60	93	68	48	57	48

DOG LICENSES

Type	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Male/Female	140	115	99	70	99	104	154
Neutered/Spayed	634	685	675	594	626	602	636
Totals	774	800	774	664	725	706	790
Kennel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TISBURY

Births recorded in Tisbury	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	44	46	40	37	47	28	35

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN TISBURY 2020

1/10/2020	PRISCILLA MARTINS SANTOS GARCIA EDUARDO CAETANO SANTIAGO SENA	June 27, 1987 January 1, 1985	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
1/29/2020	MARCELLE MEDEIROS AYDAN JAMES CARVER	February 18, 1993 July 21, 1993	Oak Bluffs, MA Edgartown, MA
2/8/2020	MEGAN C. ROTH JOSEPH WILBUR HARPER III	June 20, 1979 December 1, 1958	Westerly, RI Tisbury, MA
2/22/2020	LEIDIANE FERREIRA De LIMA DENILSON CARLOS CANDIDO	December 27, 1991 October 17, 1982	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
2/25/2020	KEVIN CHARLES BEAULIEU REBECCA OHANA DA SILVA MANZOLIN	September 19, 1989 September 5, 1994	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
4/16/2020	JOZIENE PEREIRA HELIOMAR MARQUES OLIVEIRA	October 10, 1990 January 7, 1981	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
4/30/2020	THOMAS N. SULLIVAN LINDA JANE ZIEGLER	April 26, 1951 July 7, 1953	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
5/23/2020	ANDORA JUSTINO BUZETTI AQUINO ROMAURO FABEM RODRIGUES	September 18, 1991 November 23, 1991	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
7/8/2020	VALMIR RODRIGUES RANIELI FERREIRA ROSA	July 3, 1971 March 18, 1983	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
7/24/2020	MATTHEW JAMES KELLER MARION JEHANE ABOUD	June 7, 1986 August 15, 1988	Concord, MA Concord, MA
8/8/2020	KEDAR DAAMIN ROBINSON EBONY RENEE MEDAS	February 13, 1985 November 29, 1984	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
8/14/2020	ALLISON RAE WHRITENOUR CLARENCE WILLIAM OLIVER	November 14, 1987 December 29, 1988	Glenwood, N.S., Can. Glenwood, N.S., Can.
8/28/2020	DAVID L. BISHOP MARIE E. MULLINS	March 20, 1955 July 11, 1955	Deptford, NJ Deptford, NJ
8/29/2020	DANIEL BENNETT BART SAMANTHA CLAIR RAPOPORT	August 3, 1981 July 31, 1983	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
9/8/2020	FABIO BRITO DA SILVA GRACIELA CRISTINA BARZAN	September 8, 1966 February 22, 1985	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/10/2020	MARK WENDELL EILERS BRANDI MARIE CHALIFOUX	October 30, 1965 July 9, 1978	Johnston, RI Johnston, RI
9/14/2020	ALEX MORAES RAMOS DARYN THOMAS GIESEY	October 14, 1993 December 22, 1998	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA

9/16/2020	KENNIA C. MAIA de MORAESJERRY GALVAO	April 8, 1994 May 13, 1992	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/19/2020	LEAH SYDNEY JAMPEL RYAN DANIEL HASSELL	September 9, 1983 July 14, 1983	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
9/29/2020	JESSICA OLIVEIRA ANDRADE ROGERIO D. GAZOLI	September 28, 1993 August 2, 1979	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
10/3/2020	ALEXANDER WILLIAM BENDAVID ALEXANDRA KRAL	March 25, 1993 March 8, 1993	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
10/5/2020	EMILY AUSTIN HOOK KALEB GUNNER WILKERSON	June 1st, 1992 July 10, 1991	Washington, MO Washington, MO
10/10/2020	MELISSA KELLEY KALAGHER NICHOLAS PATRICK RIVERS	February 12, 1981 July 15, 1989	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
10/10/2020	PHOEBE FENTRESS HALL STEVEN WILSON MEDGYESY	September 20, 1990 July 28, 1986	Providence, RI Providence, RI
10/10/2020	NYASIA NAJALÉ SMITH TAVIN TESWAYNE GOHAGAN	June 29, 1998 February 18, 1993	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
10/17/2020	JULIANNE KIMBERLY PICCUS MATTHEW JOHN SOIKKELI	June 8, 1984 February 28, 1984	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
10/20/2020	KELLY ROSE FELDER DOUGLAS FARNSWORTH STAFFORD	March 31, 1991 March 9, 1991	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
11/28/2020	EMILY OLIVEIRA SANTANA THALES FERREIRA ALVES	September 12, 1996 August 11, 1991	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
12/28/2020	EMILY MARGARET NIMAN SAULJOSHUA FRANKS MORGENTHAU	December 3, 1992 March 2, 1984	Brooklyn, NY Hopewell Jct., NY

DEATHS RECORDED IN TISBURY 2020

Date	Name	Age	Town of Death	Burial
January 5, 2020	Beth Saint-Amour	60	Boston, MA	Duxbury Crematory
January 13, 2020	Shawn S. Willoughby	62	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
January 26, 2020	Barbara M. Krause	64	Boston, MA	Newton Cemetery Crem.
February 12, 2020	Nicholas J Azzollini	77	Falmouth, MA	Blue Hill Crematory
February 16, 2020	George E. Buckley Jr.	90	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
February 19, 2020	Shelley E. Carter	71	Boston, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
March 11, 2020	John F. Pearson Jr.	77	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
April 29, 2020	Linda A. Buckley	62	Boston, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 8, 2020	Marguerite H. McDonough	102	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 9, 2020	William L. Mueller	47	Bourne, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 10, 2020	Gladys L. Jones	85	Tisbury, MA	Tsissa, Inc. West Tisbury
May 26, 2020	Ernest O. Barrett	84	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 26, 2020	James K. Rolston Sr.	68	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
June 20, 2020	Christopher O. Fried	73	Mashpee, MA	Vine Hills Crematory
June 29, 2020	Allan F. Davey	85	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
July 1, 2020	Margaret Wolontis	92	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 4, 2020	Herbert N. Bianchi	91	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 5, 2020	Madeline C. Moreis	83	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
July 9, 2020	Jean C. Gebhardt	94	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 9, 2020	Stephan W. Moore	60	Tisbury, MA	Vine Hills Crematory
July 18, 2020	Dorothy MacDonald	104	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
July 21, 2020	Dennis W. Winthrop	74	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 26, 2020	Thomas N. Sullivan	69	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
August 4, 2020	Nancy M. Kingsley	89	Oak Bluffs, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
August 10, 2020	Ronald G. Brass	89	Tisbury, MA	Woodside Cemetery
August 12, 2020	Richard L. Walker	68	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
August 19, 2020	Jeffrey A. Shenefelt	68	Tisbury, MA	Saint Michael Crematory
September 9, 2020	Louise F. Gould	87	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
September 18, 2020	Joseph F. Duart III	69	Barnstable, MA	Duxbury Crematory
September 24, 2020	Sidney David Cronig	106	Tisbury, MA	M.V. Hebrew Cemetery
November 19, 2020	David W. Nolan	53	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 5, 2020	Gladys E. Welch	90	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 6, 2020	Abby A. Patterson	69	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 19, 2020	Elaine J. Ciancio	72	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 19, 2020	Emma M. Hall	22	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 20, 2020	Geoffrey K. Coddington	42	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 22, 2020	Gloria Alexander	92	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory



TOWN OF TISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2020 AT 1:00PM

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 2:37 PM at the Tisbury School Playground due to concerns of public health and safety from COVID-19 with a quorum of 148+ voters. The meeting was adjourned to proceed with the business of the annual town meeting at 2:47 PM

1. After reading the call of the warrant and the return of service, the Moderator declared them to be in order.
2. Finance Director Jonathan Snyder reported the articles on this warrant had no impact on the tax rate as the funding was from other sources.

Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, Stephen Harding, Geneva Corwin and Alexandra Kral.

ARTICLE 1 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT GRANT

Acting on Article 1, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2020 the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$43,595) for the Town's cost share of the Coastal Zone Management grant funded project for engineering and investigative services related to research into currents and sediment transport in Tisbury's harbor and waterways.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 2 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE FY2021 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT GRANT

Acting on Article 2, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2020 the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000) for the Town's cost share of the FY2021 Coastal Zone Management grant funded project for engineering and investigative services related to research into currents and sediment transport in Tisbury's harbor and waterways.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 3 TO FUND IMPLEMENTATION COSTS OF BILLING SOFTWARE

Acting on Article 3, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer in FY2020 from Water Available Surplus the sum of Six Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Dollars (\$6,440) and from Wastewater Available Surplus the sum of Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$2,760) for a total of Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200) for implementation costs for billing software for the Water and wastewater Departments.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 4 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF GRANT FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on Article 4, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for the Town's cost share of a State or Federal grant funded project for engineering and investigative services for stormwater improvements for Beach Street Extension.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin, Town Clerk



TOWN OF TISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2020 AT 1:00PM

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury originally posted for April 9, 2020 was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 1:40 PM and at the Tisbury School Playground due to concerns of public health and safety from COVID-19 with a quorum of 148+ voters. The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM to proceed with the business of the second special town meeting.
Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, Stephen Harding, Geneva Corwin and Alexandra Kral.

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 FY2021 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.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

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

Acting on article 2, the Town **voted unanimously** to authorize the Treasurer-Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

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 2021, 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.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

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 FY2021, 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.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 5 TO ADOPT A DEFINITION FOR SPECIAL WAYS

Acting on article the Town **voted majority in favor** to amend Section 02.00 of the Tisbury Zoning Bylaw by inserting a definition for the term “Special Ways,” as follows, or take any action relative thereto:

SPECIAL WAYS: Ways which have been so designated to protect old trails and cart paths that are a cultural and historic link to the community’s past, and which acted as the original transit route, during non-motorized times, to the harbor and Lambert’s Cove and which also link to other trails, roads, and/or spaces of quiet beauty.

VOTED 2/3 IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 6 TO AMEND ZONING BYLAW SECTION 09.03

Acting on article 6, the Town **voted unanimously** to rename section 09.03 of the Zoning Bylaw, entitled “Special Ways Districts,” as “Special Ways” and to adopt the following provisions to be included in section 09.03.

09.03 SPECIAL WAYS

The Special Ways designation protects old cart paths and trails that are cultural and historic links to the community’s past, recreational resources for the enjoyment of the outdoors, a conservation resource to accommodate and promote non-motorized forms of travel, links to other trails and roads, and/or spaces of quiet beauty. The goal of this section is to preserve the character of these old ways and retain the abutting landscape. Additionally, this section is intended to protect against and prevent the injurious effects that would accompany development of the Special Ways as a primary vehicular route.

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 or retracing historic accounts of the development of Tisbury.

Special Ways vary in terms of their present and potential recreational and vehicular use. They may provide or allow for public access or they may be private. Determination of whether the public has the right to use a Special Way often involves complex legal principles, but such a determination is not necessary for an old way to be designated a Special Way.

The Special Ways Zone includes the designated path or road and adjacent land within 20 feet of either side of the centerline.

Special Ways are designated after a process involving a public hearing, approval of the Martha’s Vineyard Commission, and a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting, pursuant to Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, as amended.

01. Designated Special Ways:

Red Coat Hill Road: Within twenty feet of either side of the centerline of Red Coat Hill Road, from West Tisbury/Tisbury town line easterly to its juncture with Deer Hill Road. (as shown on 2014 Tisbury Assessors’ Maps)

Shubael Weeks Road a/k/a Shubael Weeks Path: Within twenty feet of either side of the center line of Shubael Weeks Road – From the West Tisbury town line northerly to its juncture with John Hoft Road. (as shown on 2014 Tisbury Assessors’ Maps)

02. Uses Permitted:

Any residential, recreational, agricultural or open space use permitted in the respective underlying zoning districts, subject to existing regulations and restrictions, provided that the use does not result in direct vehicular access to the Special Way.

03. Regulations:

01. Development and use within a Special Way Zone shall not block or prevent non-motorized means of travel such as walking, horseback riding, and bicycling along a Special Way.
02. There shall be no alteration of the width or surface materials of a Special Way. This provision is not intended to prevent routine maintenance and repair of Special Ways.
03. No Special Way shall be paved with any impervious material, such as bituminous concrete or asphalt, except for segments for which a crossing over is approved by Special Permit from the Planning Board.
04. There shall be no removal of existing vegetation within a Special Way Zone other than to keep the Special Way clear of debris and overgrown vegetation, except as permitted as part of a Special Permit or where the width of a Special Way Zone extends beyond a pre-existing fence or beyond where a fence may be allowed as provided for herein.
05. No stone wall shall be moved, removed or otherwise altered except for repair, except by Special Permit from the Planning Board.
06. No fences, walls, structures, excavations, fill or obstructions shall be made, erected, placed or constructed within the Special Way Zone except by Special Permit from the Planning Board, except for gates, bars or stiles designed to regulate passage for non-vehicular travel or for vehicular travel where allowed by legal right. However, pre-existing, non-conforming structures, clearings, fences, and gates may be maintained, but may not be expanded. These structures and conditions must be in existence prior to acceptance of the Special Way nomination by the Martha's Vineyard Commission.
Fences exception: Where the Special Way lies within any part of a building lot that is less than one acre in area, fences may be erected within the Special Way as follows:
 - Fence must be at least 50% transparent (such as picket fence or split-rail fence).
 - If fence height is under 4 feet, the fence must be at least 5 feet from the center line or 1 foot outside the top edge of the physical embankment alongside the Special Way, whichever is greater.
 - If fence height is 4 to 6 feet, the fence must be at least 10 feet from the center line.
07. Relocation of a portion of a Special Way may be approved by the Planning Board by Special Permit, after holding a public hearing and finding that the relocation would: preserve the continuity of the Special Way, create new trail connections, provide increased public trail access, improve safety, or otherwise enhance the Special Way. Relocation may be considered for the purpose of aligning Special Ways with property lines. However, it is beyond the jurisdiction of the Planning Board to either grant or extinguish public or private rights-of-way by such action.
08. Where direct vehicular access is not allowed on the Special Way, vehicular crossing of the Special Way by a dirt, paved or otherwise improved roadway at, or nearly at, right angles may be approved. Proposed crossings must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board by Special Permit. This provision does not authorize vehicular travel along the Special Way for any distance to gain access to a property. Consideration of such proposed crossings shall include appropriate means to draw attention to the crossing for people's safety.

09. No non-native plantings shall be allowed within the Special Ways Zone except by Special Permit from the Planning Board.
04. Special Ways Regulations Relating to Vehicular Use:
 01. Vehicular use is permitted as-of-right if the Special Way was so used as a legal means of access prior to acceptance of the Special Way nomination by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The nature and extent of pre-existing vehicular use may not be increased without a Special Permit from the Planning Board.
 02. In planning development along a Special Way which will result in increased vehicular use of the Special Way, every effort must be made to minimize the length of the Special Way travelled by vehicles, for example through driveway placement.
 03. Development or subdivision of land along a Special Way may not use the Special Way for new access when alternative access is reasonably available.
 04. Criteria to be used by the Planning Board in review of Special Permit applications for new or increased vehicular use:
 - a. A landowner with existing legal access to the Special Way wishes to develop or sub-divide his land and no other access is reasonably available. In this case, the access points must be located as close as possible to the end of the Special Way nearest a road or as close as possible to the nearest portion of the Special Way already traveled by vehicle.
 - b. In the case of sub-division of the property, a single access driveway or road onto the Special Way is required whenever possible.
05. Additional Consideration:
 01. The Planning Board may grant a Special Permit for other development, uses or structures for which the provisions of this section would otherwise deprive the landowner of all reasonable uses.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 7 TO ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 40, SECTION 5B

Acting on article 7, the Town **voted unanimously** to accept the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective beginning on July 1, 2020.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 8 TO AMEND BUILDING STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on article 8, the Town **voted unanimously** to rename the Building Stabilization Fund, which was previously renamed by the vote of the April 9, 2019 Special Town Meeting, to "Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund;" and to amend the purpose of the fund by inserting the word "infrastructure" in the description of the fund, in order to include Town infrastructure within the purposes.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 9 TO ADOPT LOCAL OPTION FOR REVENUE RELATED TO MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Acting on article 9, the Town **voted unanimously** to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, Section 3 and impose a local sales tax upon the sale of recreational marijuana originating within the Town

by a marijuana retailer at a rate of 3% of the gross receipts of the retailer from the sale of recreational marijuana, marijuana products, and marijuana edibles, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least 30 days after the vote of Town Meeting hereunder.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 10 TO DEDICATE TAX REVENUE FROM MARIJUANA FACILITIES

Acting on article 10, the Town **voted majority in favor** to dedicate, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5B, 50% of the local option tax revenue received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue under Section 3 of Chapter 64N of the General Laws for Marijuana Facilities operating within the Town to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund, such dedication to be effective beginning on July 1, 2020.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 11 TO DEDICATE REGISTRATION FEES FROM SHORT TERM RENTALS

Acting on article the Town **voted unanimously TAKE NO ACTION** to dedicate, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, all the registration fees for Short Term Rentals to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund, such dedication to be effective beginning on July 1, 2020.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 12 TO DEDICATE RECEIPTS FROM HOTEL AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Acting on article 12, the Town **voted unanimously to TAKE NO ACTION** to dedicate, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, 35% of all excise receipts received from the State for Hotel and Short-term Rentals under Chapter 64G of the General Laws to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund, such dedication to be effective beginning on July 1, 2020.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 13 TO MANAGE PLASTIC REDUCTION AND MITIGATION

Acting on amended article 13, the Town **voted in the majority TO TAKE ACTION** and voted unanimously to direct the Board of Selectmen, as part of its administration of the Town, to develop an Action Plan and Bylaw by May 2021 to manage plastic reduction and mitigation in the Town.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 14 TO ADOPT PLASTIC WATER AND SOFT DRINK BOTTLE BYLAW

Acting on article 14, the Town **voted in the majority** to adopt Plastic Water and Soft Drink Bottle Bylaw as follows:

Section 1: Findings and Purpose

Water and soda bottles made of plastic are hazardous to health, economy, and the environment. The purpose of this bylaw is to restrict the sale and distribution of such bottles.

For example:

1. Plastic bottle waste is overwhelming society's ability to manage it. Americans discard an estimated 30 million tons of plastic annually, with only 8 percent recycled.
2. Chemical components of plastic are detected in biological systems, including human beings. Exposure comes through food, water, and clothing, and has been associated with a range of health effects.
3. More than 8 million tons of plastic flows into our oceans annually, impacting wildlife and breaking down into smaller and smaller pieces, called micro-plastics.

4. Micro-plastics are found in the fish and shellfish we eat, and in the bottled water we drink.
5. Action is occurring worldwide to address this problem. Regionally, Nantucket and several MA towns have banned plastic water bottles.
6. Action on Martha's Vineyard includes placement of water bottle refill stations in every school and in public places. More are planned.
7. This Island community has an opportunity to provide leadership to reduce reliance on plastic. It is the right thing to do for the sake of our food, our water, our health, and our planet.
8. The towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah have all voted in favor of this bylaw which will take effect in those towns on May 1, 2020 (a year earlier).

Section 2: Regulated Conduct

- 2.1 It shall be unlawful to sell or distribute (a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles of less than 34 ounces in the Town of Tisbury. For the purposes of this bylaw, 'soft drink' means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.
- 2.2 Sales or distribution of drinking water in plastic bottles occurring subsequent to a declaration (by the Emergency Management Director or other duly authorized Town, County, Commonwealth or Federal official) of an emergency affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water to residents of the Town shall be exempt from this bylaw until seven days after the declaration has ended.

Section 3: Enforcement Process and Violations

- 3.1 Enforcement of this bylaw shall be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen or its designee(s). The Board of Selectmen shall determine the inspection process and shall incorporate the process into other Town duties as appropriate.
- 3.2 Any person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:
 - first violation: written warning
 - second violation: \$50 fine
 - third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine

Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

Section 4. Suspension of the Bylaw

- 4.1 If the Board of Selectmen determines that the cost of implementing and enforcing this bylaw has become unreasonable, they shall conduct a Public Hearing to inform the citizens of such costs. Subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Board of Selectmen may continue this bylaw in force or may suspend it permanently or for such length of time as they may determine.

Section 5: Effective Date

- 5.1 This bylaw takes effect on May 1, 2021

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 15 TO SUPPORT THE VOLUNTARY ELIMINATION OF POLYSTYRENE

Acting on amended article 15, the Town **voted in the majority TO TAKE ACTION and unanimously to support** a non-binding resolution for the voluntary elimination of polystyrene, as follows:

WHEREAS, polystyrene constitutes a human health risk as it is the only plastic used in food packaging that is composed of the chemical styrene, likely a human carcinogen, which leaches into food and beverages especially when in contact with heat, oil or acid;

WHEREAS, products made of polystyrene also cause harm to marine and terrestrial wildlife through entanglement and ingestion; exacerbate climate change due to hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions during manufacturing; and, in the foam form, are not recyclable and contaminate our recycling stream;

WHEREAS, the Town believes it is important to protect the health of its citizens and the unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources of the Town, and given that inexpensive, safe alternatives to polystyrene are easily obtained;

NOW, THEREFORE, we express our support for voluntary action on the part of organizations and businesses in the Town providing goods, food or services to stop selling, distributing, or otherwise making available the following products made from polystyrene (with the plastic recycling code #6), including Styrofoam®:

- plates, cups, bowls, trays, cartons, containers, “clamshells”, lids, straws, stirrers, cutlery/utensils, and coolers used for serving, consuming, transporting, or packaging food or beverages
- new packing fill such as packing ‘peanuts’ and molded and rigid sheet packing material.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 16 TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL EDUCATION RESERVE FUND

Acting on article 16, the Town **voted in the majority TAKE NO ACTION** to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 13E of the Massachusetts General Laws permitting the Tisbury School Department to establish a Special Education Reserve Fund.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 17 TO RENAME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Acting on article 17 the Town **voted majority** in favor to rename the Board of Selectmen to Select Board.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 18 TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Acting on article 18, the Town **voted unanimously** to dispose of surplus equipment listed below.

- Department of Public Works Ford D250 2014 Truck #4
- Department of Public Works Ford F150 2013 Truck #1
- Building Department 2003 Toyota Highlander

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin, Town Clerk

TOWN OF TISBURY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2020 AT 1:00PM

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury originally posted for April 9, 2020 was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 1:23 PM, on June 13, 2020 at the Tisbury School Playground due to concerns of public health and safety from COVID-19, with a quorum of 148+ voters. Ms. Medders reminded the audience of the following:

1. After reading the call of the warrant and the return of service, the Moderator declared them to be in order.
2. All of the school property is smoke free.
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 and called for a moment of silence of those listed and for those who had passed due to the pandemic.
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. The Water Works and Emergency Services have provided drinking water in another tent.
9. Porta Potties are provided by the entrance to the main tent
10. The Moderator thanked the following Town employees, their departments and boards for their efforts to provide a safe outdoor Town Meeting, Exec. Assist. to the Town Administrator Alexandra Kral, School Principal John Custer and Assistant Melissa Ogden, Dept. of Public Works Director Kirk Metell, Building Inspector Ross Seavey and Assistant Justin Lucas, Fire Chief John Schilling, Police Chief Mark Saloio, Emergency Services Coord. Tracey Jones, Water Superintendent Christopher Cassidy, Health Agent Maura Valley and the Board's staff, Town Clerk Hillary Conklin and Town Administrator John "Jay" Grande.
11. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Melinda Loberg thanked retiring Fire Chief John Schilling for his many years of service to the Town.
12. It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and proceed to the business of the Special Town Meeting at 1:39pm.
13. The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was reconvened by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 2:57 PM, with a quorum of at least 195 voters. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm with 200 names checked on the voter list.
14. Finance Director Jonathan Snyder reported on the sound financial state of the Town in light of the pandemic and actions taken to remain in good standing. School Building Committee members James Rogers and Michael Watts reported on the progress of the Committee stating the renovation and addition plan would be ready for the next Town Meeting.

Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, Stephen Harding, Geneva Corwin and Alexandra Kral

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** in favor to appropriate and transfer from designated sources the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Sixty Four Cents (\$4,635.64) to be expended in FY20 by the departments listed below for the payment of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Selectmen	General Fund	Martha's Vineyard Times	\$56.25
Selectmen	General Fund	Martha's Vineyard Times	\$76.23
Treasurer / Collector	General Fund	W.B. Mason	\$77.86
Treasurer / Collector	General Fund	Authorize.net	\$12.30
Department of Public Works	General Fund	Compliance Testing Services	\$527.00
		Martha's Vineyard	
Casualty Insurance	General Fund	Insurance	\$2,125.00
Wastewater Department	Wastewater Enterprise Fund	Envirotech	\$213.00
	Water Works Enterprise		
Water Department	Funds	Martha's Vineyard Times	\$98.00
	Water Works Enterprise		
Water Department	Funds	Woodard & Curran	\$1,450.00

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

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

Acting on article 3, the Town **voted unanimously** to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Town Sick and Vacation Trust Fund, and appropriate and transfer from Wastewater Available Surplus the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to Wastewater Sick & Vacation Trust Fund, and to appropriate and transfer from Water Available Surplus the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the 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 in the majority** to appropriate in FY2020 the total sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$276,640) 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) Thirteen Thousand and Ninety Dollars (\$13,090) to be expended by the Fire Department to purchase one Generac Mobile Light Tower/Generator.
- b) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be expended by the Fire Department for the maintenance and recertification of existing Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices.
- c) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be expended by the Fire Department to pay 50% of the annual cost of the replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment.
- d) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the beautification of the downtown area, including Main Street, Union Street, Water Street and surrounding areas.
- e) Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for permitting, surveying, and hiring consultants for, and dredging of the harbor and for future dredge projects.

- f) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department to replace the boat trailer for the harbor skiff.
- g) Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be expended by the Police Department for salaries, equipment, and clothing for seasonal traffic safety officers.
- h) Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,225) to be expended by the Police Department to pay the annual membership costs for the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Tactical Team for FY2020.
- i) Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,225) to be expended by the Police Department to pay the annual membership costs for the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Tactical Team for FY2021.
- j) Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the creation and installation of wayfinding material and street upgrades for Water Street, Union Street, and areas surrounding the Steamship Authority terminal.
- k) Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purchase and installation of a parking system and related work for the Beach Street Old Fire Station parking area.
- l) Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600) to be expended by Tisbury Emergency Management for the acquisition of emergency shelter supplies.
- m) Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be expended by the Ambulance Department to purchase an oxygen container filling station.
- n) One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be expended by the Ambulance Department to purchase enhanced multi-threat vests for emergency responders.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 5 TO FUND VARIOUS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT PROJECTS

Acting on article 5, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from FY 2019 reserved and unreserved Community Preservation Fund revenues, unless otherwise specified, the following sums to be expended in FY 2020 for the following purposes, each project to be considered a separate appropriation:

- a) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the permanent preservation of Town Clerk's Town Hall historic records.
- b) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Forty Cents (\$70,543.40) and Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$18,536.60), from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of Eighty Nine Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$89,080), towards the restoration of the Village Cemetery Granite and Stone Wall, located at the corner of Center and Franklin Streets (60 Center Street), shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #7-M-1, with expenditure subject to approval of the work by the Williams Street Historic District Committee.
- c) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) towards the repair and restoration of the historic 1949 Fire Truck's engine and drive/differential, to address safety repairs first.

- d) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) towards the restoration of the portrait of Zenas Dillingham, (1809-1852) a whaling captain, native of Holmes Hole, at the Martha's Vineyard Museum.
- e) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) towards the restoration of the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society's historic Ox Cart, and preservation of documents and protective casing for the historic model of the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society building, or take any action relative there.
- f) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) towards the replacement of up to 20 steel outdoor Town Benches on protected open space/recreational land.
- g) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) towards the creation of a handicapped parking space at the Veteran's Park parking lot, located at Lagoon Pond Road, shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #9-1-41.
- h) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) towards a total cost of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000) to replace the Town Pier at Owen Park Landing, shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #6-C-35.
- i) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Dollars (\$72,000) and Twenty Eight Thousand dollars (\$28,000) from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000), to purchase equipment for the Tisbury School playground, install basketball hoops and related equipment for the playground, as well as other landscape improvements at Tisbury School playground, at 40 West William Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #8-A-1.
- j) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$53,130) towards the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Hatchery North and South Gabion Revetment (Retaining Walls) project, and all related costs, located at Lagoon Pond, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #13-D-3.
- k) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) towards the cost of the renovation and redevelopment of the Owen Park Bandstand, located at Owen Park, 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-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) towards the creation of accessibility, safety, and major capital improvements to the Town Amphitheater Safety Upgrade project, located at Tashmoo Overlook, on property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #39-A-7.
- m) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$65,410) and Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars (34,590) from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), towards the development of the Harbor Homes Affordable Housing regional project to purchase a property for low income residents who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, located on Tashmoo Avenue and shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Map 26B, Parcel 23.
- n) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the Island Housing Trust's renovation and development of

the Perlman House into seven affordable rental housing apartments, located at 20 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #8-0-3.

- o) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) toward the cost of the Island Housing Trust's renovation and development of the three Daggett Avenue Townhouses home ownership regional project, located at 299 Daggett Avenue, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #26-A-2.
- p) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the Tisbury Municipal Housing Trust Fund, following execution of a grant agreement restriction.
- q) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) to fund the annual cost of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Assistance Program.
- r) To appropriate and transfer from the current year CPA revenues the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for FY 2021 administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, including wages, dues and advertising.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 6 TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FY2021 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:

FY2021 Community Preservation Committee Budget Reserve Account:

- \$ 74,920 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;
- \$ 74,920 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund;
- \$ 74,920 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund;
- \$ 524,391 to the Community Preservation Budget Reserve Account.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 7 TO FUND WATERWAYS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Acting on article 7, the Town **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer from the Waterways Fund in FY2020 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) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the maintenance of Town - owned moorings.
- b) Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for future dredging projects, including surveying, engineering and permitting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 8 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT

Acting on article 8, the Town **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2020, the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed and deemed to be capital expenditures:

- b. Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the purchase of firefighter personal protective equipment.

- c. Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to fund fifty percent (50%) share of the 5-year financing for the replacement of expired SCBA equipment.
- d. Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purchase of used or new Skid Steerer Attachments, which include the following: compactor, concrete/asphalt road planer and vibrating roller.
- g. Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purchase and installation of a bed mounted electric 6-8 cubic yard Salt Spreader, or take any other action relative thereto.
- i. Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to fund implementation cost of Munis permitting software; or take any action relative thereto.
- j. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to cover the cost of MassDEP mandated monitoring, testing, and analysis 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.
- l. Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purchase of one (1) equipped hybrid police cruiser.
- n. Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$33,677) to purchase and outfit a new 4WD compact truck with necessary accessories including emergency lighting and town lettering.

And voted TAKE NO ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

- a. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of environmentally sustainable, reusable petroleum recovery products to replace the existing plastic based single use inventory.
- d. Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) for the purchase of 2 Heavy-Duty Four-Wheel Drive Regular Cab Pickup Trucks, with tow and plowing capability.
- f. Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase and installation of a brine system storage building that will be located at the DPW Building 115 High Point Lane.
- h. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase and installation of radio and communications equipment for the Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- k. Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to fund the ongoing project for preservation of historical records of the Board of Assessors per state statute.
- m. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase of software that will allow the public to view all cemetery information online, including lot purchase, deed, location look up and aerial maps of Oak Grove Cemetery.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR SUB ARTICLES B,C,E,G,I,J,L AND UNANIMOUSLY TAKE NO ACTION ON SUB ARTICLES A,D,F,H,K AND M.

ARTICLE 9 TO FUND STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on article 9, the Town **voted unanimously** to raise and appropriate or transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to be placed in the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 10 TO FUND REPAIRS TO THE TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS

Acting on article 10, the Town **voted unanimously** to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) to fund necessary repairs to the Town owned buildings as described below:

- 1) \$165,000.00 for the roof and sidewalls repairs at the Tisbury Senior Center
- 2) \$110,000.00 for exterior siding repairs, HVAC work and plumbing repairs at the Vineyard Haven Library.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 11 TO PURCHASE HARBORMASTER PATROL BOAT

Acting on article 11, the Town **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer from Insurance Claims Reserved Fund the total sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$255,000), received as a payment for the constructive total loss of the Harbormaster's patrol boat "Rock Salt" under the insurance claim #MIA12238, to purchase and equip a new harbormaster patrol boat.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 12 TO APPROVE THE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT FY2021 BUDGET

Acting on article 12, the Town **voted unanimously** to approve the proposed Water Works Department Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2021, 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 FY2021, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of One Million Six Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$1,656,456) from Estimated Revenues for said purpose..

Salaries and Wages	\$514,703
Operating Expenses	\$445,250
Benefits/Fixed Expenses	\$339,000
<u>Debt/Interest</u>	<u>\$357,503</u>
Total Operations, Debt Service	\$1,656,456
Total Estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses	\$1,656,456 Water Related Earnings

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 13 TO FUND VARIOUS WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSE

Acting on article 13, the Town **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer from Water Enterprise Fund Available Surplus in FY 2020 the sum of Five Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$545,000) to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purposes listed below and deemed to be capital expenses.

a) Vehicle Replacement	\$60,000
b) Water Meter Replacement Program	\$45,000
c) SCADA Upgrades	\$40,000
d) <u>Water Main Replacement Program</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
Total Capital Projects	\$545,000

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 14 TO ADOPT FY2021 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Acting on article 14, the Town **voted unanimously** to approve the proposed Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2021 of Seven Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Six Dollars (\$753,406), 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 FY2021, and appropriate from user fees the following sums therefor.

Salaries and Wages	\$264,394
Benefits/ Fixed Expenses	\$128,645
Operating Expenses	\$252,737
Debt/Interest	\$107,630
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$753,406

Total estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses

Sewer User Fees (17,560,975.61 Gal @ .041	\$719,896
Septage Fees	\$3,110
Quarterly Base Charges	\$26,600
Labor Charges	\$3,500
Grease Trap Cleanout Fees	\$0
Sewer Flow Fees	\$300

Wastewater Related Earnings	\$753,406
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VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 15 TO FUND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY UPGRADE

Acting on amended Article 15, the Town **voted unanimously** to borrow the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to fund wastewater improvements including a sewer collection system expansion in the State Road Sewer District, and borrow the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) to fund wastewater improvements including a capacity upgrade at the treatment facility to accommodate the sewer expansion, and borrow the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for a wastewater consultant's engineering, and development of a watershed-based Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, for the total of Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000); 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, and any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes shall be applied to the costs of the project so as to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed by a like amount, provided, however, that no sums shall be appropriated or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted by ballot at the Town election on June 23rd, 2020 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 16 TO FUND MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on article 16, the Town **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Available Surplus the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to install bypass pumping piping at the main sewer lift station at Norton Lane.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 17 TO COVER CONSULTING COSTS RELATED TO MASTER PLANNING, RECODIFICATION AND AMENDING OF ZONING BYLAWS

Acting on article 17, the Town **voted unanimously to TAKE NO ACTION** to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) to fund all costs (incidental and related) toward developing a comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Tisbury, and to recodify the Town of Tisbury's Zoning Bylaws and to fund a contract planner/grant writer position under the direct supervision of the Planning Board.

VOTED TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 18 TO FUND REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Acting on article 18, the Town **voted unanimously** to raise and appropriate the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed below.

- a) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to fund the Town's share of the expenses of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in FY2021.
- b) Nine Thousand Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$9,079) to support the Dukes County Social Services.
- c) Five Thousand Three Hundred and One Dollars (\$5,301) to support the Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Prevention program.
- d) Fourteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Six Dollars (\$14,136) to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older.
- e) Five Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$5,531) to support the First Stop Information and Referral Services.
- f) Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four Dollars (\$19,764) to support Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 19 TO FUND DUKES COUNTY BUDGET SHORTFALL

Acting on AMENDED article 19, the Town **voted in the majority** to raise and appropriate or to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$3,984) to pay the Dukes County budget shortfall.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 20 TO FUND DUKES COUNTY STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on article 20, the Town **voted in the majority** to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-Four Dollars (\$6,694) to fund Dukes County Stabilization Fund.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 21 TO FUND LOCAL DROP-OFF AREA OPERATION

Acting on article 21, the Town of Tisbury **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) from the reserve for appropriation for the sanitary landfill as provided for in Article 19 of the Special Town Meeting of November 2, 1993 for operation of the local drop off area and ancillary curbside recycling and refuse service and residential hazardous waste disposal for FY 2021, or take any action thereto.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 22 TO FUND QUINQUENNIAL CERTIFICATION OF ALL REAL ESTATE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Acting on article 22, the Town **voted unanimously** to TAKE NO ACTION to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the Certification of all Real Estate and Personal Property in the Town every five years as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 23 TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN FY2020 TO THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RESERVE FUND

Acting on article 23, the Town **voted unanimously to TAKE NO ACTION** TO appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2020 the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to replenish the Finance and Advisory Committee's Reserve Fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 24 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LIQUOR WARRANT ARTICLE ON MEALS

Acting on article 24, the Town **voted in the majority** the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to petition the Slate Legislature to Amend Chapter 360 of the Acts of 2016 ("the Act") by allowing the Town of Tisbury to issue beer and wine restaurant licenses or all alcoholic beverages with liqueurs or cordials that the Selectmen are currently authorized to issue under the Act under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12 notwithstanding any limitations imposed by Sections 11, 11A and 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other special or general law to the contrary, but, subject to all other provisions of the Act including the current requirement that a restaurant shall have no less than 30 seats but not to require that service of beer, wine, alcoholic beverages, liqueurs or cordials be served only with meals. Provided further to authorize the Town of Tisbury to set the hours for the sale of such beverages under the provisions of Chapter 138, but not to allow sales later than 11:00 P.M. except within the discretion of the Selectmen on a special occasion and to require that sales of alcoholic beverages not exceed thirty five percent (35%) of the gross sales of a restaurant.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 25 TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE THE TOWN'S RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS

Acting on article 25, the Town **voted unanimously TO TAKE NO ACTION** to support a non-binding resolution to reduce and eliminate the Town's reliance on fossil fuels by 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050 and to foster biosphere carbon capture through adoption of restorative agriculture and landscaping and expansion of wetlands and marshes; also, to increase the fraction of our electricity use that is renewable to 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050 in coordination with the Massachusetts Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008 and the recently adopted Martha's Vineyard Commission 2019 Climate Emergency Resolution.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 26 TO FUND ROADWAY-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on article 26, the Town **voted unanimously** to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the amount of Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$510,000) to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for design, engineering, and implementation of Public Works roadway projects at the Edgartown Road, Lagoon Avenue and Main Street, including upgrade, installation, and relocation of utilities, roads, sidewalks, drainage, traffic control signage, and any other related improvements.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 27 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE DUST COLLECTION SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Acting on article 27, the Town **voted unanimously** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$25,783) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the replacement of the dust collection system in Building Trades, including, without limitation, design, engineering, installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 28 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF MAINTENANCE COST OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER AND RADIO SYSTEM

Acting on article 28, the Town voted **majority in favor** to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$59,850.25) as the Town's proportionate share of the fiscal year 2021 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System ("RECC"), such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide maintenance costs of \$300,000.00 plus 23.23% variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for the total share of 19.95%, pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement with Dukes County Sheriff's Office for annual payment of such costs, provided that the funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such maintenance costs in FY21 according to their agreed upon proportionate shares.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 29 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES

Acting on article 29, the Town of Tisbury **voted majority in favor TO TAKE NO ACTION** to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,670 as the town's appropriate share of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools contract (17.67%) for youth substance abuse prevention services to collaborate with police, schools, parents, providers and businesses in a community-wide, youth substance abuse prevention program for fiscal year 2021.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 30 TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Acting on article 30, the Town voted **majority in favor** to approve the following amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan for Full-time Managerial and Professional Employees, effective July 1, 2020.

<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	\$52,826	\$54,539	\$56,292	\$58,109	\$59,946	\$61,888	\$63,872	\$65,897	\$68,006	\$70,157
<u>M-2</u> Shellfish Const.	\$56,856	\$58,631	\$60,510	\$62,452	\$64,436	\$66,524	\$68,633	\$70,825	\$73,080	\$75,419
<u>M-3</u> Harbormaster	\$62,515	\$64,561	\$66,607	\$68,737	\$70,929	\$73,164	\$75,523	\$77,945	\$80,430	\$83,040
<u>M-4</u> Amb. Coord. Adm. Assist. - BOS/ Personnel Director Ex. Asst. to Town Adm. Local Bldg. Inspector	\$68,194	\$70,428	\$72,662	\$74,980	\$77,402	\$79,866	\$82,413	\$85,086	\$87,759	\$90,557
<u>M-5</u> Facilities Mgr. Asst. Water Supt. Library Director WW Supt. / Lab Dir.	\$77,298	\$79,741	\$82,309	\$84,982	\$87,633	\$90,452	\$93,354	\$96,319	\$99,389	\$102,625
<u>M-6</u> Bldg. Inspector Health Agent IT Adm. Town Acct	\$81,850	\$84,480	\$87,195	\$89,993	\$92,853	\$95,818	\$98,888	\$102,041	\$105,319	\$108,680
<u>M-7</u> Water Supt.	\$89,158	\$92,018	\$94,962	\$97,968	\$101,101	\$104,358	\$107,699	\$111,144	\$114,673	\$118,327
<u>M-8</u> Finance Dir. Fire Chief DPW Director	\$96,883	\$99,973	\$103,147	\$106,467	\$109,871	\$113,399	\$117,053	\$120,812	\$124,695	\$128,683
<u>M-9</u> Police Chief	\$109,599	\$113,107	\$116,698	\$120,415	\$124,298	\$128,266	\$132,379	\$136,639	\$140,961	\$145,513
<u>M-10</u> Town Adm.	\$113,671	\$117,304	\$121,083	\$124,946	\$128,934	\$133,068	\$137,349	\$141,713	\$146,264	\$150,942

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 31 TO FUND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Acting on article 31, the Town **voted unanimously** to TAKE NO ACTION to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to fund salary adjustments recommended in the base salary survey of managerial and professional positions.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 32 FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Acting on AMENDED article 32, the Town **voted unanimously** to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Nine Million One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-Four Dollars (\$29,137,234); to transfer from Reserve for Betterments the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000); and to transfer from the Waterways Fund the sum of Fifty Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000) for a total FY2021 operating budget of Twenty-Nine Million Three Hundred Forty One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Four Dollars (\$29,341,234); to defray Town charges as set out in Appendix A of this warrant for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (FY2021); and to set the FY2021 expenditure limit for the Tashmoo Spring Building Revolving Fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

On a motion to amend article 32, the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) line item from zero to \$150,000, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and then called for a standing, counted vote. After seeing the number of persons standing in favor of the motion and the number of persons standing in opposition to the motion, the Moderator declared that the motion had been approved prior to the tally of the standing vote being completed. The tally of the standing vote was: 65 in favor, and 17 opposed.

Please see final budget on the following page.

ARTICLE 33 TO TRANSFER FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE

Acting on article the 33, 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.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Town Clerk

	FY2021 Budget Amended	Tax Rate Impact
MODERATOR		
Salary, Moderator-Elected	100	
Moderator's Expense	<u>320</u>	
TOTAL MODERATOR	420	
SELECTMEN		
Salaries, Selectmen-Elected	9,000	
Selectmen's Department Salaries	305,934	
Selectmen's Department Expense	56,150	
SSA Vouchers	5,500	
Legal	130,000	
Water Usage Charges	20,000	
Solar Panel Tax	20,000	
Street Lights/Signs & Lines	18,000	
Holiday Observances	1,500	
Consulting	50,000	
Park & Ride Facility	<u>800</u>	
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	616,884	0.19
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Finance Committee Salaries		
Finance Committee Expense	6,480	
Reserve Fund	<u>100,000</u>	
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	106,480	0.03
ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE		
Accountant's Department Salaries	197,557	
Accountant's Expense	4,120	
Audit	<u>30,000</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE	231,677	0.07
ASSESSORS' OFFICE		
Salaries, Assessors-Elected	4,500	
Assessors' Department Salaries	203,846	
Assessors' Department Expense	<u>34,245</u>	
TOTAL ASSESSORS' OFFICE	242,591	0.07
TREASURER/COLLECTOR		
Treasurer/Collector Dept. Salaries	233,125	
Treasurer/Collector Expense	126,805	
Tax Title	<u>5,000</u>	
TOTAL TREASURER/COLLECTOR	364,930	0.11
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Salaries	98,888	
Expenses	151,995	
Computer Equipment	10,000	
TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	260,883	0.09

	FY2021 Budget Amended	Tax Rate Impact
PERSONNEL BOARD		
Salaries	0	
Expenses	<u>3,500</u>	
TOTAL PERSONNEL BOARD	3,500	
TOWN CLERK		
Salary-Town Clerk	114,490	
Town Clerk's Dept. Salaries	67,856	
Town Clerk's Dept. Expense	9,350	
Elections	<u>31,738</u>	
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	223,434	0.07
REGISTRARS		
Registrars Salaries	800	
Registrars' Expense	<u>2,050</u>	
TOTAL REGISTRARS	2,850	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Conservation Dept. Salaries	56,523	
Conservation Dept. Expense	<u>400</u>	
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	56,923	0.02
SHELLFISH		
Shellfish Dept. Salaries	116,089	
Shellfish Dept. Expense	9,770	
MV Shellfish Group	<u>38,000</u>	
TOTAL SHELLFISH	163,859	0.05
PLANNING BOARD		
Planning Dept. Salaries	82,574	
Planning Dept. Expense	<u>5,925</u>	
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	88,499	0.03
BOARD OF APPEALS		
Appeals Dept. Salaries	33,851	
Appeals Dept. Expense	<u>1,240</u>	
TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS	35,091	0.01
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Police Dept. Salaries	1,880,999	
Police Dept. Expense	214,665	
Police Vehicle	60,000	
Police Hiring and Training	<u>25,000</u>	
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,180,664	0.67

	<u>FY2021 Budget Amended</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Fire Dept. Salaries	254,822	
Fire Dept. Expense	<u>135,145</u>	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	389,967	0.12
AMBULANCE		
Ambulance Salaries	685,848	
Ambulance Expense	<u>81,124</u>	
TOTAL AMBULANCE/EMT	766,972	0.24
BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Building Inspector Dept. Salaries	206,608	
Building Inspector Expense	<u>16,950</u>	
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	223,558	0.07
INSPECTORS		
Wiring Inspector	35,000	
Municipal Hearings Officer	2,500	
Plumbing, Gas, Septic & Animal	<u>36,000</u>	
TOTAL INSPECTORS	73,500	0.02
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Emergency Management Salaries	22,000	
Emergency Management Expenses	<u>16,550</u>	
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	38,550	0.02
ANIMAL CONTROL		
Animal Control Salaries	10,000	
Animal Control Expense	<u>7,165</u>	
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	17,165	0.03
HARBOR		
Harbor Salaries	169,054	
Harbor Expense	<u>36,885</u>	
TOTAL HARBOR	205,939	0.06
CONSTABLES		
Constables Salaries	900	
Constable Expense	<u>700</u>	
TOTAL CONSTABLES	1,600	
TISBURY SCHOOL		
Superintendent's Office	1,365,647	
Tisbury School	<u>6,307,657</u>	
TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	7,673,304	2.43

	<u>FY2021 Budget Amended</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS		
DPW Salaries	1,118,993	
DPW Expense	571,920	
Snow & Ice	30,000	
Tree Warden/Moth & Pest	<u>30,000</u>	
TOTAL DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,750,913	0.57
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		
Building Maintenance Salaries		
Building Maintenance Expenses	<u>77,600</u>	
TOTAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE	77,600	0.02
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Salary-Board of Health-Elected	600	
Health Dept. Salaries	212,537	
Health Dept. Expense	10,300	
Landfill Monitoring	18,300	
Mosquito/Rabies Control	4,800	
Public Health Service	<u>32,000</u>	
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH	278,537	0.09
COUNCIL ON AGING		
Council on Aging Salaries	213,227	
Council on Aging Expense	<u>20,563</u>	
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	233,790	0.07
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING	104,856	0.03
VETERANS BENEFITS	25,000	0.01
LIBRARY		
Library Salaries	492,473	
Library Expense	<u>127,720</u>	
TOTAL LIBRARY	620,193	0.19
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	3,350	
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION	163,719	0.05
MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL	3,500	
DUKES COUNTY REG. HOUSING AUTHORITY	65,495	0.02
TISBURY HOUSING TRUST	35,000	0.01

	<u>FY2021 Budget Amended</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
DUKES COUNTY		
County Retirement	1,289,274	
Vineyard Health Care Access	<u>65,891</u>	
TOTAL DUKES COUNTY	1,355,165	0.42
OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)	150,000	0.05
INSURANCE		
Workman's Compensation	160,000	
Health/Life Insurance	3,244,000	
FICA/Medicare	175,219	
Unemployment Insurance	50,000	
Municipal Insurance	75,000	
Casualty Insurance	<u>460,000</u>	
TOTAL INSURANCE	4,164,219	1.28
M.V. REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	4,934,743	1.53
DEBT & INTEREST	1,405,914	0.43
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	29,341,234	9.17

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

June 23, 2020

Pursuant to the warrant for the Annual Town Election was held at the Tisbury Emergency Services Facility at 215 Spring Street, on Tuesday June 23, 2019 at twelve noon. This Election was postponed from April 14, 2020 due to public health and safety concerns of COVID-19. There were 3,527 registered voters.

The ballot box was checked by the Election Warden Allan Rogers, Election Clerk Colleen Morris and Constable Michael Ciancio and found to be in order, with the register set at zero at 11:30 a.m. The box was then locked by the Constable and the polls were declared open by the Constable at twelve noon for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. by the Constable with the ballot box registering 855 ballots cast. There was one ballot counted by hand. The checked voter's list and count of ballots showed 856 names checked and ballots counted.

The declaration of the vote was as follows:

For MODERATOR (1 for 3 yrs)

Deborah Medders	713
All Others	8
BLANKS	135

For TOWN CLERK (1 for 3 yrs)

J. Hillary Conklin	740
All Others	4
BLANKS	114

For SELECTMAN (1 for 3yrs)

Melinda L. Loberg	368
Melanie A. Englert	45
Larry J. Gomez	422
All Others	4
BLANKS	1729

For CONSTABLE (1 for 3yrs)

Kenneth A. Barwick	664
All Others	6
BLANKS	186

For ASSESSOR (1 for 3 yrs)

Roy Cutrer, Jr.	705
All Others	2
BLANKS	149

For BOARD OF HEALTH (1 for 3 yrs)

Jeffrey C. Pratt	687
All Others	2
BLANKS	167

For PLANNING BOARD (1 for 5 yrs)

Constance Alexander	663
All Others	5
Blanks	188

For LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 for 3 yrs)

Carolyn Ruth Henderson	586
Sandra Johnson-Pratt	611
Dennis Gene Agin	550
All Others	6
Blanks	815

For LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1 for 2 yrs)

Myra Stark	662
All Others	2
Blanks	192

For SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 for 3 yrs)

Jennifer Marie Cutrer	677
All Others	4
Blanks	175

For WATER COMMISSIONER (1 for 3 yrs)

David J. Schwab	706
All Others	4
Blanks	146

For FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 for 3 yrs)

Jynell A.Kristal	528
Mary Ellen Larsen	640
Sarah L. York	582
All Others	8
Blanks	810

For MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSIONER (1 for 3 yrs)

Nancy Lee Weaver	674
All Others	3
Blanks	179

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 improvements, including a sewer collection system expansion in the State Road District, a wastewater treatment facility capacity upgrade, and engineering for and development of a watershed-based Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES	-	623
NO	-	176
BLANKS	-	57

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Tisbury Town Clerk



**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
OFFICIAL BALLOT
TISBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
April 14, 2020**

J. Hillary Conklin
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 MODERATOR

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Deborah Medders
62 State Road Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For TOWN CLERK

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

J. Hillary Conklin
55 Leland Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For SELECTMAN

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Melinda F. Loberg
33 Crocker Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

Melanie A. Englert
1056 State Road ☐

Larry J. Gomez
40 Greenwood Avenue ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For CONSTABLE

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Kenneth A. Barwick
141 Causeway Road Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For ASSESSOR

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Roy Cutrer, Jr.
221 Lake Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Jeffrey C. Pratt
330 Franklin Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For PLANNING BOARD

Five Years Vote for not more than ONE

Constance Alexander
60 Meadow Lane ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Years Vote for not more than THREE

Carolyn Ruth Henderson
123 William Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

Sandra A. Johnson-Pratt
330 Franklin Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

Dennis Gene Agin
20 Holly Tree Lane ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

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For LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Two Years Vote for not more than ONE

Myra C. Stark
185 Sandpiper Lane 12 ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Jennifer Marie Cutrer
221 Lake Street ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

For WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

David J. Schwab
141 Canterbury Lane Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

**For FINANCE AND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Three Years Vote for not more than THREE

Jynell A. Kristal
18 Crocker Avenue Candidate for Re-election ☐

Mary Ellen Larsen
584 Main Street Candidate for Re-election ☐

Sarah L. York
156 Norton Avenue ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

**For MARTHA'S VINEYARD
LAND BANK COMMISSIONER**

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

Nancy Lee Weaver
21 Pond View Way Candidate for Re-election ☐

WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY ☐

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Yes ☐

No ☐

STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Pursuant to the warrant for the State Primary, the polls were declared open by Mary Ellen Larsen, the election Warden, at the Emergency Services Facility, 215 Spring Street, Tisbury, on Tuesday September 1, 2020 at 7:00a.m.

The ballot box was checked by the Warden and inspected by Constable Kenneth A. Barwick and found to be in order, with the register set at zero at 6:45a.m. The box was then locked by the Warden and the polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. with the ballot box registering 1,316 ballots cast. On Primary night 21 ballots were hand counted. The checked voter's list and count of ballots showed 1,337 names checked and ballots counted.

The declaration of the vote was as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
1,238 Votes Cast

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	
Edward J. Markey	774
Joseph P. Kennedy, III	456
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	7
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Ninth District)	
Bill Keating	1,084
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	153
COUNCILLOR (First District)	
Joseph C. Ferreira	941
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	296
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Cape & Islands District)	
Julian Andre Cyr	1,066
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	168
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	
Dylan Fernandes	1070
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	149
REGISTER OF PROBATE	
Daphne Devries	987
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	251
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County)	
Leon Arthur Braithwaite, II	689
John F. Cahill	755

Keith O'Connor Chatinover	758
Tristan R. Israel	639
Christine Catherine Todd	735
Donald Robert Leopold	556
Hunter N. Moorman	502
Richard G. Wharton	557
OTHERS	4
BLANKS	3471
COUNTY TREASURER	
Ann Metcalf	990
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	247

<p align="center">REPUBLICAN PARTY</p> <p align="center">94 Votes Cast</p>

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	
Shiva Ayyadurai	46
Kevin J. O'Connor	44
BLANKS	12
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Ninth District)	
Helen Brady	78
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	14
COUNCILLOR (First District)	
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	93
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Cape & Islands District)	
OTHERS	2

BLANKS	22
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	
OTHERS	3
BLANKS	91
REGISTER OF PROBATE	
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	92
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County)	
OTHERS	20
BLANKS	638
COUNTY TREASURER	
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	92

<p align="center">LIBERTARIAN PARTY</p> <p align="center">5 Votes Cast</p>

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	
OTHERS	4
BLANKS	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Ninth District)	
OTHERS	2
BLANKS	3
COUNCILLOR (First District)	
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	4
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Cape & Islands District)	
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	4
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	

District)	
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	4
REGISTER OF PROBATE	
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	4
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County)	
OTHERS	3
BLANKS	32
COUNTY TREASURER	
OTHERS	1
BLANKS	4

<p align="center">GREEN RAINBOW PARTY</p> <p align="center">0 Votes Cast</p>

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Ninth District)	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
COUNCILLOR (First District)	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Cape & Islands District)	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	

(Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
REGISTER OF PROBATE	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County)	
OTHERS	0
BLANKS	0
COUNTY TREASURER	
OTHERS	
BLANKS	0

TOWN OF TISBURY
STATE ELECTION
 NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Pursuant to the warrant for the State Election, the polls were declared open by Mary Ellen Larsen the Election Warden, at the Emergency Services Facility, 215 Spring St., Tisbury, on Tuesday November 3, 2020, at 7:00AM.

The ballot box was checked by the Warden and inspected by the Constable Kenneth A. Barwick at 6:30AM and found to be in order, with the register set at zero. The box was then locked by the Warden and the polls were declared open at 7:00 AM for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:00 PM with the ballot box registering 2769 ballots counted. There were 87 ballots counted by hand on Election night. On Saturday November 7th, 2 ballots postmarked by November 3rd and received by November 6th were processed through the ballot machine for a total of 2858 ballots cast. The checked voters' list and count of ballots showed 2858 names checked and ballots counted.

The declaration of the vote was as follows:

ELECTORS OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT	TOTALS
Biden and Harris (Democrat)	2225
Hawkins and Walker (Green-Rainbow)	25
Jorgensen and Cohen (Libertarian)	35
Trump and Pence (Republican)	542
All Others	8
Blanks	23
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	TOTALS
Edward J. Markey (Democrat)	2229
Kevin J. O'Connor (Republican)	571
Shiva Ayyadurai (Republican) Write In	15
All Others	2
Blanks	41
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 9TH DISTRICT	TOTALS
Bill Keating (Democrat)	2200
Helen Brady (Republican)	502
Michael Manley (Unenrolled)	37
All Others	4
Blanks	115
COUNCILOR FIRST DISTRICT	TOTALS
Joseph C. Ferreira (Democrat)	2193
All Others	8
Blanks	657
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT CAPE & ISLANDS DISTRICT	TOTALS
Julian Cyr (Democrat)	2291
All Others	5
Blanks	562

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT BARNSTABLE, DUKES & NANTUCKET DISTRICT	TOTALS
Dylan Fernandes (Democrat)	2313
All Others	4
Blanks	541
REGISTER OF PROBATE DUKES COUNTY	TOTALS
Daphne Devries (Democrat)	2217
All others	4
Blanks	637
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (7) DUKES COUNTY	TOTALS
Leon Arthur Brathwaite (Democrat)	1455
John F. Cahill (Democrat)	1584
Keith O'Connor Chatinover (Democrat)	1542
Tristan R. Israel (Democrat)	1533
Christine Catherine Todd (Democrat)	1530
Donald Robert Leopold (Democrat)	1337
Richard D. Wharton (Democrat)	1327
All others	36
Blanks	9662
COUNTY TREASURER DUKES COUNTY	TOTALS
Ann M. Metcalf (Democrat)	2173
All Others	7
Blanks	678
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION DUKES COUNTY	TOTALS
Clarence Barnes III	1780
Christina Brown	1398
Joshua Seth Goldstein	1459
Fred J. Hancock	1221
E. Douglas Sederholm	1277
Linda Bauer Sibley	1359
James Vercruysse	1246
Jeffrey Agnoli	1325
Benjamin F. Robinson	1492
All Others	53
Blanks	13,112

QUESTION 1

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems — systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server — with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's onboard diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or \$10,000 per violation.

2038 YES

610 NO

210 BLANK

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as "ranked-choice voting," in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated

candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot.

Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter's next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates' support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected. Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters' rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount.

The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.^[13]

1430 YES

1210 NO

218 BLANK

QUESTION 3

Shall the county vote to have its elected county treasurer of the county of Dukes County become an appointed county treasurer of the county of Dukes County?

SUMMARY

The purpose of this legislation is to change the position of Dukes County Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, with the elected Dukes County Commissioners (the "Commissioners") holding the power of appointment. The state Legislature has authorized the enactment of this legislation, provided a majority of the voters in Dukes County voting at the November 3, 2020, state election vote "yes" on this question. If this legislation is adopted, the currently elected Treasurer will serve out her current term, which ends on January 6, 2027.

The Commissioners decided to seek approval of this change from the state legislature after many discussions and lengthy consideration at public meetings over the past year. The primary reasons the Commissioners decided to seek authority to change the Treasurer's position to an appointed one are as follows.

In 2010, Division of Local Services of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue ("DOR") conducted a Financial Management Review of the County of Dukes County (the "County") to evaluate whether the County was up to date in meeting its financial planning needs. DOR produced an advisory report to assist the County and the Commissioners. DOR recommended (recommendation number 18) that the County establish the treasurer as an appointed position. The report stated: "This recommendation is not a reflection on the performance of the current treasurer, who we feel is a valuable asset to the county. However, at an opportune time in the future (e.g. upon retirement), we recommend that the county file special legislation to convert

the elected treasurer to one appointed by the county manager. As an appointed position, the county can establish minimum job qualifications, conduct an extensive interview process and complete a background check of potential candidates. With access to a broader pool of candidates, the county can attract a person with the strongest credentials and /or most relevant professional experience.”

Consistent with DOR’s recommendation, the Commissioners and the County Manager have come to the conclusion, after much discussion and reflection, that the demands of the Treasurer’s position, at this juncture, require a unique skillset and a certain level of education or professional experience and training which cannot necessarily be obtained by merely opening the position up for election. The Commissioners and the County Manager recognized the value of the DOR recommendation and concur that having the flexibility to seek, interview, select and appoint the Treasurer would provide the best opportunity to hire a candidate with the qualifications necessary to meet the demands of the job in this date and age, and to manage the ever increasing complexity of the County’s finances. The Commissioners believe that having the flexibility to appoint a Treasurer will best serve the needs of the citizens of this County.

The Dukes County Commissioners voted to file the special legislation on September 4, 2019.

1072 YES

1468 NO

318 BLANK



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Tisbury:

This year, the Emergency Management Department (EMD) has undertaken so much and completely evolved as we faced some very difficult and challenging issues to help plan, coordinate and resolve, none of which was anticipated in the FY2021 budget. As the needs of the town have grown, the EMD has evolved its response, developing plans and providing new services to the Town. This year's budget submittal is to recognize the growth of the Town's rising Emergency Management issues and to help plan for tomorrow in order to build a more resilient community.

On March 17th, Christina Colarusso was promoted to the position of Emergency Management Director and was excited to start the process of updating Tisbury's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and getting the department back on track. On March 23rd Governor Baker placed an executive order for all non-essential businesses and organizations to close in response to the Coronavirus and our world and the role as Emergency Management Director was about to change completely.

As the Supply Officer of the Martha's Vineyard Emergency Management Directors Association (MVEMDA), Christina was tasked with coordinating efforts as a single streamline point of contact for ordering personal protective equipment through MEMA for all island first responders. There was a worldwide personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage and supply chain issues started to prevent first responders from having the equipment they needed to protect themselves on the job. This task was no easy feat and required coordinating with all Fire, Police, and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations across the Island by collecting data on sizes of gloves, masks, face shields or Tyvex suits needed, how many, how much and their burn rate. Over time we were able to expand the distribution to other front-line workers that were also in harms way including Water, Wastewater, DPW, Schools, The Wampanoag Tribe, The Dukes County Sheriffs and Harbor Departments.

The Emergency Management Department could not have accomplished this without the help of every department head and those that assisted with tasks such as picking up or dropping of PPE or organizing it. Without the help of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), The National Guard and the Steamship Authority this would not have been possible. The Department would like to personally thank Alison Fletcher, the agents, captains, and crew members of the Steamship Authority for allowing us to place the items on the luggage carts to help save time and streamline the distribution process.

Island Wide PPE Distribution Data:

PPE was delivered on the following dates: 03/26/2020, 03/27/2020, 03/31/2020, 04/10/2020, 05/4/2020, 05/4/2020, 05/15/2020, 05/22/2020, 06/18/2020, 06/19/2020, 07/21/2020. This data does not include thousands of units of PPE delivered on behalf of the Massachusetts Police and Fire Unions. In addition to the table below, other items such as temporal scanners, sanitizing stations and disinfects were also delivered.

Gowns	N95	KN95	Surgical	Goggles	Face Shields	Gloves	Gallons Sanitizer
1,400	39,100	2,300	38,700	1,010	3,950	60,000	148

As PPE finally became more readily available for purchase, the department was able to shift our focus back onto to updating the CEMP and are happy to report our first rough draft was completed in October of 2020 and we hope to have a final draft for town review in the coming months.

In addition to these efforts, the EMD was able to re-establish a co-operative relationship with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Emergency Management faculty and students which continues to grow and evolve to this day. During the Fall 2020 Semester the EMD was assigned two groups of students working on tabletop exercises for the Town of Tisbury. These exercises include a hazmat/fire incident at the Steamship Authority and a hurricane at high tide incident. One of our student groups was selected to continue planning into the spring semester and will have an opportunity to visit and execute this tabletop with local emergency services to help us prepare for similar events.

Throughout 2020 the EMD has continued our commitment to training and professional development by attending training both locally and virtually through the ICS system. In coordination with the Tisbury School and Building Department the EMD recently completed a first draft of a Natural Disaster Plan and are eager to help it to grow and develop overtime. We continue our communication and coordination with local businesses and utilities and were able to attend an Oil Spill Drill at the R.M Packer facility. In addition, the EMD has collaborated with both the Martha's Vineyard Commission and Tisbury Energy Committee to plan for future projects including solar, battery storage and microgrids to make our community more resilient for worst case scenarios.

The MVEMDA has proposed a part time regional Emergency Management Coordinator position to execute and write regional plans in addition to apply for grants which will help make the entire island community become stronger together. The department would like to thank Greg Leland,

Tracey Jones and Mark Saloio and their respective departments for all the assistance and guidance they have provided to us as we work together to plan for and respond to emergencies.

Most importantly the department would like to thank the taxpayers of Tisbury for believing it was time to invest in Tisbury's Emergency Management Department. It could not have been a better time to make that decision and without which our response to COVID-19 would have been bleak. Stepping into the role of Emergency Management Director several days before a pandemic has been an extremely rewarding challenge one that has taught the Director a great deal about how our community comes together during hard times and how our department is essential to help get Tisbury ready for anything thrown our way.

PersonnelData:

Although FY20 annual Stipends were originally designated to be \$3,000 and \$1,000 respectively, due to a mid-year appointment the first semi-annual payment was reduced to reflect proportionally. Much was asked of department during the pandemic none of which was anticipated in the FY2020 budget, which resulted in hundreds of hours worked in good faith.

Title	Name	Dates Served	Stipend
Director	Micah Agnoli	11/12/2019-03/17/2020	\$500
	Christina Colarusso	03/17/2020-06/30/2020	\$1500
Assistant Director	Christina Colarusso	11/12/2019-03/17/2020	\$150
	Micah Agnoli	3/17/2020-06/30/2020	\$500

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Colarusso

Tisbury Emergency Management Director

Supply Officer, Martha's Vineyard Emergency Management Directors Association

TISBURY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Tisbury Ambulance Service provides pre-hospital medical treatment to the Tisbury community. In the year 2020, the Tisbury Ambulance Service has had the following calls for service:

• Total Calls for Service:	459
• Priority One Responses (DOA, Cardiac arrest):	7
• Priority Two Responses (Advanced life support):	236
• Priority Three Responses (Basic life support):	114
• Mutual aid to another town:	39
• Cancelled Calls	10
• Fire / Police Standby	10
• Request for Public Assistance	9

Service revenues from ambulance calls have generated \$237,697.00 into the general fund.

This year has left a lasting impression on everyone and has rewritten how most of us approach our days. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is no exception, the department is made up of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, and friends. The one thing that unites us all is our desire and ability to help those in their time of need.

Much has changed since March when we suddenly became frontline workers. Like most departments we went through some initial concerns and began navigating tasks that we'd never tackled before, but we are EMS and we tackle the unknown on a regular basis. So, we upped the ante, confronted our own fears of becoming sick or infecting our families and we put on our game face and accepted the challenge.

Protocols were updated daily, staffing changed by the hour and safety measures were implemented to protect us as we braced for the surge. Emergency Services island wide, across multiple disciplines dispersed their supplies to ensure that no service went without the protective equipment needed. As decontamination supplies and personal protective equipment were all being placed on backorder, our Emergency manager worked tirelessly to ensure that our supply needs were being replenished.

Our community came together as always and helped in every way possible. Hardware stores, construction companies and other businesses, donated their masks, face shields and Tyvek suits, our hotels offered accommodation if responders needed quarantine and indeed there was a surge, it was one of appreciation, recognition, and support. The gratitude bestowed upon us by our community was overwhelming.

We recognize that our growth and success depend largely on the support that we receive from both the community and our fellow emergency responders. Each discipline has faced its unique challenges this year, nevertheless the dedicated individuals of Tisbury's Police, Fire and Ambulance departments are the backbone of our emergency services, all of whom work exceptionally hard to provide the best emergency care available to the Town of Tisbury.

Although our doors remain closed, we remain available 24/7/365 for whatever comes our way. Through these unprecedented times, our crews remain vigilant in maintaining their skills while also integrating new ones such as home COVID testing and administrations of vaccines when needed. Some challenges have been harder to overcome than others, like not being able to see facial expressions, when someone calls 911 there is something reassuring about seeing a familiar face come through the door.

To the personnel of the Tisbury Ambulance Service – Thank you for your continued dedication and professionalism to the community, thank you for the cancelled trips and time away from your families, thank you for the support that you have provided each other through our own losses, illnesses and childcare struggles and thank you for the joys, the graduations and the special occasions that we have yet to celebrate.

My gratitude to the following individuals, many of whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help in the success of Tisbury Ambulance.

Tisbury's EMT's & Paramedics

Kyle Gatchell, Benjamin Stevens, Krystle Rose, Lindsay Hopkins, Ali Getz, Amanda Gonsalves, Bell Dinning, Belinda Booker, Ben Davey, Bradley Carroll, Chelsea McCarthy, Connor Chisholm, David Marinelli, David Smith, Dawn Gompert, Gabriel DeOliveira, Gleyzielle Rodrigues, Greg Martino, Jason Davey, Jim Davin, Livia Sampaio, Matthew Montanile, Patrick Rolston, Sheri Caseau, Tad Medeiros, Trulayna Rose

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 2020, the Tisbury Fire Department responded to 357 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 2020 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, 8 members of our Department are currently training as part of the Dukes County Training Council and are expected to test for Firefighter 1&2 in March.

On June 30th, 2020 John Schilling retired after 40 years of service, 18 of which serving as Fire Chief. John started his fire service career with the Legion pumper in 1980, moving to the rank of lieutenant in 1987 and Captain in 1993. In 2000 John was selected as the Assistant Chief and subsequently promoted to Fire Chief in 2002. During his tenure John became the first recognized full time Fire Chief in Tisbury's history, as well as overseeing the construction of multiple fire apparatus and the new Emergency Service Facility in 2012. John has been instrumental in moving the department forward in its training standards and policies and procedures. His wealth of knowledge and calm demeanor under pressure will be sorely missed by the members and citizens alike.

In July, Gregory Leland was hired as the Department's next Fire Chief, and Patrick Rolston was hired as the Deputy Fire Chief. In the short time that they have been on the job, they have overseen the purchase and roll out of the new self-contained breathing apparatus that all firefighters use as part of their duties, the purchase and Installation of a gear extractor via a grant and private donation.

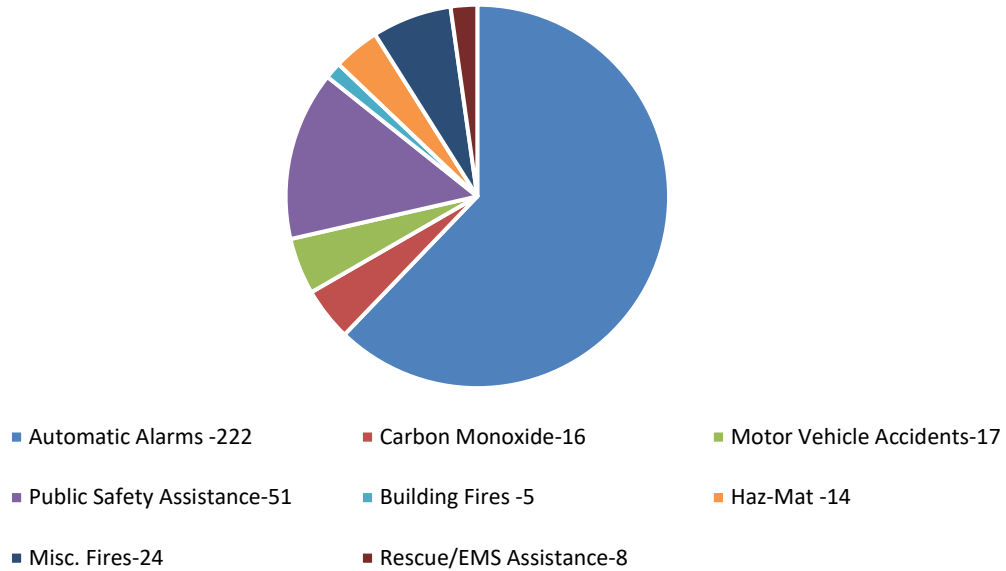
We would like to recognize the strong working relationship we have with the Tisbury Ambulance Service and the Tisbury Police Department. The seamless integration of our 3 services enables us all to provide you with effective and professional response to your emergencies.

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.

2020 YEAR END DATA

In 2020 the Fire Department conducted 432 fire safety inspection.

Total calls for service



Respectfully submitted,

Gregory K Leland
Fire Chief/Forest Warden

Patrick B Rolston
Deputy Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Tisbury,

2020 was an unprecedented year for all of us. The majority of the year was spent mitigating an historic public health crisis. This pandemic has extended into 2021. All of us in the Tisbury Police Department are hopeful you and your family members have remained healthy through these difficult times. Even through our pandemic, the Department was able to sustain significant staffing level improvements and we are hopeful for longer-term stability after this period of rebuilding. We were also the first agency on Island to implement new Hybrid SUV marked police cruisers to our fleet.

All of our personnel work diligently to fulfill our community policing philosophies. They work each day to enhance safety and mitigate traffic congestion. I am very appreciative of their efforts and for your continued support.

This past year, your Department has made significant progress in working toward certification through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. We are anticipating a mock, or practice assessment for certification in March of 2021, and are hopeful of a full assessment soon thereafter. This Certification will demonstrate that our department's policies, training, and directives are consistent with national "best practices." This achievement will be based on the entire agency's embracement of the accreditation philosophies, but I would specifically recognize Officer Andrew Silvia as the glue behind this operation. Andrew serves as our accreditation manager and is working extremely hard at seeing this vision become a reality. I would also like to direct you to our annual numbers. Numbers are not a full account of job performance, but it is noteworthy to see that TPD leads all agencies on this Island in arrests, traffic enforcement numbers and overall calls for service. Your officers work hard and do their best to be proactive, rather than simply reactive. Proactive enforcement is a significant part of community policing and caretaking!

All of your Town's public safety departments continue to work well together and function as a team every day. We are all hopeful for a safe, healthy, and peaceful 2021.

Respectfully,

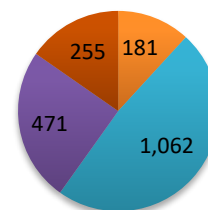
Mark G. Saloio,

Tisbury Police Chief

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE-

2020

17,100



Motor Vehicle Accidents

Alarm/911 Calls

Medical Emergencies

Cases Resulting in Criminal Charges



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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.

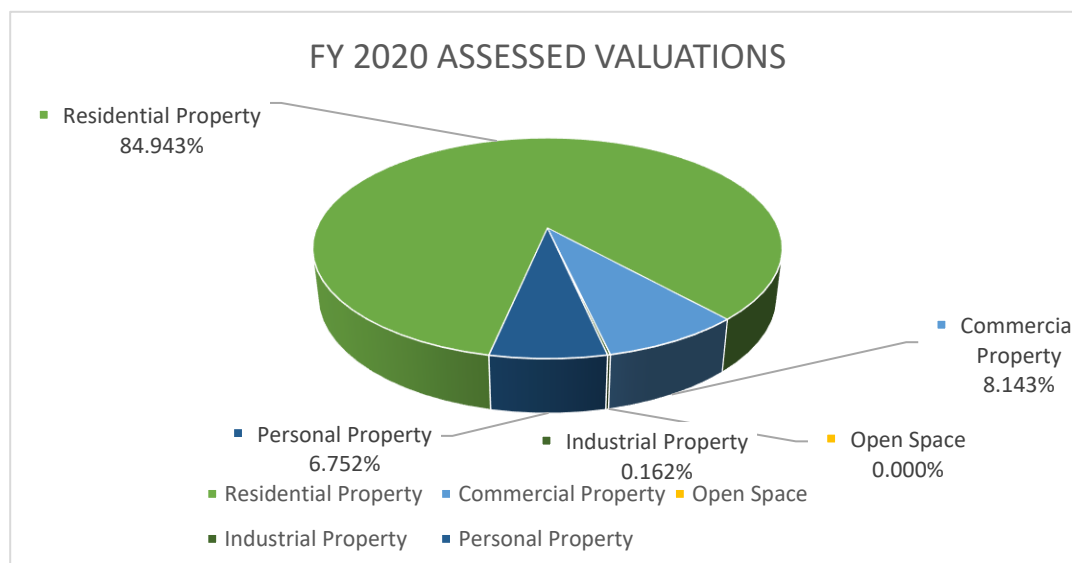
State law requires that local assessed values reflect market value every year. Every five years Massachusetts cities and towns are mandated to re-evaluate the assessed values of their municipality. During the calendar year 2019, our office reviewed and analyzed the sales data from the calendar year 2018 of real property. Depending on the market conditions and property value trends, adjustments may increase, decrease, or leave values unchanged.

Total town expenditures increased 2% from fiscal year 2019 (\$25,800,845) to fiscal year 2020 (\$26,404,187). The residential tax rate is \$9.33 per thousand and the commercial tax rate is \$8.73 for the fiscal year 2020. 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 residential class assessment, the tax rate of the residential class, which covers 85% of the town budget, increased from \$8.73 to \$9.33.

The fiscal year 2020 assessed values of all town real estate is \$3,023,376,288, an increase from the fiscal year 2019.

Listed below is the breakdown of classes of property for the fiscal year 2020:

2918	Residential Parcels	\$2,697,346,843
348	Commercial Parcels	\$258,584,759
16	Industrial Parcels	\$5,140,400
1642	Personal Property Accounts	\$62,304,286
209	Exempt Parcels	\$214,424,701



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 the information on the assessors record card regarding the construction details, depreciation of the home, and other valuation variables.

Please come to the assessor's office to discuss any issues with the assessed value of your property and the Principal 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.

LEVY CEILING VS LEVY LIMIT

Our office receives calls from taxpayers stating "I thought our taxes could not increase more than 2 ½ percent. The Principal Assessor recommended that a brief education of proposition 2 ½ would be a nice idea.

The property tax levy is the revenue a community can raise through real estate and personal property taxes. In Massachusetts, municipal revenues to support local spending for schools, public safety, and other public services are raised through the property tax levy, state aid, local receipts, and other sources. The property tax is the largest source of revenue for most cities and towns.



What is a Levy Ceiling?

Proposition 2 ½ places constraints on the amount of the levy raised by a city or town and on how much the levy can be increased from year to year.

A levy limit is a restriction on the amount of property taxes a community can levy. Proposition 2 ½ established two types of levy limits:

A community cannot levy more than 2.5 percent of the total full and fair cash value of all taxable real and personal property in the community. The full and fair cash value limit is the levy ceiling.



What is a Levy Limit?

A community's levy is also constrained in that it can only increase by a certain amount from year to year. The maximum amount a community can levy in a given year is the levy limit. The levy limit will always be below the, or at most, equal to the levy ceiling. The levy limit may not exceed the levy ceiling. If you would like to learn more about how the levy ceiling and limit are calculated or increase, please go to the assessor's page on our website at www.tisbury.ma.gov.

The board of assessors would like to thank the staff, Principal Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski, Data Collector Alycelee Pigman, and Administrative Secretary Elena De Foe for all their hard work throughout the year.

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 Select Board) to recommend the town budget and to review and make recommendations on all articles brought to the citizens for a vote at the annual and special town meetings. “The Voter Guide” shows how the committee’s members voted on each article and it summarizes the arguments on each side when the committee vote is not unanimous.

The current members believe that the voters rely on them to do a thorough assessment of the financial aspects of all items brought to town meeting. In the case of non-money articles, we serve as an advisory committee, considering the benefits of the proposal to the town and the taxpayers and voting whether to recommend it. The majority of the committee’s work is done in the months before 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 and Advisory Committee recommends a vote against a particular warrant article. That is because, after careful consideration, a majority of committee members have agreed that the requested expenditure or 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 town meeting where the voters make the final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy B. Gilfoy, Chair
Sarah York, Vice-Chair
Jynell Kristal
Mary Ellen Larsen
Kelley Metell
Allan Rogers
India Rose
Laura Rose
Lesley Segal

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

In fiscal year 2020, the town's annual budget grew 3.4%, driven by salaries and wages, health care costs, 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 a reserve to cover unexpected financial crises, and In FY2019, we tapped it to pay for emergency renovations to the elementary school. We have started to replenish the fund, and it now stands at just over \$1.2 million.

Maintaining a strong stabilization fund helps our credit rating – our Standard and Poor's credit rating remains a solid "AA+ stable," an excellent rating for a town our size. Interest rates are remarkably low, keeping down the cost of borrowing.

Scanlon & Associates is completing the fiscal 2020 audit, examining all aspects of town finances. Copies of the audit report and management letter will be available for anyone interested in reviewing the results of the audit and the comments from the auditors.

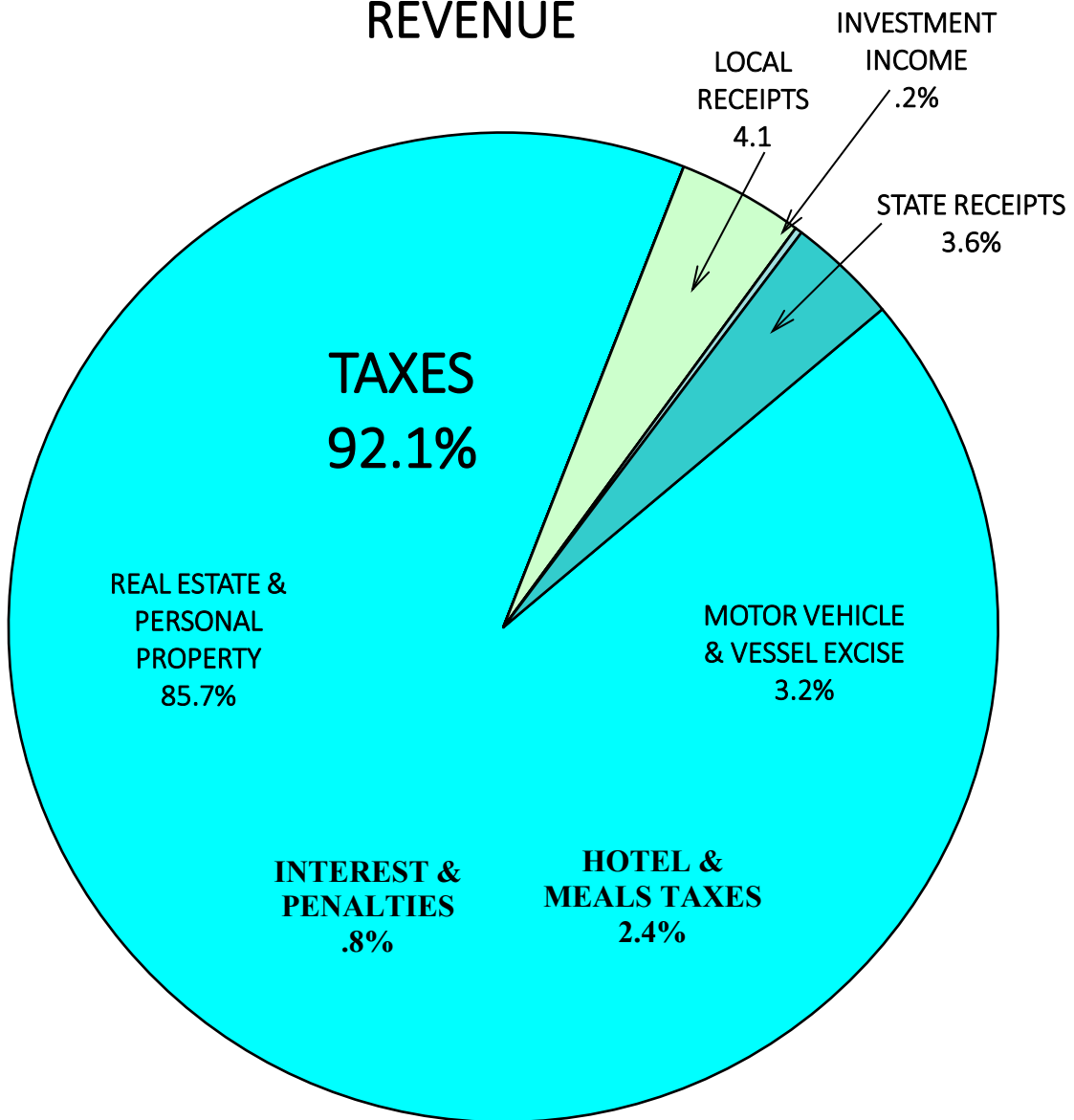
Finance Department Staff Members: Assistant Treasurer/Collector Kim Serpa, Financial Assistant Libby Cleary, and Assistant Town Accountant John Minnehan. Our goal is to serve you, the citi-zens of Tisbury. Please feel free to call or stop by the office anytime. We will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,

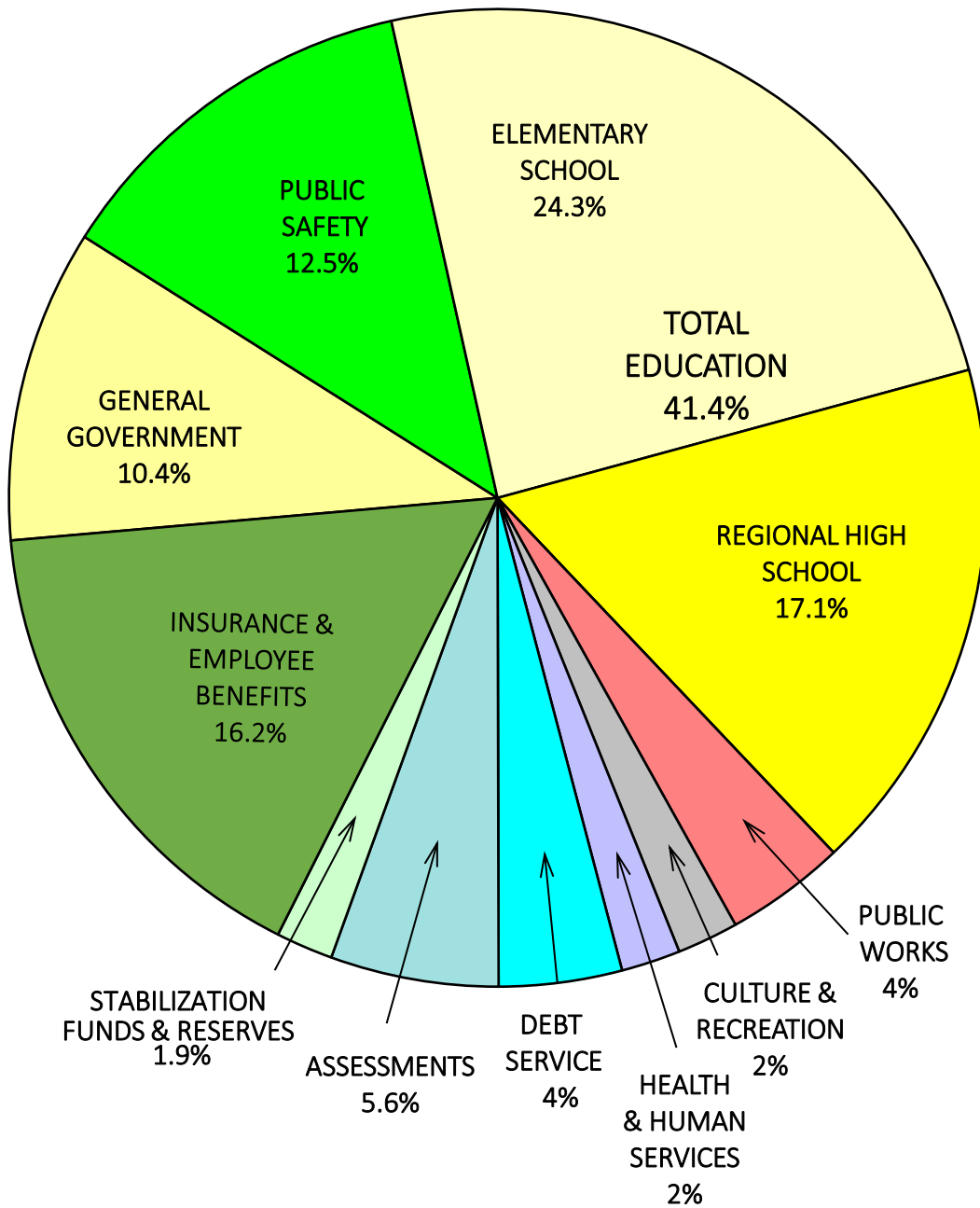
Jonathan V. Snyder, Finance Director
Suzanne E. Kennedy, Accountant

Please note that, due in part to the impact of the pandemic, audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2020 were not available at the time this annual report was printed. A complete set of audited financial statements will be made available on the town's website as soon as they are available, and copies will be made available at town hall on request.

TOWN OF TISBURY
FY 2020
REVENUE



TOWN OF TISBURY
FY 2020
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BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

The total number of building permits issued for calendar year 2020 is Four Hundred and Thirty-Eight (438). This is an increase of 51 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.

2020 was another big year change for the Building & Zoning Department. Justin Lucas was hired as a Local Building Inspector to assist the Building Commissioner with permit and inspectional duties. Town Building Inspectors are serving as enforcement personnel for COVID-19 Guidelines and are very active ensuring that jobsites were complying with all rules to operate safely, in addition to their regular duties. Lastly, a big step was made to move to online permitting through the purchase of OpenGov software. Online permitting should be live by late spring 2021.

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

END OF THE YEAR DATA

Commercial Permits

New Construction	1
Demolition	0
Renovations	12

Residential Permits

Single Family Dwellings	17
Accessory Apartments	5
Demolition	15
Additions	14
Accessory Structures	9
Renovations	222
Guest House	1
Multi-Family Dwelling	2

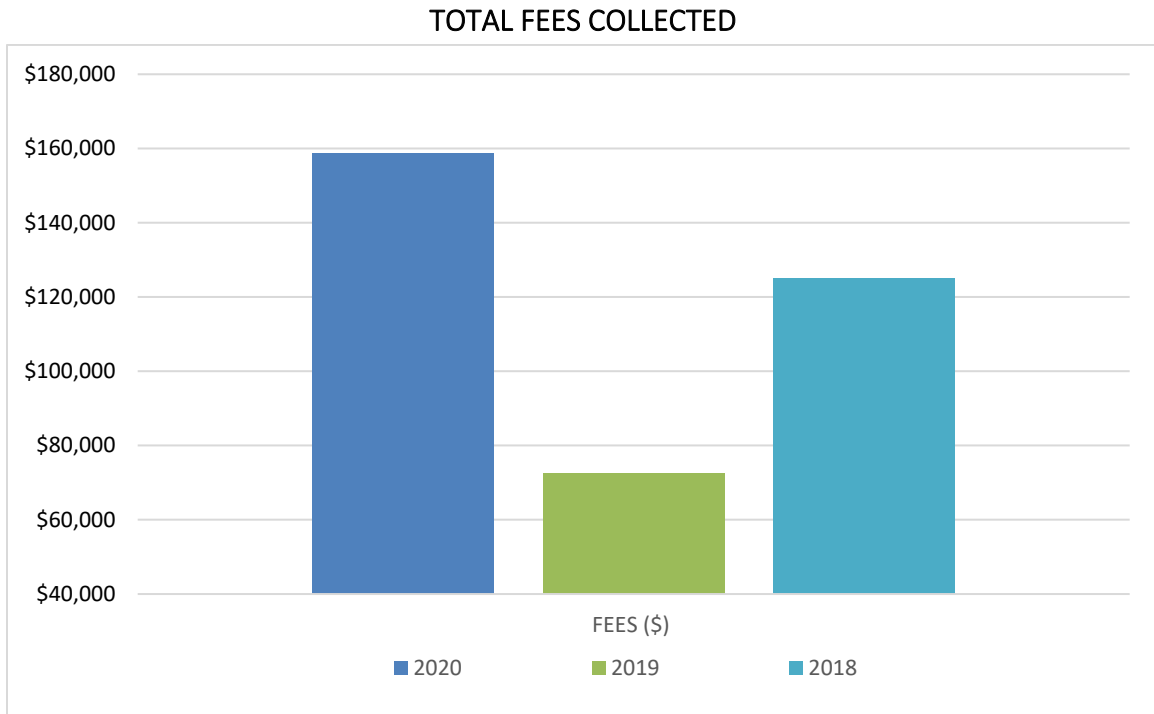
Other Types of Permits

Occupancy Permits	46
Town Work	2
Signs	5
Wood Stoves	4
Sheet Metal	15

Sprinkler Systems	3
Solar Arrays	44
Swimming Pools	7
Tents	6
Fire Notification Systems	

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION IN TISBURY

Commercial	\$6,361,497.00	Residential	\$45,014,439.00
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Respectfully Submitted,

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

WIRING INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2020 a total of 227 electrical permits were issued. This is a decrease of 12 permits from last year. The total of fees collected for all permits and inspections during the calendar year of 2020 was \$49,084.00

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Gosselin
Wiring Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

There was a total of 128 gas permits issued during the calendar year 2020. This is a decrease of 16 permits from last year. Most were for installations of central heating systems, hot water heaters, and gas fireplaces. The total permit and inspections fees collected for gas work during 2020 totaled \$10,445.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciano
Gas Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

On July 1, 2020 the Plumbing Inspector began reporting to the Building Commissioner instead of the Health Agent to better align inspectional services together. There was a total of 53 permits issued since July 1, 2020 with all permit and inspection fees totaling \$10,695.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciano
Plumbing 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 are also provided to keep seniors in their homes.

Many of our other classes and programs such Playreaders, knitting group, poetry group, creative painting, ukulele players and our special Holiday events had to be cancelled this year. We hope that we can resume our activities in 2021.

The Council on Aging has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts office on Disabilities to defray for automatic doors. Getting the automatic doors will make the center more accessible to our seniors with mobility problems.

Sandy Whitworth, our Activities Director is trying to come up with programs that can be done through zoom. It certainly has been a challenge trying to do our programming through zoom, as many of our seniors do not have the technology to go on zoom.

Attorney Arthur Bergeron began giving his presentations on MVTV. Attorney Bergeron began seeing clients one on one at the center for anyone seeking legal assistance. This is by Appointment only.

We always 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 is still working with seniors providing assistance with Medical insurance claims and answer questions regarding medical insurances that would best serve their needs. Service is offered the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Appointments are taken.

The Supportive Day Program continues to provide support for caregivers who care for a loved one 24/7. Referrals are welcome by Family members and Caregivers. The Supportive Day Program also provides support for family caregivers. Programs are offered virtual to keep connected to families and caregivers as well as clients who are in the program

We still offer assistance programs ex: fuel assistance, food stamps, and surplus food distribution during the pandemic to ensure our seniors are provided the services they need to stay in their homes. Other services and programs include: Legal services are provided by the Elder Law Attorney, who comes to the Councils on Aging each month. All of our services are by appointment only.

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. Because of the pandemic they are not able to come to the island. Blood Pressure and Town Nurse Clinics have been suspended but have been taking referrals. VTA Bus passes at a discount for seniors 65 years of age and older are provided.

We still work with the Healthy Aging of Martha's Vineyard who are 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 , and general population.

We always want to thank Our Friends of the Council on Aging for all of their support they have given.

New programs and services are still 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.tisbury.ma.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.

It is important to keep in touch with our seniors and keep them connected to our community during this pandemic crisis.

Joyce Stiles-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 is very proud to announce this year completed project list:

Smith Brook Culvert/ Headwall- replacement

Delano Road Culvert-repair

Paula Ave Apron- new construction

Center and Woodlawn- road & sidewalk replacement

Norton Street-road & sidewalk replacement

Summer Street Sidewalk- replacement

Basin- 12 repairs

Oak Grove Pathway Install- installation of 300' of stone pathway

Parks and Recreation:

The Department recreation programs was hard hit by Covid19 this year and our parks were closed for organized league play. The DPW took advantage of this time for much needed field maintenance, we added roughly 100cubic yards of topsoil and hand seeded our playing surfaces.

Cemetery Maintenance and Operations:

The Town continues to operate and maintain the four Town cemeteries. We would like to thank Quitsa Landscaping for helping us maintain these properties, without them it wouldn't have been possible.

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
Director of Public Works



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 2022.



This fall we dredged the Lake Tashmoo Channel and the Lake Tashmoo Bulkhead. We were assisted in this project by a grant in the amount of \$129,700 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

The Harbor Department continued to operate an active boat pump out service. In 2020, utilizing two vessels, we pumped out 303 vessel's sewage holding tanks totaling 7,500 gallons. The dockside facility holding tank was emptied twice accounting for about 6,000 gallons. We pumped a total of about 13,500 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 40 Incidents during the busiest part of the summer season between July 1 and August 31. The Harbor Department towed a number of disabled vessels, pumped out vessels in danger of sinking and rescued a number of vessels that dragged anchor or broke free during storms.

2020 was a challenging year. We ordered PPE for all Harbor Department employees, increased cleaning of vessels, especially the pump out boats, and enforced the no vessel rafting protocols issued by the Governor. Our goal was to keep staff and boaters safe.

The Harbor Department is in the process of purchasing a new patrol boat. In the meantime, the Massachusetts Environmental Police have loaned us a surplus patrol boat. The interim vessel has been provided at no cost to the Town. We are very grateful for this interagency cooperation. 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.

Revenue figures for FY 2020 are as follows:

	<u>Acct</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Vessel Excise	416020	31,208
Mooring Application Fees	432104	4,180
Mooring Permit Fees	432020	130,474
Town Mooring Leases	432102	91,159
Dockage Fees	432103	15,320
Transient Mooring Fees	432101	79,324
New Mooring Fees	432107	1,025
Dinghy Stickers	432108	1,150
Parking Permit Fees	424303	1,300
Total		<u>355,140</u>

Respectfully submitted,

John Crocker
Harbormaster

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

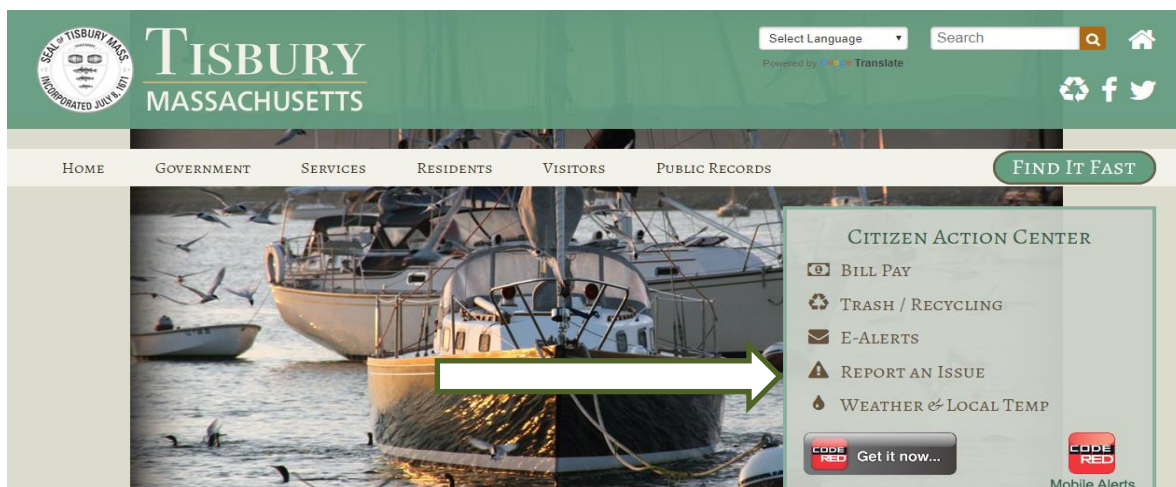
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Tisbury:


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.

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.

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 the 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. Sign up for E-Alerts which can be found on the homepage of tisburyma.gov under “Citizen Action Center”, signing up for news, scheduled meetings and posted agendas.

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 People of Tisbury,

2020 has been a difficult year. Although we had to cancel our beloved Family Shellfish Day; we have seen an increase in activity as many residents recreated to the ponds and harbors for boating and clamming.

The Tisbury Shellfish Department has carried on with the propagation of quahogs, steamers, and bay scallops. This year we changed up the quahog rafts by using buoys instead of Styrofoam floats; the ecologically friendly suspended nurseries allow more sunlight and less surface area for birds to perch. The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, our local hatchery, supplied us with 1.275 million quahog seed and 3.45 million bay scallop seed. The bay scallops were grown out on floating lines in the Lagoon and Tashmoo. We've continued to propagate bay scallops using our spawning cages.

This year the Town also received a generous anonymous donation to purchase 300,000 steamer seed from CAT Cove Hatchery at Salem State University. The tiny steamers grew from 2-4 mm to fingernail size. The steamers were seeded on the Eastern flat in Tashmoo and marked with "No Shellfishing" signs.

We continue to work with the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the Division of Marine Fisheries with their water quality monitoring. We collect samples with DMF in all water bodies to help ensure that the water is safe enough to harvest shellfish. High bacteria counts near Ferry Boat Island shut down the West Arm of the Lagoon in February. This setback many commercial and recreational shellfishermen who also enclosed the family shellfish area. With additional sampling stations set throughout the West Arm, and potential pollution sources located, DMF was able to reestablish the closure line and set it back further; it still encompasses Ferry Boat Island. DMF had moved the closure line in Lake Tashmoo to the narrowest part, thus increasing the prohibited area. The MVCs water quality monitoring is an ongoing part of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project where they analyze the total water quality in the ponds while focusing on nitrogen. With the help of an intern, they were able to continue with their regular monitoring. The Shellfish Department has benefited from additional funding from Tisbury Waterways Inc., for Nelson Sigelman, our "Tashmoo Ambassador" where he not only a pond steward who checks clambers for permits but helps enforce harbor and shellfish regulations. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, we did not have a Lagoon Pond Association intern this summer.

This year the Town has approved the first aquaculture grant located just north of the Richard C. Karney Solar Hatchery (MVSG) in the Lagoon, shortly after approving the aquaculture regulations the previous fall. This is a new endeavor for the Town as it takes on private aquaculture.

This spring the Shellfish Department was able to purchase a new outboard for the Carolina skiff, funding for the 90hp Suzuki was purchased using the shellfish trust funds.

The department has also been involved in various projects throughout the summer and fall. We have continued with the Upper Lagoon Pond herring habitat assessment where we monitor the water quality from June through September, we are working with other state and town departments on this. In 2020 we continued our eelgrass projects with the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group and with an Edey grant they received to try and replant uprooted eelgrass. Over 500 eelgrass shoots were planted in a nursery raft that was suspended in the Lagoon. In early October the raft was replanted and submerged the raft in the Lagoon, where it can easily be monitored.

The Shellfish Department is in dialog with the State DMF regarding new National Shellfish Sanitation Program regulations regarding mooring areas. Mooring areas can no longer have an Approved classification. We are looking for guidance on how the new NSSP regulations that require a downward classification from Approved to Conditionally Approved or lower will impact shellfishing in town waters. The Shellfish Department will work with DMF to ensure every effort is made to minimize mooring related shellfish closures in currently Approved waters.

Shellfish by the Numbers:

	Quahogs	Steamers	Bay Scallops
Recreational amount (in bushels)	245	27.5	19.5
Commercial amount (in bushels)	403.25	14	8
Total bushels	648.25	41.25	27.5
Total \$/bushel (approx.)	~\$136	~\$200	~\$120
Total Value	\$88,162	\$8,250	\$3,300
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)	\$191,947	\$9,800	\$3,360

Permits Sold:

Senior Residents	$163/\$5 = \815
Residents	$211/\$40 = \8440
Commercial	$13/\$350 = \4550
Year-round non-resident	$3/\$400 = \1200
Short term non-resident	$158 = \$5050$

Total: \$ 20,055

Sincerely,
Danielle Ewart
Tisbury Shellfish Constable

WASTEWATER

Honorable Select Board and fellow Citizens of Tisbury:

The Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility (TWWTF) treated 17,955,370 gallons of flow in 2020, compared to the previous years flow of 22,116,296. This reduction of approximately 19% can be attributed to multiple factors like the COVID-19 pandemic. The first phase of a multiphase upgrade has been completed with the second phase going out to bid this August. Wastewater Operators Mike Alberice and James Stinemire, have been working hard, keeping the treatment facility operational and within permit, maintaining an average Total Nitrogen (TN) of 2.56 mg/L.

2020	Gallons	Total N
Jan.	1,518,260	3.46
Feb.	1,511,797	3.08
March	1,551,585	2.53
April	1,369,933	1.75
May	1,142,204	1.26
June	1,488,618	2.16
July	2,164,912	2.11
Aug.	2,264,006	1.7
Sept	1,877,146	3.57
Oct.	1,507,753	4.24
Nov.	425,364	2.10
Dec.	1,133,792	2.79
TOTAL	17,955,370	Avg. 2.56
Top flow day		
July 31st	89,933	

Department staff has been working closely with Environmental Partners Group on several time sensitive projects, such as the renewal of the treatment facility's discharge permit. We are anticipating an increased daily discharge limit of 140,000 gallons per day once phase two of the facility upgrade has been completed. This will result in the much-needed increase of 36,000 gallons per.

This past March, Wastewater and Department of Public Works staff in collaboration with Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Airport wastewater staff, hosted a three-day Collection Systems Operations and Maintenance certification course. This will allow us

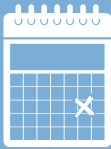
to save on what was once an annual cost, by having trained department staff perform the annual Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) study.

The submission of the new discharge permit and the completion of the I&I study are the first steps in the completion of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning (CWMP) process. This is a process whereby current and future needs are evaluated, plans are developed and chosen through careful comparison and evaluation resulting in the most cost effective, environmentally sound wastewater management plan.

In January, department staff stopped discharging treated effluent to the leaching fields located at the Emergency Services Facility for all daily flows less than 52,000 gallons per day. This change prevents the Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility from contributing to the daily total nitrogen loading in the Lake Tashmoo and Lagoon Pond watershed most days of the year.

Respectfully,

Jared Meader,
Wastewater Superintendent



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BOARD OF HEALTH

2020 was a year like no other for public health. In February we realized that the virus spreading globally was quickly becoming a concern in this country. By early March the Boards of Health were working closely with other public health agencies and the school system to determine appropriate steps to deal with this public health crisis. The World Health Organization declared a global pandemic on March 11th and the Island reported our first confirmed case of the virus on March 17th.

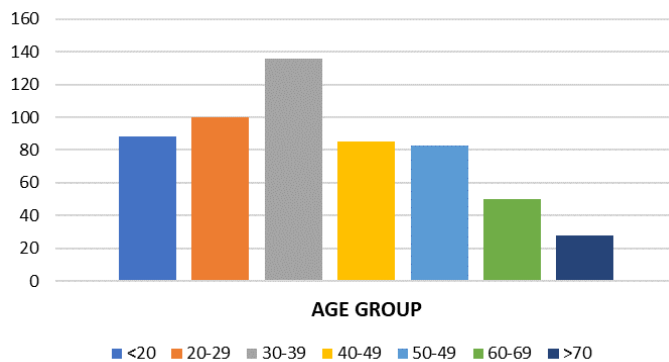
Since disease doesn't recognize town boundaries the Island Boards of Health decided early on that we must work as one community. This decision served the residents of Martha's Vineyard well as we were able to share the workload and adopt emergency guidelines on a regional basis. The Boards of Health worked tirelessly to help stem the spread of the virus by adopting and enforcing rules aimed at not only reducing the spread but mitigating the effects of the virus through public education campaigns and thorough contact tracing. While we work toward vaccinating Island residents in the new year, we ask that people continue to protect themselves and others by observing the safety precautions of wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, and staying home when ill.

The Tisbury Board of Health extends our gratitude to all who worked with the department addressing this unprecedented public health crisis including the Tisbury Board of Selectmen, Tisbury Building Inspector, Tisbury Police Department, Tisbury EMS and the Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and West Tisbury Boards of Health and their Agents. Special thanks to our community partners, public health provider Island Health Care, the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Quest Diagnostics for their support in providing public education and outreach, contact tracing and community testing. Many other community members and organizations also stepped up to assist, a reminder that we are in fact one small community able to work together for the benefit of Island residents.

Martha's Vineyard COVID statistics 3/17/2020 – 12/31/2020

570 TOTAL CASES





In addition to dealing with the pandemic the Board of Health continued the inspection and regulation of food service establishments as well as monitoring water quality in the Harbor, Lagoon and Lake Tashmoo. Over the course of the year we also continued working with KleanTu LLC and the Tisbury Wastewater Department to monitor the ten (10) NitROE systems installed in the Town

and began a review of our nitrogen regulations in an effort to bring us closer to our goals of protecting our ponds and streams from excess nitrogen.

In an effort to reduce the risk of vector-borne illnesses the Board of Health continued 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 and also participated in an Island-wide tick program headed by Richard Johnson

As always, we wish to acknowledge our staff for helping us achieve our goals and providing essential public health services to Tisbury residents during this unprecedented time. Thank you to our Health Agent Maura Valley, Assistant Health Agent Catie Blake and Administrative Secretary Valerie Soushek.

Due to ongoing health concerns, the Board of Health currently meets remotely. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Please refer to posted agendas for a meeting link if you wish to join the remote meeting.

The Board of Health Office collected the following fees for calendar year 2020:

Pumpout Permits	\$ 8,390.00
Food Permits	\$20,850.00
Plumbing Permits	\$ 3,825.00
Disposal Works Applications	\$12,900.00
Other	\$ 8,985.00
TOTAL	\$54,950.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 \$10,197,137 over the past fourteen years, FY 2006 - FY 2020. In fiscal year 2020 the following CPC projects completed include:

- Historic Town Clerk Records Preservation
- Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard - Affordable Housing - Six Apartments
- Martha's Vineyard Museum Whaling Captain Painting Restoration
- Veteran's Park Memorial Installed
- Daggett Avenue - Affordable Housing - Three Townhouses
- Perlman House - Affordable Housing - Seven Apartments
- Tisbury Municipal Housing Trust Funded
- Habitat for Humanity - Affordable Housing - Marion's Way
- 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

Carolyn Wallis

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 Beach Road area along the harbor, the lagoon and Lake Tashmoo continue to be of major concern to the Conservation Commission. Septic system problems, increased demand for use, road runoff and applications for new water related construction such as piers continue to put pressure on our water resources. The Conservation Agent and harbormaster have been working on permitting various dredging, and pier maintenance projects in town. The Commission has been seeing more frequent applications for the armoring of eroding banks, repair and maintenance of bulkheads and revetments.

The Conservation Commission reviewed twenty (20) applications for projects subject to review under state and local wetlands laws during 2020, and application fees for these projects generated \$4,632.00 in revenue for the Town of Tisbury.

The Martha's Vineyard Shipyard application for a marina as well as Ralph Packer's Tisbury Marine Terminal is still under review by the Martha's Vineyard Commission and we hope to get a final decision on it sometime in 2021, 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 Daniele Ewart, the Board of Health and the Building/Zoning Department for their advice and input over the past years.

The Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at a new time of 4:30 p.m. currently via Zoom and procedures for attaining access to every meeting will be posted on the tisburyma.gov website and on the posted hearing notices. 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

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. \$680,252.

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.

Through the first 10 months of 2020 Tisbury has received \$8385 in payments from **Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART)** program for the solar production at the Emergency building. These payments will continue for the next 19 years. In addition, the building is using the power generated and off setting some of the monthly expense paid to Eversource.

Tisbury has been awarded a second payout of \$63,621 from the **Massachusetts Green Community Program**. This brings the total received to over \$200,000. This payment was used for the following 4 projects:

\$10,000, Hybrid police vehicle purchase (2)
\$15,000 EV charging station (2)
\$32,975 Heat Pump system, fuel conversion
\$5,646 Administrative assistance

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. Until further notice all meetings are by way of Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilfoy
Kirk Metell
Bruce Stuart
Dawn Bellante
William Straw, Chairman

TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

The Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust was created at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

The trust supports the island-wide affordable housing efforts that are greatly needed on the island and within the town of Tisbury.

In 2020 the Trust met to allocate funds to the Perlman Project.

The Trust will continue to meet to allocate funds where they will be beneficial to the Town and its residents. It will also meet to discuss new ways to help alleviate the island wide housing shortage.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Seidman, Chairman

Abbe Burt

Melinda F. Loberg

James Rogers

Jeff Kristal

TISBURY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

In 2019 the Tisbury Planning Board completed an Open Space and Recreation Plan, which was approved by the Select Board and the State Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Plan set forth five goals based on an analysis of community characteristics, an environmental inventory and a vision developed through community meetings and a town survey. These goals include:

- Improve the stewardship of open space, parks, and recreation resources.
- Improve existing recreation facilities and create new facilities to meet identified community needs.
- Create a network of pedestrian, bike and water routes that connect town parks and open space and integrate them within our neighborhoods.
- Increase waterfront access and recreation opportunities.
- Assure preservation of existing open space and explore new acquisitions to protect water quality and mitigate climate change impacts.

The plan includes goals and objectives to achieve the community vision and a seven-year action plan that sets for actions, assigns responsibility for specific tasks, and provides a timeline to guide coordinated work. In 2020, the Select Board created the Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committee to carry out the seven-year action plan and serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. The full plan is available on the Town Website at -- https://www.tisburyma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif1321/f/uploads/web_final_osr_plan_2_state.pdf

The committee organization was designed to facilitate collaboration between the Planning Board, the Town Department of Public Works and the Select Board. It includes one member from the Planning Board, four at large members and the director of the DPW.

During this first year the committee began to work on projects and actions laid out in the seven-year action plan. Many of these activities included inventories and studies that provide the documentation and understanding necessary to prioritize, plan and fund park maintenance and improvements. The following provides an overview of the committee's work.

- Conduct a community survey.

This survey was conducted to better understand how community members currently use town parks. The survey provided an opportunity for participants to comment on existing conditions and suggest changes that could improve conditions and increase their use of the parks.

- Complete an ADA assessment of town parks.

All Town Facilities are required by law to provide universal access. This can be challenging in outdoor settings and open space lands. This survey highlighted the challenges and documented the need to improve access at each of our parks. This survey will enable us to prioritize the steps that we take to improve access for all community members.

- Inventory of town parks.

As the committee began its first year It was important that the members gain an understanding of the conditions and activities at each of our parks. Committee members made visits to several parks to make observations, discuss plans that had been previously drafted, and identify opportunities. Together with the Community Survey and ADA assessments, the site visits were an opportunity to document existing conditions, including maintenance, activities, facilities, constraints, and opportunities. The collective information was categorized and tabulated to help direct future planning. Four summary documents were prepared to guide Maintenance, Programing, ADA Compliance and Capital Improvements at all Town Parks.

- Plan for a network of pedestrian and bike routes

Two community surveys have documented the desire for a connected network of pedestrian and bike routes through town connecting neighborhoods to one another and to town parks. Through mapping and field work the committee has worked with Martha's Vineyard Commission, the Land Bank, and the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to plan for a connected network of trails through Tisbury. They have identified gaps between existing trails and identified opportunities to establish connections between them. The committee shared their work with the Planning Board which also seeks to strengthen pedestrian and bike routes in town through their planning. The committee will continue to work with partners to establish and promote public knowledge of these routes.

- Studied and developed recommendations for the Church Street Tennis Courts.

At the request of the Select Board, the committee studied the current conditions and use of this small park in the center of town. Meetings with tennis court contractors revealed that the courts were beyond repair and the committee's assessment of the parking lot determined it was not ADA compliant or making the best use of available space. Collaborating with the Historic Commission, neighborhood residents and members of the tennis community, they explored other site uses and alternative options for maintaining tennis. The committee provided a financial analysis of various options and a recommendation to the Select Board that they replace the clay courts and improve the parking lot.

At the end of its first year the committee has established working partnerships with our conservation partners who own and steward much of the Town's conservation open space, completed an inventory to guide planning and budgeting to meet immediate needs and long-term improvements, and developed a collaborative planning process to study options, consider alternatives and develop thoughtful recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Doble
Gerard Hokanson
Henry Stephenson
Carolyn Wallis
David Welch

PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Select Board 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 met this past year on the third Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm. This schedule was disrupted by COVID-19.

In 2020 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 2021.

The Board also reviewed and approved changes for Managerial & Professional Wage Scale and Cost of Living Adjustment of 1.4 % for Fiscal Year 2022.

The Board works closely with the Town Administrator John Grande who also holds the position of Personnel Director for the Town and the Human Resource Coordinator Pamela Bennett.

On behalf of the Town I would like to thank William McConnel, John Rollins and Barbara Fortes for their steadfast service and for their fair and well considered counsel.

I would also like to welcome John Schilling, Marilyn Wortman and Christine Redfield and look forward to working with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Bennett, Human Resource coordinator

PLANNING BOARD

2020 PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The increase in volume and the complexity of proposals brought to the Planning Board for review continued throughout 2020, creating an unprecedented demand on the board and the current bylaws. There were a record number of special permit requests and a growing number of noteworthy large-scale projects in critical areas such as Beach Rd, State Rd, EDG –VH Road, and Main Street to be considered. There were also new regulations and permitting to implement, including the multiple housing projects being reviewed under our multi-housing bylaw amendment and a medical and recreational marijuana dispensary in the B2 district.

Visit us online at www.tisbury.ma.gov/planning-board for more detailed and updated information.

Tisbury is at a crossroads of many projects, concerns, activities, and change to accommodate the growing needs of the Town regarding housing, appropriate planning, and land use. There are fewer areas to develop easily, increased density and demand for services, the anticipated impact of climate change on our coastal town and waterfront business district, plus the inadequacies of infrastructure in key areas of development. The importance of planning has never been more critical to our economic success and quality of life.

As a result, this is a dynamic period for the Town internally and with the Town's relationship with other Island communities. As a Planning Board, we look forward to working with an energized community, ready to get involved in planning the future of Tisbury, something we can only do together. The Zoom meeting format and renewed efforts to collaborate, resulted in better communication and increased cooperation between the town departments and boards, the MV commission, and other communities to share vital resources and experience.

The board is unanimous that a Master Plan is essential to the future of Tisbury. The Tisbury Town Administrator, the Select Board, town departments, and residents surveyed – all support drafting a professional Master Plan to provide a well-planned directive for Town decisions going forward. A 2021 Warrant Article, if approved, will authorize funds to produce that plan.

MASTER PLAN

Area Planning

As part of our master planning work, the board is developing area plans for the town's business districts. An area plan serves to guide decisions about the physical development of a district that often has a cohesive set of characteristics allowing for specific local application of the more broad-based policies contained in a town master plan. The Board began with the Upper State Road business district (BII). Board members conducted field inventories, surveyed district businesses, and met with Town departments to understand financial, environmental, and infrastructure needs. Also, they conducted a public survey to understand how residents currently use and view the district. The survey also gathered public input on how the district could be

improved. Based on this work, the Planning board has drafted a set of planning goals and potential strategies/actions to achieve the goals. In January, the Board will hold public meetings with district stakeholders to better understand the issues from their perspective and get input on the draft goals and strategies. Following revisions, the Board will share the plan with town residents to gain further input and complete the draft plan for review by the Town and MVC. They will then begin work on an area plan for the Waterfront Management Area. These plans will ultimately be incorporated into the Town Master Plan. This work is estimated to start once funding is provided, and the time frame for a completed Master Plan is between 18 to 24 months.

CLIMATE CHANGE

This issue is of critical concern to our Town along with all other communities on the Island. As an island, we are more vulnerable, and this issue needs to be prioritized as we go forward. Tisbury, the Gateway to the Island, is of special concern. The MVC has initiated a movement to have all towns work on their own climate change concerns and needs while facilitating island-wide collaboration. They have hired a Climate Coordinator and established two entities, Climate Action Task Forces and Climate Resilience Committee. Two Planning Board members serve on these committees.

Planning Board members have also been active participants in two important Town planning studies funded through the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Coastal Resilience Grant Program. The first study evaluated coastal processes and storm impacts then recommended mitigation strategies. The second grant will conduct a feasibility assessment and prepare conceptual designs for the recommended mitigation actions. They contributed to grant writing and participated in meetings with State Coastal Zone Management managers and consultants to review progress reports, provide documents, share local knowledge, and offer feedback.

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

In 2019 the Planning Board completed the State approved 2019 Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Plan laid out a 7-year action agenda to guide the achievement of 5 goals developed through community meetings and input from town committees and departments. In 2020 the Select Board created a five-member committee to carry out the town's state-approved Plan and serve in an advisory capacity to the Select Board. A member of the Planning Board sits on the committee, maintaining coordination between the two groups' planning activities. Planning for open space and recreation carried on by the Planning Board, including plans for Owen Park, are now managed by the new committee. In 2020, the committee conducted an assessment of the town parks and worked with the MVC and conservation groups on plans to create a network of connected pedestrian and bike trails in Tisbury. The committee also conducted a community survey to understand current residents' use of these resources and desired improvements. The Committee is working with the DPW director to evaluate maintenance and establish a timeline and funding strategy for capital improvements.

RECONVENING THE ALL-ISLAND PLANNING BOARD

Several years ago, this group played an important role in developing the Housing Production Plans for all 6 towns. We are facilitating a reconvening of the group at a time when there is a benefit for the 6 boards to collaborate on important issues.

BOARD PARTICIPATION ON CURRENT TOWN PLANNING PROJECTS

- US Environmental Protection Agency integrated Stormwater Management Project. A board member participated in consultant meetings providing feedback on proposals and, after the study, assisted in the development of a 319 grant to fund the initial implementation of project proposals.
- Complete Streets Program - The planning Board has been involved in this program since 2017, when they wrote the Town's Complete Streets Policy. This year, two of our funded projects were implemented – the Norton Ave pedestrian path and the pedestrian/bike path from Beech Rd into Veterans Park.
- Wayfinding – The Planning Board has been working with the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District and business association to develop a coordinated information system that will guide people through the town and enhance their understanding and experience of Tisbury. Initial plans for the wayfinding system were developed in 2018, and now, with Embarkation funding, planning is underway to begin implementation starting at the Ferry Terminal and extending to Main Street.

PROJECT REVIEW

In addition to the projects submitted for review and permitting, the Planning Board will contribute to the town's assessment of 40B projects, which are officially reviewed first by the MVC and then the Tisbury ZBA. Please contact the Planning Board for more information about major projects being proposed.

- Main Street Medicinals, 65 Mechanics St. A marijuana distribution and cultivation center a few doors down from Patient Centric.
- Tisbury Marine Terminal, 188 Beach Rd. Extensive reconfiguration and improvement to add support hub infrastructure for offshore wind projects.
- MV Shipyard Expansion, 159 & 173 Beach Rd. New marina and site improvements.
- Old Stone Bank Condos, 75 Main Street(former site of Santander Bank. Residential units, plus commercial space in existing and new buildings on 1 waterfront acre.
- 40B – Harborwood, 61 Beach Road, (former site of Hinckley's). 52 residential units, 5,500 s/f commercial space.
- 40B Island Cove Apartments, 386 State Road (former site of the Mini Golf)- presented. Mixed use commercial and affordable housing apartments – 62 units, 9,600 s/f commercial on .86 acres.

Individual members of the Planning Board participate in the following:

- Community Preservation Committee
- Energy Committee
- Land Bank Advisory Committee

- Open Space and Recreation Committee
- Sewer Advisory Committee
- Site Plan Review Board
- Tisbury Housing Committee
- VTA Advisory Board
- Vision Council Forum
- Wastewater Planning Committee

We anticipate a noteworthy year ahead of us in charting Tisbury's course. We look forward to working with Island residents, all departments and committees, to achieve the best results for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine T. Miller
Constance Alexander
Cheryl Doble
Dawn Bellante Holand
Benjamin Robinson
Elaine T. Miller
Paul Munafo

SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sewer Advisory Committee consists of a member of the following town boards: Selectboard, 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 continues to develop guidelines and policies regarding new tie-ins to the collection system, flow increase requests, plant improvements and billing. The first stage of a multiphase wastewater treatment plant upgrade has been completed with the second phase going out to bid in August. Sewer Department staff have been working closely with Environmental Partners Group on several project including the renewal of the treatment facilities discharge permit. With the completion of phase two of the upgrade, daily discharge capacity will be increased to 140,000 gallons per day. This will increase current capacity by 36,000 gallons.

The Town recently hired a new Wastewater Superintendent, Jared Meader, who brings years of experience at the Oak Bluffs Wastewater Department to lead our department. Under his leadership and working with consultants, the Town will write our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), 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. The public will have opportunities to participate in the development of this town-wide planning process through the newly created Water Resources Committee. The submission of the new discharge permit and the completion of the Infiltration/Inflow study are the first steps in the completion of the CWMP process.

In January, department staff stopped discharging treated effluent to the leaching fields located at the Emergency Services Facility for all daily flows less than 52,000 gallons per day. This change prevents Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility from contributing to the daily total nitrogen loading in the Tashmoo and Lagoon watershed most days of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Colarusso, Chair

Jeffrey Pratt, Vice Chair

Nancy Gilfoy, Clerk

Constance Alexander

Jeffrey Kristal

Joshua Goldstein

John Best

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 2020.

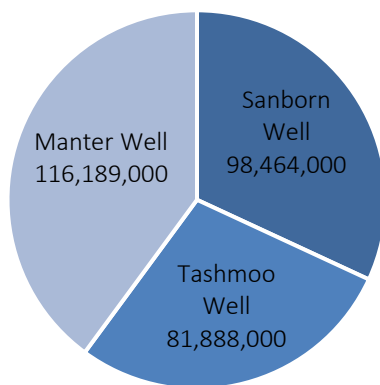
Tisbury Water Works replaced 103 water meters, installed 1300 feet of water main on Weaver Lane which included 2 new fire hydrant installations and renewals of 10 water services in 2020. The increased fire flow and water quality have proven this project to again be a continued improvement on infrastructure for the town.

The Tashmoo well rehabilitation project was completed 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 309 hydrants in the system.

The wells produced the following water during 2020:

TOTAL PUMPING 295,842,000 gallons



As you can see from the above chart, the total gallons pumped for the year 2020 was 295,842,000 which is a 19.6% increase from the 2019 total of 247,313,000. The maximum daily pumping was 2,118,000 gallons on August 14, 2020. The maximum week was 13,441,000 gallons during the week of August 8th. The average day was 811,000 gallons per day. There was 35.42 -inches of rainfall for 2020 measured at the Tashmoo Well.

During Fiscal Year 2020, the Water Works collected \$2,167,488.73 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 2020. 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, James Cleary, Scott Norbury, David Lopes, Michael Irizarry 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.

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."

This year, as in previous years, 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.

In 2020 we retired two long time members, Frank Piccione and Susan Fairbanks both of whom brought individual and thoughtful insight to every case. Mr. Piccione also served as the ZBA's representative to the Site Plan Review Committee. Needless to say they will both be sorely missed. A new member, Brandon Smith, joined the board's ranks as an alternate member and the board looks forward to his contributions.

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.

Cases handled by the Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2020 are as follows:

ZBA CASES			
NAME	PARCEL	CASE	SUBJECT
MCLC FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	19-A-20	2372	SP FOR CHANGE OF USE FOR STORAGE FACILITY
WILD, JOSHUA & ELIZABETH	7-C-6	2374	SP FOR LODGING HOUSE
KALTENBACHER, PHILLIP	58-B-2	2377	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL
BELL, MERCY LEE	21-B-30	2378	SP FOR DRIVE WITHIN 1000 FT IN I.R.D.
MIELCARZ, THADDEUS & FLORES, JOE	6-E-4	2379	SP FOR A SWIMMING POOL

ZBA CASES			
NAME	PARCEL	CASE	SUBJECT
HUNTON, SIMON & ANNABELLE	12-B-15	2380	SP FOR BED & BREAKFAST
FORBES, D. & SHERWOOD, G.	13-D-6	2381	SP FOR EXPANSION OF A PE/NC IN SHORE ZONE
129 HINES PT LLC	11-A-42	2382	SP FOR EXPANSION IN S.Z. & SWIMMING POOL
FISHER, JOSEPH	31-B-12	2383	SP TO DEMO/REBUILD & EXPAND IN SHORE ZONE
FISHER, JOSEPH	31-B-12	2384	SP FOR A SWIMMING POOL
KENWORTH, MARY	16-K-3	2385	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT
GAGNON, MARTHA ANNE	4-G-4	2386	SP FOR EXPANSION OF PE/NC BUILDING
ITALPLAT INC	7-D-11	2387	SP FOR FOOD SERVICE WITH SEATING
WEINSTOCK, STEVEN & NANCY	59-B-7	2388	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL
VACATION PROPERTY LLC	2-H-6	2389	sp FOR A SWIMMING POOL
COSTA, LEONARDO	24-A-40.21	2390	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE
LEVIN, NINA	22-A-19	2391	SP FOR OUTSIDE FOOD SERVICE
DOS SANTOS, RNATO	25-A-34.2	2393	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE
KELLEY, SEANA	12-B-15.2	2394	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE
TISBURY TACO TRUCK LLC	22-A-13.1	2395	SP FOR OUTSIDE FOOD SERVICE
FLIT'S MOORING LLC	37-A-3	2396	SP TO EXPAND DWELLING IN SHORE ZONE
PATIENT CENTRIC OF MV	22-A-19.2	2397	SP FOR REDUCTION IN PARKING
ISLAND HOUSING TRUST (YOUNG)	25-A-1.19	2398	SP FOR ACCCESORY APARTMENT
NELSON, BRIAN & CLAUDIA	12-B-2 & 2.1	2399	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL
TOWNES, RICHARD & FIONA	15-A-4	2402	SP FOR ACCESSORY APT
SCHRADER, SHERRYL	15-J-6	2401	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE (WITHDRAWN)
RYDER, JOHN & HEIDI	7-D-5	2392	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL
SPEERS, ELIZABETH & THOMAS	28-C-4	2403	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE
HIRSCH, ABBY	6-D-1	2406	SP TO RENEW LODGING HOUSE LICENSE
BROWN, MICHAEL	13-B-3.11	2404	SP FOR A SWIMMING POOL
POZEN, ROBERT	6-C-10	2405	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL
URMSTON, THOMAS	1-E-3	2409	SP TO EXPAND A P/E N/C USE & STRUCTURE
RUSSELL, MARY & WILLIAM	20-A-11	2410	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT
BRISTOL, SUSANNAH	1-E-9	2408	SP TO EXPAND A PE/NC USE AND STRUCTURE
WEBB, DARLENE	8-D-21	2411	APPEAL OF BZO DENIAL TO ATTACH PLUMBING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURE
JONES, MICHELE	26-D-17	2407	SP TO RAISE FOWL (WITHDRAWN)
TADDEO, THOMAS	4-B-3.2	2412	SP TO REPLACE A PE/NC STRUCTURE

Respectfully submitted,

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



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DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

As of this writing in January 2021, the full effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on Island housing of all types are only partially understood while they are sure to be felt for many years to come. In 2020, the decades long steady, incremental loss of year-round rentals and ownership opportunities within reach of working Island households was replaced with a surge to new levels of unattainability. A record setting number of property purchases coupled with year-round use of summer homes by their owners has removed rentals of all types from the market and helped force remaining prices up past the ability of most wage earners on the Island. These new factors underscore the importance of efforts by the towns and their partners to develop and secure rentals at all levels of financial need and ability for the members of our community and service economy.

Back when the 6 towns of Martha's Vineyard established the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority through State public charter in 1986, it was in response to the Island's much slower but 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 works daily with households in search of affordable rentals and home ownership while collaborating 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.

2020 saw the Housing Authority managing 101 Affordable rentals on 17 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 completing rent-up of 7 new units at the Perlman House including a year-long vetting of Housing Authority policies and materials by Mass Housing, and initial review of materials related to the rent-up of Kuehn's Way being developed by the Island Housing Trust in Tisbury; Meshacket Road by the Town of Edgartown; the Town of Chilmark's planned housing development at Peaked Hill; the Town of West Tisbury's effort on 2 new rentals at Old Courthouse Road as well as on a new parcel currently up for vote at Town Meeting; the Town of Oak Bluff's planned addition of new rental units at the Noyes Building; and the Town of Aquinnah's comprehensive plan for the Town Center inclusive of the first Affordable Rental units in the Town. Daily, the Housing Authority housing answers the questions and assists in the searches for housing by many Islanders households of all types while maintaining a rental waitlist currently numbering over 260 households.

The Housing Authority is appreciative of town voters who support the efforts of their Community

Preservation Committees to dedicate annual 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 325 tenant households and 270 landlords who have utilized Rental Assistance for an average of 3.5 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.

Housing Authority work on homeownership in 2020 included the marketing and lottery of one resale of an Edgartown resident homesite & home, the opening of a second resale process and the completion of two transfers related to expiration of thirty-year affordability restrictions; completion of lottery processes for a total of nine homes developed by the Island Housing Trust on Greenwood Ave and Daggett Ave in Tisbury as well assistance with one refinance and preliminary discussions towards two additional resales; assistance to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee on one resale and two extended resale efforts; service to towns and owners as affordability monitor for properties in 6 towns; 38 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.

Island-wide, the Housing Authority provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town programs such as accessory apartments, 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.

During the pandemic, the staff of the Housing Authority continues its work on individual and community housing needs and opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven and through remote efforts via email and phone. For more information please call (508) 693-4419 or check our website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org/> where staff emails are also available.

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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 20 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 43,643 meals on MV. There were 172 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 288 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 103 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 20, The Home Care Program served 267 elders on MV. There were 24,209 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 106 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 and BOD 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 \$9,333. 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 \$9,833.

*Since COVID19 we have continued to run our programs with the exception of the Senior Dining program which has been closed since March. We have had to change the structure of Meals on Wheels (contactless delivery, still receiving wellness check), and Home Care (hybrid telephonic-in home visits being done when able to adhere to safety guidelines) to keep our elders and staff safe. We have implemented all safety/sanitation protocols as directed by Governor Baker.

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands uses federal, state, town, and private funds to provide essential community programs/services. 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 organizations 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 from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Board of Selectmen, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2020 were Doug Sederholm of West Tisbury, Chairman; Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of twelve. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2020

A Note from Adam Turner, MVC Executive Director

2020 was an interesting year for the Commission. We had one of the most complex group of DRI applications and planning projects in recent years, and our typical processes were greatly disrupted by COVID-19. From the middle of March, staff transitioned to working from home and had to develop and execute an entirely new method of proceeding. This including completely changing our philosophy on the importance of in-person meetings and not permitting remote participation, to transitioning completely online. This required the identification and investigation of equipment and software, and the familiarization of each by staff. Lucy Morrison became our meeting master responsible for the Commission meeting protocols and operation and deserves recognition.

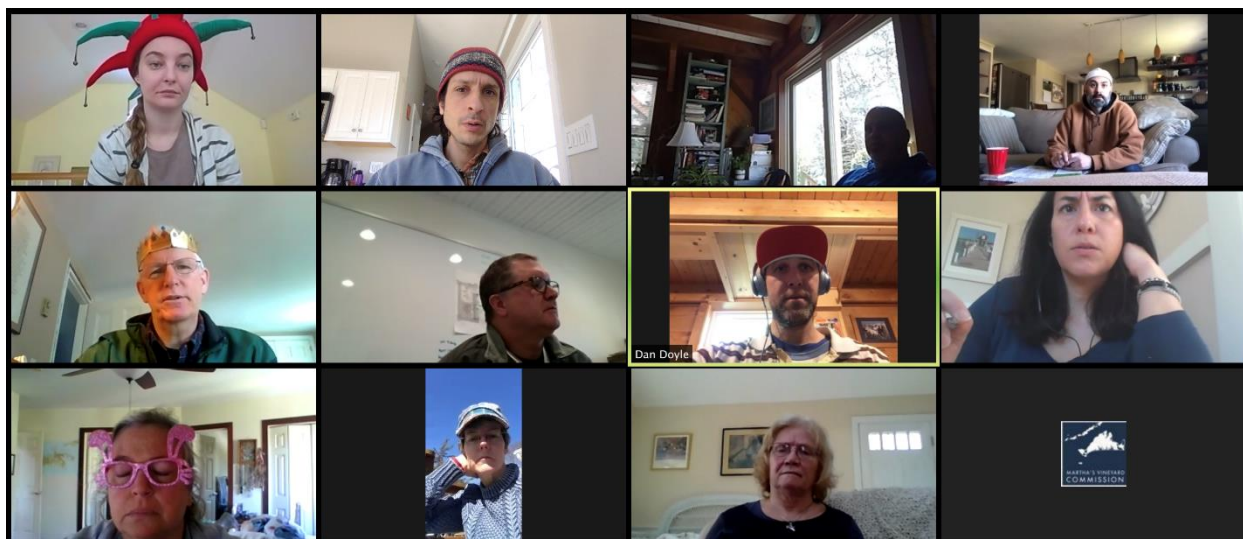
There were no meetings held in late March, but by mid-April, most meetings and activities were back on track. In June, the Commission held its first public hearing on Zoom. By the end of 2020, the Commission proceeded through eight months of online meetings.

Some highlights of the year include:

- The DRI Checklist was revised and approved by the State,
- We successfully installed a permeable reactive barrier in Tisbury,
- We completed the normal pond-by-pond water quality analysis, which was especially challenging with COVID-19,
- We developed several different modeling approaches to forecasting the impacts of development in terms of water quality and other factors,
- More than 200 properties were surveyed for historical features,
- The automated traffic counters went online providing real-time data on roadway volumes,
- Numerous mapping and data projects were completed for the Towns and Island-wide,
- We received a grant and began a forest fire management planning project,
- We completed climate change resources books for each Island Town.

In June 2020, we said goodbye to our long-time Coastal Planner Jo-Ann Taylor. She had been with the Commission for almost three decades and besides her tremendous institutional knowledge, she completed numerous projects for the Commission. We wish her best wishes and good health. In 2020 the Commission focused more resources and time on the consideration of policies regarding climate change. Toward that end, we hired a Climate Change Planner whose position reflects the need to concentrate on climate change matters. We welcome Liz Durkee as our new Climate Planner in December. Liz had been the Conservation Agent for the Town of Oak Bluffs for many years.

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of staff during COVID-19. Staff members were forced to develop new skills, including completing work during a period where no offices were open and face-to-face meetings could not occur. Staff was also expected to create office space complete with cameras and microphones in areas that had never been designed for such things. On top of that, there were children and other family members working which led to some serious challenges, and the Commission faced an unprecedented workload in 2020. The fact that we completed so much is a testament to the MVC staff. I would like to recognize Alex, Bill, Chris, Christine, Christina, Curt, Dan, Lucy, Mike, and Sheri. You did great work under difficult conditions.



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 2020, Commission staff completed a fifth year of extensive water quality 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 was completed for the summer 2019 and will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2020, 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, these will be updated with the

2020 results when available. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond 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 were placed and the monitoring and evaluation for the micro-siting of the PRB was completed. Engineering was completed and installation occurred November 2-6, 2020. Monitoring and testing for efficacy will continue throughout 2021.

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 and monitoring 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), which included planning and administrative support as HAMV developed a new governance structure and launched an Island-wide Older Adult Survey in 2020. The MVC also followed up on its 2019 Elder Service Mapping Project, with additional data collection and analysis aimed at estimating the cost of services per client. Our partnership with HAMV and MVCS benefits the MVC by providing additional data and resources, along with insight into the elder and caregiver communities, which helps inform all types of regional planning.

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.

2020 Census

The MVC obtained funding through the MA Secretary's Office to hire an outreach coordinator to work with local organizations to ensure an accurate count in the 2020 Census for Dukes County. MVC staff worked with the Outreach Coordinator, Jean Cabonce, and the Dukes County Complete Count Committee Chair Keith Chatinover to implement outreach strategies, including the distribution of print and online materials, and collaboration with Island and state organizations.

Additional funding through the MA Census Equity Fund allowed us to continue outreach through the summer and early fall when the Census period was extended due to Covid-19. The MVC hired Steve Auerbach to take over as Outreach Coordinator and participated in a series of strategy workshops offered pro-bono by the consulting firm Synecticsworld. A final report on the 2020 Census will be prepared in 2021.

Permanent Traffic Counters

MVC analyzed and presented data on the Island's six permanent traffic counting stations. 2020 was the first year the counters provided a full calendar years-worth of data. These were particularly insightful this year, in gaining a metric relevant to COVID impacts on island vehicular circulation; from traffic impacts from the stay-at-home orders, to comparison of a summer during a pandemic with previous summers, to the additional vehicles using our road network in the offseason the counters were able to verify and dispel or corroborate speculation and anecdotal observation.

The Edgartown Police Department also uses the data to optimize siting of officers for speed enforcement. Installation data can be found on the public facing [MS2 portal](#).

Finances

The Commission's FY20 income was \$2,026,238, of which 53.8% came from town assessments, 30.2% from grants and contracts, and 16.0% from other sources. The Commission received \$612,557 in grant funding, a 13.6% increase over the previous fiscal year. FY20 expenses were \$1,990,370, of which 49.0% was for salaries, 20.2% for salary-related costs, 2.2% for legal costs, 3.5% for mortgage payments for two MVC-owned properties, and 25.1% for other expenses. The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness. The FY20 budget and FY19 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS - Reports by Department

Affordable Housing

FY20 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): The State has not announced CDBG awards due to COVID-19.

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 CARES Act.

- MVC staff continues to Work on Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT) Water Quality and Housing Grant,
- MVC staff continues to work with Department of Revenue (DOR) and Short-Term Rental (STR) Agencies to track the number of Short-Term Rentals and local revenue streams.

Site Suitability Tool: The MVC, with technical services from software developer Bluegear Labs, launched a user-friendly, web-based, site suitability for Affordable Housing development across the towns of Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. The MVC presented to the tool to several Town Boards and Committees. Planning Board and Affordable Housing Committee members can visualize spatial data distribution of high scoring sites. The tool is presently undergoing repair by the developer.

Cartography

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 17 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 (sub-foot accuracy)
- Trimble Positions (for post-processing)
- Collector for ArcGIS (GPS/field data collection on your device)

Aerial Imagery Acquisition

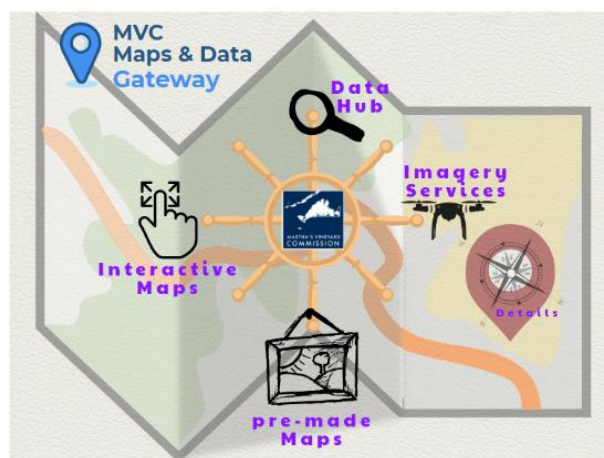
- Phantom 4 (Pro) sUAS/Drone
 - Video
 - Still Photography
- Drone Pilot App
 - Georeferenced Aerial Photos

Printing/Scanning Services

- HP DesignJet T2530 36" Large Format Plotter/Scanner
- HP5500DN Color Laser Printer

To peruse our various mapping products, visit the [MVC's Maps Website](#).

To search for and download spatial GIS data, see our [Data Hub](#).



New this year, the mapping department has incorporated several web-based ESRI technologies including Survey123, StoryMaps, and ArcHub. These items all work seamlessly with ArcGIS OnLine and provide a user-friendly experience for inputting data and reviewing information alongside informative maps to provide a comprehensive picture.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: This County-wide plan requires a town-wide analysis of the impact of various natural hazards on the existing built environment as well as the potential impact to possible future structures. Use this [interactive map](#) to view the existing structures that are at risk from Wildfire, Tsunami, Flooding, Hurricane, and Sea Level Rise.

Emergency Responders Online Mapping Portal (EROMP): As part of the on-going development of the Portal, the MVC has worked with the Town of Aquinnah to develop the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) online survey and dashboard data viewer. While initiated by

Aquinnah, other towns are interested in utilizing this tool and the system is setup to incorporate Island-wide data.

Tactical Operations Planner (TOP): The Edgartown Police Department sought out the MVC's assistance to use the ArcGIS OnLine Tactical Operations Planner, a mapping interface that allows the EPD to formulate plans for the positioning of police personnel and vehicles for such public events as the 4th of July Parade & Fireworks, and Christmas in Edgartown. The TOP is being customized to fit the needs of our local police departments and will be available for all the Island's police departments.

SLAMM Story Map: The cartography department is compiling a story map website to provide a user-friendly, intuitive explanation of the Vineyard's data results from the SLAMM (Sea Level Affecting Marshes Migration) analysis completed by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management. The website, which will be publicly available by year-end 2020, will incorporate maps, videos, photos, and text to explain the potential migration of wetlands with predicted impending sea level rise around Martha's Vineyard.

Pond Water Quality Story Map: A second story map project will walk a reader through descriptive pond overviews, complete with mapped locations, photos and links to important documents. Also included are pond sampling station data and charts of data results. This website will be publicly available by the end of December.

Coastal & Climate Change Planning

The MVC Climate Action Task Force (CATF), made up of MV Commissioners and staff, along with Island leaders and professionals, continued laying a foundation for long-term climate change adaptation and mitigation on the Island. The MVC said goodbye to Jo-Ann Taylor, the MVC's Coastal Planner, who retired on May 31, 2020 after 29 years of hard work. We wish Jo-Ann all the best! The MVC also hired Liz Durkee (former longtime Conservation Agent in Oak Bluffs and Chair of the CATF Climate Resilience Committee) to a new full-time Climate Change Planner position. Liz will work closely with MV Commissioners and staff, Island Towns, and the public to advance climate-related projects and initiatives in the years ahead. We welcome Liz to the team and are excited about what she brings to the table!

Energy Working Papers and Presentations: The CATF Energy Working Group, including members of the Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC), developed a series of working papers that establish a baseline for energy demand and supply across the four key sectors of electricity, transportation, buildings/HVAC, and energy efficiency. The next step is to develop a comprehensive master plan for eliminating fossil fuel use on the Island by 2040.

Adaptation Context Booklets: MVC staff worked with Meghan Gombos of Sea Change Consulting to develop a series of booklets for each Island Town that contain the latest data, information, and resources to support adaptation planning. Staff had previously worked with intern Tony Lima to develop a database of local and state resources that informed the booklets. Meghan and staff presented the booklets to each town Board of Selectmen in the fall.

Adaptation Listening Sessions: Members of the MVC Climate Resilience Committee hosted listening sessions with 12 stakeholder groups in 2020 to introduce regional climate change planning efforts currently underway. The listening sessions will continue in 2021.

Coastal Adaptation Study: With funding through the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management, the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown will work with the CATF, MVC staff, and Island

Emergency Managers to develop an application that allows responders to remotely assess flooding conditions during storms. The study will include recommendations on how to mitigate storm-surge flooding on the Island.

Collaboration with Woodwell Climate Research Center: CATF members began working with Woodwell (formerly the Woods Hole Climate Research Center) to develop a baseline for the carbon sequestration value of land types on the Vineyard, and assess land uses and practices that could increase carbon sequestration over time. Woodwell is also conducting a pilot study for Dukes County that will provide detailed climate change modeling on a decadal scale.

Collaboration with Eversource Energy: The CATF initiated an ongoing dialogue with a team of Eversource engineers and planners to discuss existing data, assumptions, expectations and opportunities in regard to decarbonizing the Island energy sector.

Other Regional Collaboration: The CATF partnered with Nantucket to submit a joint MVP Action Grant proposal to examine supply chain issues relevant to both islands. The proposal was not funded in this round but will likely be revisited in 2021.

Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation: MVC staff continues to monitor wetland sites to gauge the elevation change of marsh resources relative to sea level rise at Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary (hosted by Mass Audubon with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and the Edey Foundation) and Tribe-owned lands on Lobsterville. This monitoring takes place once per year at each site. The Tribe Natural Resource staff continue to assist with and fund the data collection effort in Aquinnah.

Wildfire Protection Plan: MVC secured a grant from FEMA to secure the expertise of a Wildfire consultant who will work with a range of island stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan that assesses our land network for risk and identifies measures that can be taken to mitigate that vulnerability. It will also inventory existing fire suppression capacity and issue recommendations to combat wildfires should one take place. The Commission is in the process of negotiating a contract with SWCA Environmental Consultants for this project. The stakeholder, assessment, and prioritization work will take place in 2021.

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2020, 35 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. Ten projects reviewed this year were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, four were approved with conditions, one was denied, one is on hold, and four remain under review at the end of the year. Seven projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, six were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, and one was accepted as a DRI and approved with conditions after a public hearing. Thirteen projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those six were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were remanded back to their Towns for approval, one was determined to have significant impact and was approved with conditions after public hearing review, one is on hold, and five remain under review at the end of the year. Two projects were previously approved DRIs returning to the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) for landscape and lighting plans. Three projects were granted extensions this year. A total of nine projects remain under review at the end of the year, and several large projects that were referred in 2020 are slated for public hearings in 2021.

In October 2020, MVC General Planner Alex Elvin was named DRI Coordinator, filling a position that had been vacant since May 2019.

Review of DRI Standards and Criteria (DRI Checklist): The biennial review of the standards and criteria the Commission uses to determine what types of developments require referral to the Commission for review as Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) began in 2019 and was completed and adopted by the Commission on October 15, 2020. Early in 2020, the Checklist Review Committee met with each Town Planning Board to discuss DRIs in the broader context of town and island-wide issues, as well as meet with the MV Builders Association. The adopted Checklist was forwarded to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, who approved the changes on December 23, 2020. The effective date of the new checklist will be determined in January 2021. Among other things, the revised Checklist includes lower thresholds for subdivisions and multi-unit developments and changes the threshold for historic demolition review from pre-1900 to structures older than 100 years.

DRI Energy Policy: MV Commissioners and staff drafted a new DRI Energy Policy, which provides guidance on how applicants can meet the goals of 1) reducing or eliminating the consumption of fossil fuels associated with DRIs, 2) maximizing the energy efficiency of DRI projects, and 3) improving energy resilience on the Island. At the years end, the MVC Energy Policy Committee was in the process of presenting the draft policy to Town Boards and other stakeholders to gather feedback. The MVC is expected to vote on a final version in early 2021.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs)

The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2020, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from town boards, attorneys, and property owners. After designating the creation of a Special Ways Zone in Tisbury's Island Road DCPC for Shubael Weeks Path and Red Coat Hill Road at the end of 2019, in 2020 the Commission accepted the town's proposed regulations for the Special Ways to be in conformance with the Commission's development guidelines for the district.

Economic Development

- MVC staff continues to work with Arts MV,
- MVC staff continues to participate in weekly meetings with Stakeholders to create Vineyard Community Development Corporation (CDC).

COVID-19 Related Outreach: Starting in March, the MVC provided COVID-19 updates to a variety of groups, including: Town Managers, Town Boards, the Chamber of Commerce, Boards of Trade, the Vineyard Builders Association, MV Shellfish Group, the Commercial Fishermen's Association, local non-profits, arts and cultural organizations, and businesses regarding state protocols, funding and relief programs. On March 26, staff launched a COVID-19 resource webpage that included federal, state and local resources and links. In May, the MVC worked with the Small Business Administration and four Island banks to encourage Vineyard businesses and non-profits to apply for federal CARES Act Funding, such as the Payroll Protection Program. In June, the MVC worked with the MV Shellfish Group and MV Commercial Fishermen's Association regarding state relief funding and assisted the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) with Rental and Mortgage Assistance from state and local housing programs. Over the summer and fall, MVC staff continued to work with the Boards of Health on monthly seasonal population estimates for COVID-

19 contract tracing. Throughout the fall, staff provided Town Administrators information on the economic impacts due to COVID-19, specifically highlighting local meals and rooms/short-term rental tax revenue comparisons between 2020 and 2019, as well as unemployment rates, real estate sales, and other economic indicators. In December, the MVC worked with Towns and business associations on the State's new Local Rapid Recovery Plan (LRRP) Program. The MVC will assist Oak Bluffs and Edgartown with their LRRP Applications.

COVID-19 Impact Survey Results: On June 8, the MVC published the COVID-19 Business Survey report. The survey assessed COVID-19's economic impact to our local business community. With the passing of the federal CARES Act, the survey asked whether businesses had access to the stimulus information and if the stimulus package was adequately meeting the needs of Island businesses. A total of 179 responses were received. Generally, the survey respondents were dispersed among industry categories such as retail, construction, restaurants, and accommodations. The following are a few highlights from the executive summary:

- 71% of responses indicated that COVID-19 will have a significant to severely negative financial impact on their business.
- 38% indicated that they would lose over 50% of their projected revenue for 2020.
- 67% indicated that they were aware of the federal CARES Act and had already consulted with a financial advisor.

Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Funding: In June, the MVC worked with Alice Boyd regarding CARES Act funding through the state's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to create a micro-loan program for income qualified small business owners. In July, the Vineyard was awarded \$377,196 in CDBG-Cares Act funding for Vineyard businesses. The MVC worked with Melissa Vincent, the Program Director for The Resource Incorporated, to administer the funding throughout the rest of the year. As of December, 37 micro-loans were distributed.

Statewide Workforce Development Strategic Plan: Since 2017, the MVC has also participated in the state's WorkSmart Blueprint Initiative, under Masshire Cape and Island's Workforce Investment Board, with an eye to increase career opportunities for our youth, enhance entrepreneurship, and support local businesses.

Promoting the Blue Economy: Over five years, the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) has partner in the Cape's Blue Economy Project. The MVC has collaborated with the Cape on implementing several workforce development initiatives involving the Island Schools. In 2020, MVC Staff worked with Wendy Northcross, CEO, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce to support changes to the Cape's State's REDO Application to better address economic impacts of COVID-19 to businesses within Dukes, Barnstable, Nantucket, and Plymouth counties.

Historic Preservation

The MVC continues the process of surveying historic structures to include in a searchable database and application that will be comprised of all historic structures on the Island. The main objective of this project is to create a one-stop-shop that will provide pertinent information for the MVC, Building Inspectors, Historic District Commissions, and the public. The MVC also began a collaborative project with the Martha's Vineyard Museum to create an Archive of the historic structures including the records of those involved as Developments of Regional Impact.

Transportation

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, and the Department of Transportation (MassDOT). MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately \$324,085 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, and providing the municipalities with local planning technical assistance in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020.

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, 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 FFY 2020, **\$739,365** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2020 TIP projects included the following:

- ❖ **Beach Road Shared-Use Path - #607411:** Construction/Total Project Cost for the extension of the shared-use path from Winds Up to 5-Corners is approximately \$4,388,393. The project is slated to begin construction in late 2020.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC): The MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The BPAC members continued efforts and support toward improved facilitation of bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements in their respective towns.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: As an MVC initiative to extend improved bicycle/pedestrian accommodations, staff has presented the concept for a shared-use path along North Road to the two host towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury. Bicycle and pedestrian counts were completed in the summer, and GPS data collection has begun to determine where the roadway presently runs within the 50' Right of Way. With this data, MVC will be able to determine what types of safety improvements are most plausible given existing constraints. GPS field work will continue into the winter months of 2021.

Trails Planning: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard. A decade-long project in Edgartown of assembling easements from multiple landowners in Edgartown was ready for the trail to be created but was postponed to arrange a relocation of the original proposed trail route that increased privacy for landowners and reduced the extent of needed boardwalk. This trail is slated for construction in early 2021. Another project involving several landowners in West Tisbury has progressed substantially in little over a year, despite being stymied by pandemic travel restrictions for some seasonal residents. In addition to pursuing other trail easements in all towns, staff is working with the Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committee to create a trail on the capped landfill, provided consultations to an Oak Bluffs homeowners association responsible for maintaining public trails, and continued participation with an all-island group of public and non-profit entities that provide and manage trails for public use.

Transportation Managers Group (TMG): The MVC is a member of the Transportation Managers Group (TMG). As with the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA), the 13 regional planning agencies across the State that form the 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.

Steamship Authority Woods Hole Noise & Traffic Mitigation Working Group: MVC Transportation Program Manager is a member of the Woods Hole Noise & Traffic Mitigation Working Group, which is a group made up of Woods Hole Road residents, and representatives from Martha's Vineyard and the Steamship Authority to evaluate the noise situation that exists along Woods Hole Road.

Island Transportation Engineer: The Community Compact-funded island engineering services pilot was completed in 2020, with Edgartown using the remaining award to model a one-way closure for a popular bypass road off of Upper Main Street. A total of nine projects were assigned to Howard Stein Hudson (HSH), following a concerted effort between the MVC and Town staff to identify projects where clear goals could be achieved. For these products, work products came in all forms. They ranged from formal designs and cost estimates, book jobs, concept schematics and projects in shovel-ready position. In sum, the Island partnership afforded the Towns a great deal of flexibility for services at a reduced, negotiated rate by the MVC with Boston-based Howard Stein Hudson. With input from the Towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing arrangement where Towns could secure these engineering services once again for FY2022.

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 Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen, and assist with Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs).

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 and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The Water Alliance took a hiatus during the Covid-19 pandemic. The MVC Water Resource Planner attended and presented at the meetings of all Island pond advisory committees. In 2020, staff presented their findings via zoom 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.

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 2020, testing and monitoring continued for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering was completed and installation was accomplished November 2-6, 2020.

Marine Invader Monitoring & Information Collaborative (MIMIC): MVC staff monitors and collaborates with MIMIC, which is coordinated by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, and is a network of trained volunteers, scientists, and state and federal workers who monitor marine invasive species. The collaborative provides an opportunity for the public to actively participate in an invasive species early detection network, identify new invaders before they spread out of control, and help improve our understanding of the behavior of established invaders.

Cyanobacteria Identification & Monitoring: For the past several years, MVC staff has observed and documented Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms in several Island ponds. This year, 11 sites from various systems were sampled. The samples were identified, and toxicity was measured by the University of New Hampshire (UNH). Discussions were held with the Island Board of Health agents and an Island-wide Monitoring Plan is underway. The Plan will identify and document locations of cyanobacteria to establish a baseline and monitor for blooms. This monitoring program, in conjunction with the Boards of Health, will create a mechanism to locate, monitor, and predict blooms. The MVC will partner with Island pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria BloomWatch, and UNH in 2021.

Inter-Regional Collaboration

Education and Training: For more than two decades, the Commission has hosted workshops from the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) targeted to ‘citizen planners’ on planning boards and Zoning Board of Appeals, but also open to other town officials and to the public. For the past several years, the Commission has underwritten to cost to bring instructors to the island so there is no charge to attendees. With the pandemic the Commission helped the CPTC transition to the Zoom platform and hosted three workshops over the year. The topics were Writing Zoning Amendments, Roles and Responsibilities of Planning and Zoning Boards, and Zoning Exemptions. The Commission invites requests for specific topics town boards would like to have presented.

Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA): The Commission is one of the thirteen regional planning agencies that are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MARPA meets monthly to discuss legislation, programs, and funding with senior Commonwealth officials and other interest groups.

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. RPAC is charged with making recommendations 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). Since the 2019 release of its Rural

Policy Plan, RPAC has targeted the creation of an Office of Rural Policy to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level and has advocated for rural interests in the evaluation and response of food supply networks and public health protocols during the pandemic.

Island Plan Recap: MVC refined their 10-year Island Plan recap with additional data collection, mapping and analysis. Staff plans to present their findings and solicit Town feedback in 2021.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR TISBURY

Affordable Housing

MVC Staff worked with The Resource Inc. (TRI) on a Community Preservation Act Application to implement the PALS Program Interest Free Housing Loan Program, but application was rejected.

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.

Geographic Information Systems

In addition to completing the Hazard Mitigation Plan impact analysis, the MVC's GIS Department provided:

- Maps for the Open Space & Recreation Plan,
- Maps for the Open Space Committee & ArcGIS Online user instruction,
- Coordination of the drone flight of Owen Park and Center Street Tennis Courts,
- Custom online map for Streetlight Info & Inspections for the Tisbury Public Works Department.

Planning

B-2 Area Planning: MVC staff provided technical assistance to the Planning Board through the creation of a B-2 business and property owner master list and land use maps. The Area Plan seeks to engage business owners to present the Planning Board's goals and gain a strong understanding of business needs and existing strengths within the district. Next steps include assisting to distribute and collect a survey.

Beach Road Corridor: The MVC has assembled a memo on development factors impacting activities and investment along this key stretch of working waterfront. It ranges from permitting and historic properties to land use and state level coordination. The memo will be shared with town stakeholders and is intended to structure a series of ongoing meetings to ensure planning concerns are addressed and sound communication is in place between local and regional planning bodies.

Transportation

Data Collection: In March 2020, MassDOT gave the directive to the thirteen regional planning agencies in the Commonwealth to immediately halt all traffic counting programs and data collection efforts for the remainder of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The FFY'20 Beach Road Shared-Use Path (MassDOT ID# 607411) is slated to begin construction sometime during the winter of 2020. The FFY'24

Tisbury Drainage Improvement project (#609459) was removed from the program at the request of MassDOT in April 2020 due to the project readiness.

Project Reviews & Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis for the following project reviews: Tashmoo Overlook Re-design (BETA), MV Shipyard (DRI 314-M), Harborwood 40B Development (81-M2), Island Cove Mini Golf Modifications (DRI 345-M4), Little House Café (C.R. 1-2010-M), Patient Centric Marijuana Retail Establishment (C.R. 4-2020), Old Stone Bank Condos (DRI 674-M), and Tisbury Marine Terminal (DRI 699). Staff also met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Tisbury Beach Road corridor and potential future projects.

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Staff has been appointed to the Steamship Authority Noise and Traffic Mitigation Working Group.

Local Technical Assistance: Staff assisted with the drone flight of Owen Park and the Center Street tennis courts.

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 continued to be placed and monitored for the micro-siting of the PRB. Engineering was completed and installation occurred November 2-6, 2020. Monitoring and evaluation will continue in 2021. Staff also continues to assist 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 has developed several grants for nitrogen mitigation in the watershed. Water Resource Planner acts as science advisor to the Tisbury Wastewater Committee (TWI) and the Lagoon Pond Association.

Lake Tashmoo: Staff sampled Tashmoo Spring Pond and assisted TWI in their efforts to improve water quality of that water body. Staff also assisted in stormwater assessment and catchment issues that drain into Lake Tashmoo.

Community Involvement: The MVC Water Resources Planner participates in meetings with the Lagoon Pond Association and Tisbury Waterways Inc. 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.

Developments of Regional Impact

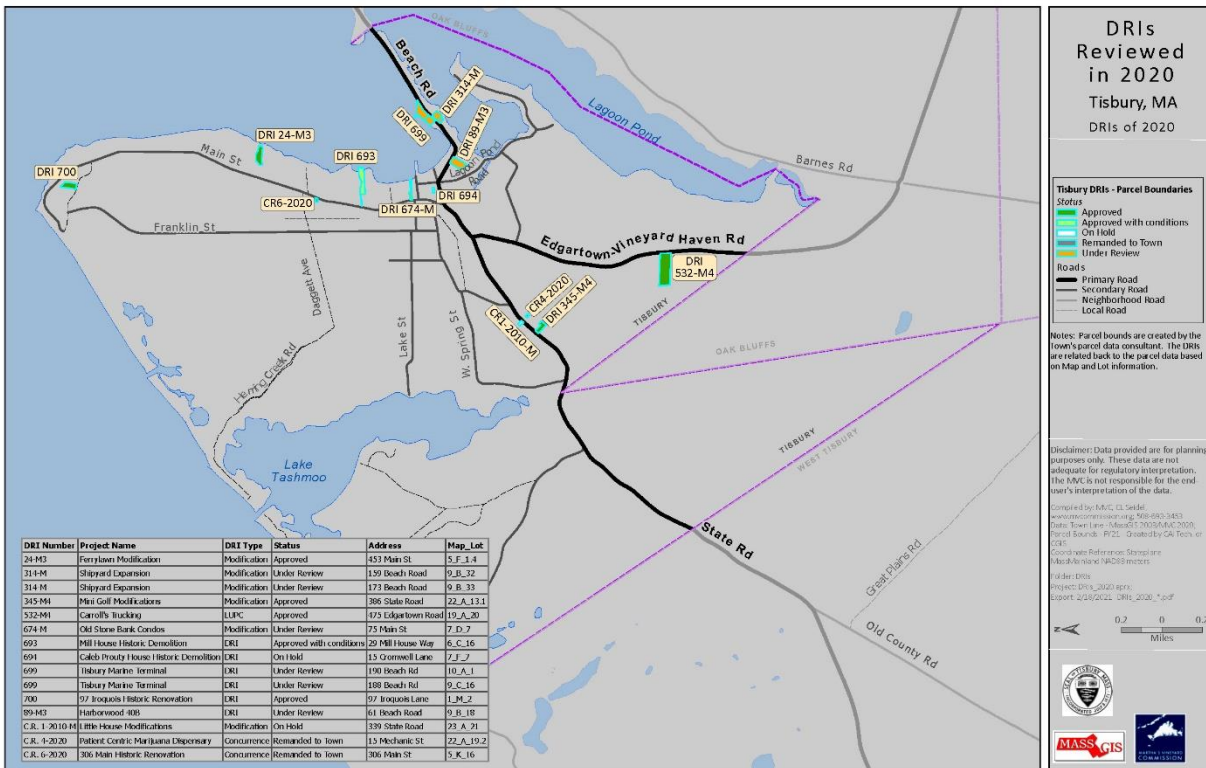
Thirteen projects in Tisbury were reviewed by the MVC in 2019:

❖ **Carroll's Trucking Master Plan** (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. The MVC approved the project in 2019 with conditions requiring a final review by the LUPC. The LUPC approved the final plans on Jan. 6, 2020.

- ❖ **Island Olympic Trust/Ferrylawn** (DRI 24-M3) *Proposal to add 338 ft² to an existing deck.* The MVC approved this as a minor modification on Feb. 6, 2020 without a public hearing.
- ❖ **Caleb Prouty House Historic Demolition** (DRI 694) *Proposal to demolish a house built in 1828.* The MVC held public hearings on Feb. 20 and March 5, 2020. The project is on hold at the request of the applicant.
- ❖ **Mill House Historic Demolition** (DRI 693) *Proposal to significantly modify the exterior of a historic structure built in 1750.* The MVC approved the project in 2019 after a public hearing and approved additional plans for a barn on Feb. 20, 2020 without a public hearing.
- ❖ **Island Cove Mini Golf Modifications** (DRI 345-M4) *Proposal to remove the climbing wall, add a food truck and six picnic tables, construct a small deck, and install six small speakers throughout the mini golf course.* The MVC approved the modifications on June 11, 2020 without a public hearing.
- ❖ **Little House Café** (C.R. 1-2010-M) *Proposal to modify Conditions 3 and 4 of the Certificate of Occupancy.* The MVC held a Modification Review on June 18, 2020, but the plans are currently on hold at the request of the applicant.
- ❖ **Patient Centric Marijuana Retail Establishment** (C.R. 4-2020) *To operate a co-located adult-use and medical marijuana retail establishment to eligible customers and patients, respectively.* The MVC voted on June 18, 2020 to remand the project to the Town without holding a public hearing.
- ❖ **306 Main Street Historic Demolition** (C.R. 6-2020) *Proposal to demolish a house built in approximately 1900.* The MVC voted on Oct. 1, 2020 to remand the project to the Town without a public hearing.
- ❖ **97 Iroquois Avenue Historic Demolition** (DRI 700) *Proposal to alter the façade of a house built in 1898 and listed on MACRIS.* The MVC approved the project with conditions on Nov. 12, 2020, and approved the written decision on Nov. 19, 2020.
- ❖ **Old Stone Bank Condos** (DRI 674-M) *Proposal to create eight condo units at 75 Main Street.* The LUPC discussed the project on Dec. 7, 2020. A public hearing has not yet been scheduled.
- ❖ **Harborwood 40B Multi-Unit Apartments** (DRI 81-M2) *Proposal to develop 52 residential units and approximately 5,500 square feet of commercial space at the site of the former Hinckley's Hardware through a Comprehensive Permit (40B).* The project was still under review at the end of the year, and a public hearing had not been scheduled.
- ❖ **MV Shipyard Expansion** (DRI 314-M) *Proposed Shorefront Improvements: installation of two piers/ramps/floating dock systems, and two finger floats adjacent to the 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 footprint of the removed buildings and existing parking area); formalize parking.* The project was still under review at the end of the year, and a public hearing had not been scheduled.

- ❖ **Tisbury Marine Terminal (DRI 699) Repairs and alterations to existing marine infrastructure, and construction of an operations and maintenance facility for offshore wind support.** The project was still under review at the end of the year, with a public hearing expected in 2021.



MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

3882 acres, representing 7% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the land bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at www.mvlandbank.com; and at the land bank office in Edgartown.

ACQUISITIONS

The whole of the 19th-century Hebron Wamsley Homestead is now conserved. George Brush and Jeffrey Madison sold their 33.3% interest to the land bank for \$1,450,000, complementing the land bank's 2017 purchase, from others, of the 66.6% interest. Aggregate expense for this 46.5-acre property, which was added to the **Toad Rock Preserve**, was \$2,750,000.

All of the subdivided lots on the Caleb's Pond, a tidal embayment off the Katama Bay, were long ago developed save one; in 2020 the land bank purchased it, from Barbara Lott for \$1,210,000, and created the 3.0-acre **Caleb's Pond Preserve**.

Arrowhead Farm, the scenic and storied 33.6-acre farm at the curve of the Indian Hill Road, was purchased for \$4,435,186. The price arose from a special device of particular use to conservation organizations like the land bank: the life-estate. When a property is sold subject to a life-estate it is discounted for the buyer, as the sellers retain the right to reside there for the rest of their lives. Charlene and Robert Douglas, the sellers, will do so — and at the end of the life-estate the land bank will lease the property to a farm family to raise crops and livestock. In the meantime hikers will enjoy a standout circumferential path around the pastures.

Collaboration between the land bank and the Island Autism Group resulted in the purchase — 10 acres for the land bank, 7.5 for Island Autism — of the old Child family farm on the Lamberts Cove Road. In 1998 Barbara and Edward Child sold to the land bank an agricultural preservation restriction here; in 2020 their sons conveyed fee-simple ownership of the fields and their environs to Island Autism for use as a working farm, and the wooded balance to the land bank. The land bank paid \$400,000. Hikers will appreciate the interesting topography at the **Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve**.

Neighbors transformed a lower priority to a higher one. Two retail building lots abutting the **Waskosim's Rock Reservation**, although valuable for conservation, were unaffordable until nearby residents pledged \$500,000 of the \$1,300,000 purchase price. The sellers of the 6.3 acres were George Sourati and Ronald Monterosso.

330 feet of Vineyard Sound beach on the exquisite Lamberts Cove came into land bank ownership in 2020. Sandhurst MV LLC sold 6.8 acres, which also includes 390 feet of tidal pond shorefront, for \$3,885,000. The land is now the **James Pond Preserve**.

A record was set. The largest single property — 303.9 acres — ever purchased by the land bank was acquired jointly with its private-sector counterpart, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation.

Outstanding in its aesthetics and its habitat, the **Squibnocket Pond Reservation** conserves nearly three-quarters of a mile of remote ocean beach. The price was \$27,000,000, split by the buyers according to each's percentage interest (land bank, 56%; SMF, 44%); the sellers were Caroline Kennedy and Edwin Schlossberg.

Such an unusual place: the Tashmoo peninsula. The sole overland access is the Herring Creek Road, which in stretches is just one notch higher than a jeep trail; a handful of beach-cottages are perched atop the dune. The land bank renaturalized the western end of this dune in 2019 by removing two cottages there and in 2020 purchased an additional peninsula cottage and its lot — plus its 180 feet of sound beach. **Tashmoo Preserve** was enlarged by 0.8 acres as a result of this \$1,680,000 acquisition from Bruce and Gayle Kissell.

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, Caleb's Pond Preserve, Christiantown Woods Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tashmoo Preserve, Three Ponds Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The land bank's livestock herd — comprising some 140 goats — systematically grazed 45 acres, as part of the agency's grassland restoration program. To expand the initiative's reach and effectiveness, the land bank, at the end of the year, hired a year-round goatherd.

Per an agreement with the town of Tisbury, the land bank managed all of the public beachlands at the end of the Herring Creek Road at the Tashmoo Inlet. This was occasioned by the land bank's 2018 purchase of land abutting the existing town/county beach; it made sense for one entity to oversee all of the properties. The parking area was redesigned; a mobi-mat was installed to connect it and the surfline; rangers were posted to coordinate the activities of users; and some 2000 culms of American beach-grass were planted.

Erosion was targeted. The land bank staff upgraded sloped trails at the Gay Head Moraine (which also underwent a property-wide upgrade, including culvert repair and the installation of boardwalks), Great Rock Bight Preserve, North Neck Highlands Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Tea Lane Farm and Waskosim's Rock Reservation.

Per a request from the West Tisbury board of health, to avoid contagion, the land bank implemented a software-helmed reservation system for swimming access to the Ice House Pond at the Manaquayak Preserve. The land bank expects such a system to prove helpful elsewhere in the future, for space allocation rather than public health reasons.

Fields were attractively expanded at the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve and North Neck Highlands Preserve but the year's greatest impact occurred at the south head of the Aquinnah Highlands Preserve, where a viewshed restoration opened high and long ocean views.

As usual, the land bank field crew continued ongoing general maintenance on various land bank properties across the island.

XIH

The land bank's annual cross-island hike, occurring each first Saturday in June since 1993, was, regrettably, canceled.

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:

	FY20 BUDGETED CASH AMOUNT & PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL \$	FY20 ACTUAL CASH AMOUNT & PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL \$	FY21BUDGETED CASH AMOUNT & PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL \$
REVENUES	10,000,000.00	14,919,656.00	10,900,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	(\$ 589,441) 6%	(\$ 558,227) 4%	(\$ 603,122) 6%
LAND MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	(\$ 1,510,936) 15%	(\$ 1,222,953) 8%	(\$ 2,126,683) 20%
DEPT SERVICE EXPENSES	(\$ 4,466,907) 44%	(\$ 4,466,907) 30%	(\$ 4,470,848) 41%
RESERVE EXPENSES	(\$ 75,000) 1%		(\$ 75,000) 1%
UNECUMBERED NEW RECEIPTS	\$ 3,432,716 34%	\$ 8,671,569 58%	\$ 3,624,347 33%

As of December 1, 2020, the land bank treasury contained some \$20.4 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.

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no land bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$565,000; in 2021 the threshold will be \$595,000. This is called the "m" exemption and 79 transactions qualified for it in 2020.

GIFTS

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Chappy point-to-point race, \$13,172.75; (2.) Tammy Kallman, \$100; and (3.) donations made to assist in expanding the Waskosim's Rock Reservation: [a] Andrew Frackman and Emily Braun, \$25,000; [b] Robert and Paula Evans, \$50,001; [c] Timothy and Patricia Jaroch, \$365,000; [d] John and Christie Kelly, \$20,000; [e] Martin Gold and Jacqueline Meyer, \$25,000; and [f] Douglas West and Irene Ziebarth, \$10,000.

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES

Fiscal Year 2020 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2019 through percent June 30, 2020 of total	
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 122,480	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 903,866	6 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,806,248	26 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,033,443	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 960,565	6 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 633,225	4 %
central fund	\$ 7,459,829	50%
	\$14,919,656	100%

This represented a 11% increase over the previous year.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioner Richard Knight, Jr., who represented Edgartown 1987-1996 and then since 2019, died unexpectedly; his many contributions to the land bank over the years were greatly appreciated. The land bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round land bank staff comprises the following individuals: Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; 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

Our Mission:

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment. Our goal is to create an age friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence and foster community engagement.

The Center for Living (MVCL) is a 501c3 non-profit, generously supported by all six island towns, and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of members from each island town and one County representative. In FY2020, board members were: Gail Barmakian, President (OB); June Manning, Clerk (Aqu); Shirley Dewing, Treasurer (Edg); Jay Grande (Tisb); Jane Keenan (Edg); Risë Terney, (WT) Jacque Cage (Tisb); Mary Breslauer (Chil); Martina Thornton (Dukes County).

The first half of FY2020 was a time of growth for MV Center for Living and the Supportive Day program. The SDP had expanded to 5 days and our census numbers were rising. COVID 19 arrived and the second half of FY2020 was dominated by uncertainty, fear and isolation for our community and our society as a whole. Arguably more so for the over 60 population, those we serve at MVCL. It changed every aspect what we do and how we provide services to the most at-risk and vulnerable elders in our community. At MVCL, in person, human connection is the basis of everything we do. We work closely with elders who need acceptance and understanding, and their caregivers who need support and respite.

Yet the adversity caused by a global pandemic also provided us the opportunity to grow, learn new ways to connect, communicate, and ultimately, better serve the island community. Although we had to close our doors, with the budgetary support of the Vineyard towns and a \$75,000 PPP CARES Act forgivable loan, we kept most of our staff on and remained open for the business of supporting elders and families. Through the challenges we have adapted, persevered and continued to provide all the programs and services the island community has come to rely on and expect.

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 are at risk if left alone and unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. Our focus is on providing community based support and opportunities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. COVID 19 compounded these issues by requiring that elders isolate in order to stay safe.

Caregiver respite is an important aspect of the service provided by the Supportive Day program. Many of our clients have multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home rather than place in a long term care facility. The Center for Living is a place where

elders, regardless of ability, can engage with their community, enjoy the company of friends and peers, in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers companionship, conversation and widely ranging activities tailored to individual capacity, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, and arts and crafts. Careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. We provide a nutritious, home-made noon meal prepared on-site and served family style. In the first half of FY2020 some meals were also provided through generous donations from several restaurants and caterers including Linda Jean's, Bite on the Go, and Island Fresh Pizza. Until the pandemic, daily transportation to and from the Center was available and provided by the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA).

In October of 2019, we added the fifth day to our Supportive Day schedule, offering programs Monday through Friday, 8:30 – 3pm. We were on track for increasing the daily attendance to 20+ participants and were considering taking on transportation for clients, working with the VTA to accomplish this. Then COVID 19 arrived and on March 15, 2020 we closed our doors to in-person programming. Staff worked remotely and we very quickly moved our programs and services to virtual platforms such as Zoom. We also stayed in touch with clients and caregivers via telephone outreach, socially distanced and masked home visits when appropriate, and robust and engaging Zoom programs Monday through Thursday. The Caregiver Support Group increased from twice a month to every Friday. We contacted caregivers individually to offer additional support. We also provided technical support including devices on loan and training for staff, clients and caregivers. We have continually improved and through innovation and effort, the Center has remained open for the business providing support and service to our clients and families, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

In FY2020, 40 clients were enrolled in the Supportive Day program. We offered full days (9-3) for \$50 and half days (11:30-3) for \$35. Lunch was included in the cost, and transportation was available through the VTA for \$5 per day. These fees are either paid privately, or for low to moderate income elders, all or partially by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, our regional Home Care Agency. MVCL also offers a modest donation supported scholarship program. The average daily attendance was 18 clients. It should be noted that, in planning for re-opening when allowed, we have adjusted our fee schedule to \$60 per day and will no longer offer the half day option. Through MCOA (Mass Councils on Aging), we are working closely on a statewide Supportive Day Programs Task Force, to standardize some of the operational procedures and fee schedule for these programs. The Task Force is also lobbying for a reimbursement fee for Zoom programming. In the meantime, we have sought suggested voluntary donations of \$25 for participation in Zoom programs.

Memory and Music Café:

In FY2020, we combined the Thursday Memory and Music Café with our regular SDP programming, including it in the fifth day of the SDP schedule. SDP clients now the live music at the Café as part of their SDP schedule, and we continue to engage community members who are not regular SDP clients, but join us every week for live music and companionship. There are over 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts and this community engagement model for those experi-

encing mild to moderate memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, has become a national and international phenomena.

Dementia Family Support Services:

Dementia Family Support Services is fully funded by grants and donations outside of the regular MVCL operating budget. It is offered free of charge and is available to families and caregivers caring for a loved one with memory issues and cognitive decline due to Alzheimer's or other dementias.

In March of 2020, when COVID 19 closed our doors to in-person services, the Dementia Family Support Group was expanded from bi-weekly to a weekly group offered virtually via Zoom. Individual consultations for support, care management, planning and referrals continued to be available via telephone and/or Zoom as requested. From early FY2020 and throughout the pandemic, we have connected with 34 caregivers, providing support and practical advice on a range of concerns including medication and behavior management. We have also added a "Caregiver Tips" page to our website for support and additional referral information. Through Dementia Family Support services, families are connected to the Dementia Caregiver Support Group, the Supportive Day Program, and other agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the MV Community Services CORE program, Dukes County Health Care Access program and the Elder Law program for additional supports and services.

TV for Living:

New in 2020, TV for Living is a weekly half hour informational program aired on MV TV Channel 13. Mary Holmes, the Supportive Day Program Supervisor interviews on film, Center for Living staff, clients, family members, and community members such as local librarians, to provide information on areas of interest and services available to elders and caregivers. Episode topics include Healthy Aging, Caregiver 10 Commandments, MV Center for Living programs, live demonstrated Functional Fitness work outs and art projects that can be done at home.

Emergency Food Program:

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

The Steamship Authority provides a discounted rate to IFP for these trips and the balance of cost is reimbursed with grant funding and donations. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the emergency distribution 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 community foundation give back programs. Cronig's Market regularly donates food directly to the Emergency Food Program.

Pre-COVID, the Emergency Food Program served an average of 250 households monthly, including children and elders and up to 450 families during the mid-winter and holiday seasons. However since March of 2020 this program has seen double the number of households seeking food assistance. From April through August 2020, we added a second monthly appointment to pick up food from GBFB to meet the increased needs of households struggling due to decreased or complete loss of income. In FY2020 (Oct 2109 through Sept 2020) we received a total of 128,778 lbs of food (GBFB and local donations), valued at \$171,704.

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral

The 55PLUS Times is published monthly in the MV Times and is a resource for information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

Unfortunately this was the only program sponsored by Martha's Vineyard Center for Living that we were unable to continue due to the pandemic. It is our hope that we will re-establish this very popular monthly social event in the fall of 2021, once the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School is back in session and the Culinary Arts Department up and running again. Thanks to Chefs Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell, as many as 35 seniors enjoyed a three course gourmet meal once a month from October 2019 through February 2020.

Home Delivered Holiday Meals:

MVCL coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Martha's Vineyard Hospital 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. During the 2019 holidays, 103 meals were delivered on Thanksgiving Day, on Christmas Day, 106 meals were delivered, and on Easter Sunday 2020, 142 meals were delivered to homebound seniors by generous volunteers coordinated by the local Councils on Aging.

Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six island towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2020, the island towns contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for the generous support of all 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, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In 2020, 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, Edey Foundation, Lagoon Pond Association, Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, Proud Pour, Cardinal Brook Trust, The Boston Foundation, Pacific Life Foundation, MA Society for Promoting Agriculture, the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center 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 maximize the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2020 we used these 3 facilities to produce 6.3 million quahogs, 17.5 million scallops and 10 million oyster seed for the Shellfish Departments of our six island towns. We released over 150 million scallop eggs and larvae and 150 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 will improve water clarity and ecosystem functioning 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 13 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. The COVID-19 pandemic did negatively affect shell collection this year. Some restaurants did not open, did not serve shellfish or needed to keep operations as streamlined as possible this summer. Thankfully, l'etoile, The Port Hunter, and the Edgartown Yacht Club partnered with us to recover a good quantity of shell for our programs. This fall we starting collecting shells from Larsen's and Menemsha Fish Markets and look forward to the shell bounty next summer. We are always looking for new Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce their waste and help restore oyster populations! We have also established new public shell depositories, including a barrel at the Hughes Hatchery on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs. We accept any kind of shell (mussel, oyster, scallop, cooked, broken) and will update our website as new sites become available. We need your shell in order to <http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org/shell-recovery-partnership>

In 2020 we set 1.3 million oyster larvae onto shell at the Hughes Hatchery for an ongoing, pilot-scale project in Sengekontacket Pond. The spat on shell will be kept in bags and cages, safe from predators, until September of 2021, at which point it will be planted onto small beds of shells and oysters which were established in 2018. The goal is to increase microbial denitrification in Sengekontacket by promoting on-bottom oyster beds. This project is funded by the Friends of Sengekontacket.

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. With generous help from the Tisbury Shellfish Constable, Danielle Ewart, we planted over 600 dislodged plants, which otherwise would have eventually perished, into a floating raft in Lagoon Pond. This fall, we allowed it to sink to the bottom at a site that has recently had eelgrass. The goal is for the wooden raft to disintegrate and allow the eelgrass to grow into the bottom. We also planted biodegradable pots of rehabilitated eelgrass into Menemsha Pond, and we are learning to grow eelgrass from seed in the hatchery. Email us or visit the website for more information.

Surf clams, *Spisula solidissima similis*, for aquaculture research

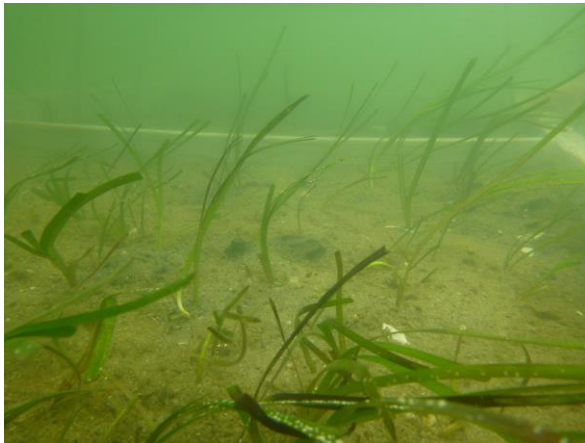
One of the pillars of MVSG is aquaculture research, including the culture of new shellfish species. We support shellfish aquaculture because it helps to preserve fishing traditions of the Vineyard. However, when too many shellfish farms grow only one species, such as oysters, they are less resilient to disease, climate change and market fluctuations. This is why we are interested in alternative species, such as surf clams. When young surf clams reach 2 inches, they make perfectly

sweet, tender clams for pasta and raw bars; thus the affectionate name of *butter clams*. There are several hatcheries and institutions experimenting with the large species of surf clam which grows offshore, in colder water. This summer, we grew surf clams of the inshore species, which are tolerant to higher water temperatures. We grew 100,000 seed for the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center, which are now on 8 shellfish farms on Cape Cod, and two on the Vineyard. Several thousand seed were also grown in Quitsa Pond by Vineyard Vision Fellow, Matteus Scheffer.

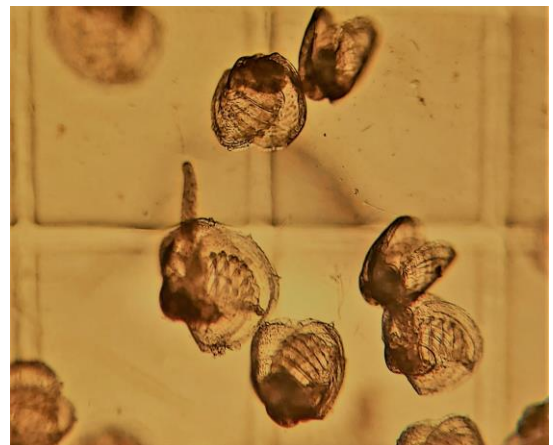
Lastly, we urge the entire Island community to seek-out and support projects, programs and initiatives that will reduce nitrogen inputs to our estuaries. Eutrophication caused by excess nitrogen degrades shellfish habitats and reduces shellfish survival. It is perhaps the greatest challenge we face in the pursuit of shellfish restoration, and it will require many varied efforts to save our ponds from irreversible impairment.

Thank you for your sustained support for shellfish resources on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMA GREEN-BEACH
Executive Director and Biologist
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We collected floating, dislodged eelgrass from around the island and planted it into a raft, suspended off the bottom of Lagoon Pond.



When we look at the scallops under the microscope we can see their gills and a long “foot” which they use to crawl around.

Shellfish Seed Produced in 2020

Quahog Seed

Edgartown	1,275,000
Oak Bluffs	1,275,000
Aquinnah	1,244,000
Tisbury	1,275,000
Chilmark	1,250,000
Total	6,319,000

Oysters

	Tisbury Great Pond	Edgartown Great Pond***	Sengekontacket Pond*	Total
Eggs Released	140,600,000			140.6 million
Larvae Released	3,050,000	6,680,000		9.73 million
Remote Set	6,600,000	1,810,000	1,300,000	9.71 million
Singles	234,615	129,400		364,015

Scallop Seed

Edgartown	3,470,000
Oak Bluffs	3,470,000
Tisbury	3,470,000
Chilmark	3,470,000
Aquinnah	3,470,000
Tribe*	170,000
Gosnold**	30,000
Total	17,490,000

Eggs Released **123.55 million**

Larvae Released **27.99 million**

Spisula

Surf clam seed	SEMAC*	100,000
	Vision Fellowship***	14,000
Total		114,000

Provided under: *Contract; **County Propagation, ***Private Funding

MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Leadership

Oak Bluffs	Alice Butler, Chairman
West Tisbury	Susanna Sturgis
Aquinnah	June Manning
Tisbury	Elaine Miller
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Rider Community Representative	Carlton Crocker (Chilmark)
Disabled Community Representative	Sarah Nevin (Edgartown)
Administrator	Angela E. Gompert

Service Modifications

FY20 was a year like no other; beginning with a labor strike that resolved in August 2019 to operating through a global pandemic the last four months of the year. The VTA will continue to navigate these challenges to provide the best transit services possible for its community. The VTA planned some service modifications for FY 2020. Due to a labor strike and the COVID-19 pandemic, those service modifications were much more extensive than anticipated over the course of the year.

Changes to In-Season 2019 as Compared to In-Season 2018 (starting in July)

Planning for In-Season 2019 included some trimming of late-night trips after midnight on Routes 1 and 13. These decisions were made as cost-saving measures due to low ridership performance on these trips. End of service day trips were also eliminated on Routes 2 and 10A. Similarly, end of service day trips that operated on Fridays and Saturdays during the In-Season shoulder periods were eliminated on Routes 3, 4 and 5. Changes were also planned for the Route 11 service.

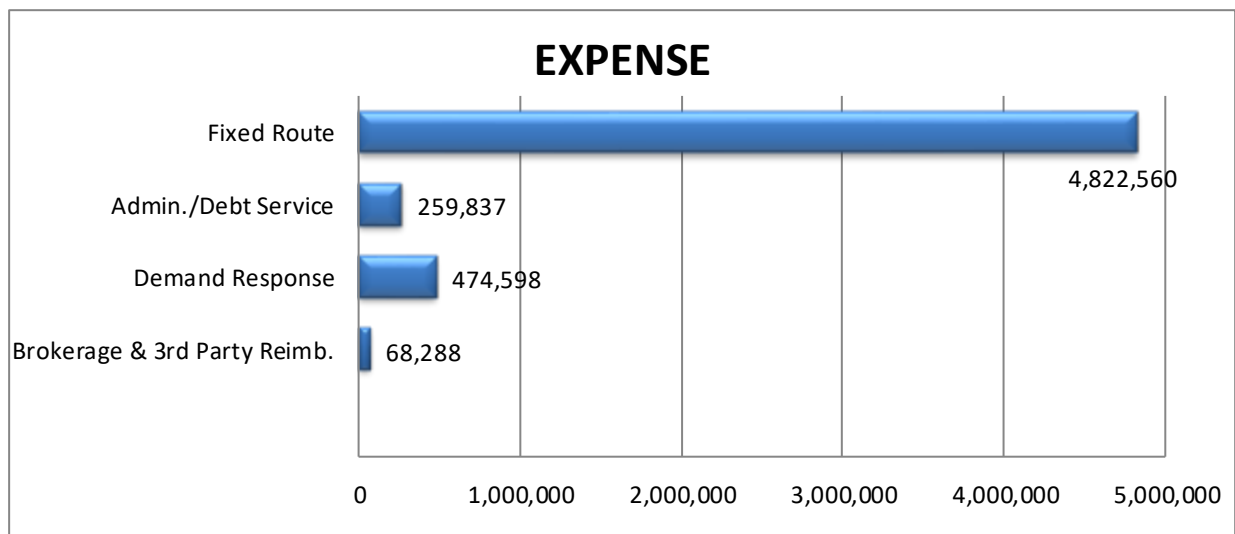
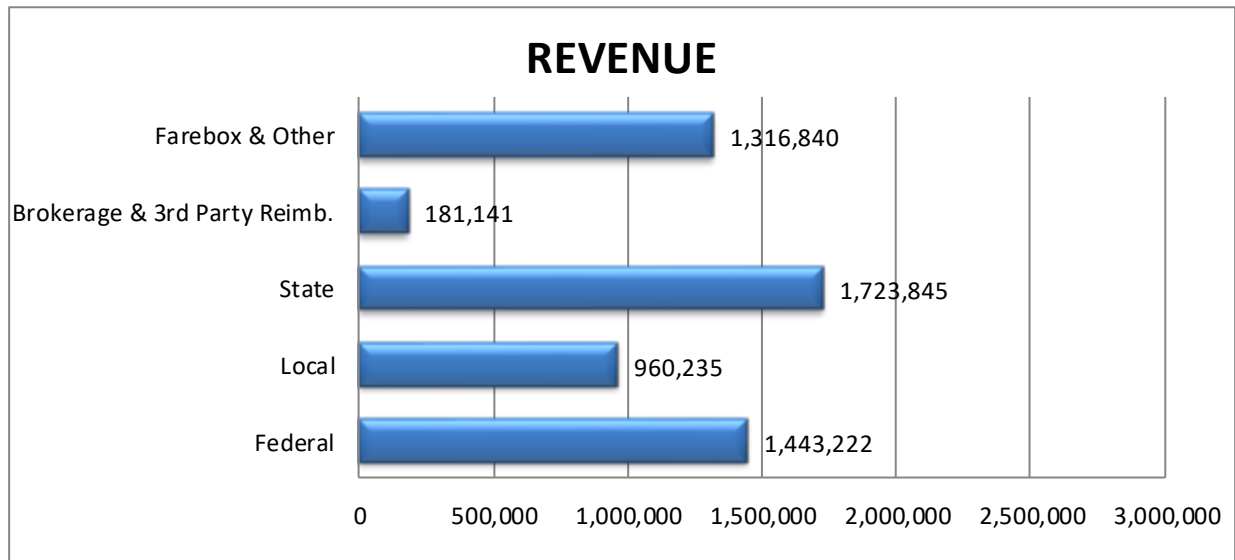
The VTA experienced a labor strike at the outset of the In-Season in June 2019, which continued through the end of July. The VTA provided a reduced level of transit service with vehicle operators who did not choose to strike, other staff, and seasonal operators. Resources were applied to the routes with the highest travel demand, and during the peak periods of travel during the day. Evening service was reduced throughout July. Certain routes like Routes 2, 10A, 11, and 12, were not operated at all or on significantly reduced schedules. The impacts of labor shortages continued through the peak month of August as well, affecting how much of the originally planned and published timetable service the VTA was able to offer. These modifications were temporary on the VTA's usual transit operations and service.

Changes to Off-Season 2019-2020 as Compared to Off-Season 2018-2019

The plan for the Off-Season continued to comprise three schedule periods – Fall, Winter, and Spring. The Off-Season Fall schedule continued the trend of paring down later evening trips that had low ridership performance in the previous year for the same time period. As anticipated, to fund the new collective bargaining agreement with labor and an increase in insurance premiums, more substantial service cuts were required. Routes 2, 4, 8, and 10A were eliminated from the Off-Season schedule. The Winter period was also started a full month earlier – at the beginning instead of the end of December. Sunday service was also reduced to only service on Routes 1, 10, and 13. Routes 1 and 13 Sunday service had a separate schedule served by one vehicle, and Route 13 service was limited to the Vineyard Haven – Oak Bluffs link only.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting dramatic decrease in travel demand in March 2020 changed VTA transit planning for the rest of the fiscal year. The Winter season was extended until April 30, 2020. For comparison, the VTA In-Season historically began at the end of April. With travel demand reduced and slowly increasing with the summer season approaching, the VTA operated two schedule periods to close out the fiscal year – one from May 1 – June 18, and another starting June 19, 2020 that would operate into the next fiscal year. This schedule included routes that had not operated during the Off-Season, including Routes 2, 4, 8, and 10A. The In-Season schedule was reduced for all routes due to pandemic conditions. Route 1 maintained its typical 30-minute frequency, while ending service earlier in the evenings. Up-Island routes were mostly reduced to two-hour frequency instead of one hour frequency, as were Routes 7 and 9 in Oak Bluffs. Route 8 to South Beach was served by one bus instead the usual two. Route 13 along the Beach Roads serving Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Tisbury operated with 30-minute headways, less than the usual 15-20 minute headways. Following social distance guidelines aboard the buses, the VTA operated a similar number of buses during peak periods on Route 13 to carry roughly half the peak season travel demand. It was very difficult to predict travel demand during the pandemic. These schedules were considered temporary measures for unusual conditions, and additional headways were added as we entered FY 21.

Financials



Operational Facts & Figures

Facts:

	FY 20	FY 19
Annual Ridership	894,055	1,305,195
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$1,239,605	\$1,666,065
Annual Cost of Operations	\$4,820,037	\$4,695,938
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	25.72%	35.48%
Fleet Size	32	32

Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	894,055	1,305,195
Annual Revenue Hours	52,249	67,047
Annual Revenue Miles	804,254	1,097,108
Annual Vehicle Hours	55,584	71,025
Annual Vehicle Miles	855,590	1,162,191

Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$5.39	\$3.60
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$92.25	\$70.04
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$5.99	\$4.28
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	17.11	19.47
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	1.11	1.19
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$4.00	\$2.32

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

Adult Base	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Elderly		
Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Disabled Fare	\$1 / \$0.75 zone	\$1 / \$0.75 zone
Under 12	\$2 / \$1.25 zone	\$2 / \$1.25 zone
Under 6	Free	Free
Student Pass	Reduced Fare	Reduced Fare

Operational Facts & Figures Continued
ADA – Demand Response

Facts:

	FY 20	FY 19
Annual Ridership	8,006	12,298
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$20,312	\$32,384
Annual Cost of Operations	\$510,926	\$549,408
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	4.00%	5.89%
Fleet Size	6	6

Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	8,006	12,298
Annual Revenue Hours	5,213	7,321
Annual Revenue Miles	72,811	106,696
Annual Vehicle Hours	5,546	7,788
Annual Vehicle Miles	77,459	118,551

Performance measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$63.82	\$44.67
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$98.01	\$75.05
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$7.02	\$5.15
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.54	1.68
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.11	0.12
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$61.28	\$42.04

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, 2020 and 2019

ASSETS	2020	2019
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 349,529	\$ 986,967
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 2,625,447	\$ 2,020,467
Other current assets	\$ 433,758	\$ 452,436
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 108,158	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 3,516,892	\$ 3,459,870
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 249,240	\$ 221,136
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,841,319	\$ 1,442,525
Total restricted assets	\$ 2,090,559	\$ 1,663,661
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 509,010	\$ 464,195
Capital assets, net	\$ 19,706,095	\$ 15,763,867
Net OPEB asset	\$ 293,016	\$ 326,777
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 22,598,680	\$ 18,218,500
Total assets	\$ 26,115,572	\$ 21,678,370
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 128,414	\$ 174,473
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 78,149	\$ 15,562
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 26,322,135	\$ 21,868,405
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 237,150	\$ 279,868
Total current liabilities	\$ 237,150	\$ 279,868
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,689,032	\$ 1,437,623
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,689,032	\$ 1,437,623
Other post-employment benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Net pension liability	\$ 422,790	\$ 421,760
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,762,820
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 4,111,822	\$ 3,622,203
Total liabilities	\$ 4,348,972	\$ 3,902,071
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 16,906	\$ 21,132
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 57,059	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,422,937	\$ 3,923,203
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 19,706,095	\$ 15,763,867
Restricted	\$ 401,527	\$ 226,038
Other current assets	\$ 1,791,576	\$ 1,955,297
Total net position	\$ 21,899,198	\$ 17,945,202



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VINEYARD HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees and staff of Vineyard Haven Public Library anticipated that 2020 would be a year of positive change. In January, all six Martha's Vineyard libraries joined hundreds of libraries across the U.S. in eliminating overdue fines, removing barriers to make access to our libraries easy, equitable and enjoyable for all. Eliminating overdue fines supports our core values of providing equitable service, fostering early literacy, and maintaining free access to information.

For library cardholders on Martha's Vineyard, this means that daily late fines are no longer charged on overdue items at any Vineyard library, and existing overdue fines from all accounts were cleared, enabling hundreds of patrons to once again use library services. (Libraries previously blocked accounts with overdue fines greater than \$25.) Libraries no longer place fine-related restrictions on use of computers or access to digital materials. While late fees have been eliminated, patrons are still be responsible for paying for the replacement costs of any items that are lost or damaged.

Our library community was still celebrating this achievement just a few weeks later, when the COVID-19 pandemic required that the library building temporarily close to the public on March 16th. Library staff working from home immediately pivoted to planning and implementing services that could be provided to patrons in their homes and through safe, contactless, and socially distanced means.

In the weeks to follow the library added content to our always-available digital services, including expanded access to Kanopy streaming video and patron-driven acquisition of eBooks. The library quickly added new streaming video content including Acorn TV, Creativebug arts and crafts classes, and music from Qello, the world's largest collection of concert films and music documentaries.

Library staff provided remote training for patrons new to digital resources, and to introduce Zoom and other online meeting platforms that would become the indispensable means of connecting our community. Just four days after the building closed on March 19th, the library held its first live online program, a book club meeting. From March through December, the library hosted more than 250 free virtual events, with over 4,500 participating. Many more patrons enjoyed recorded library programs made available through Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo.

When stay-at-home orders were lifted the library provided contactless pickup of materials from the library entry vestibule six days per week, outdoor book browsing in the library courtyard, remote document printing, home delivery of library materials to qualifying Tisbury residents, and technology equipment to borrow, including wifi hotspots, preloaded Kindle eReaders, and Chromebook computers. Since quarantine of returned materials and other safety measures slowed arrival of interlibrary loans and turnover of popular items, the library introduced an "Express" collection of popular books reserved for local patrons. The library's weekly newsletter

was enhanced to include descriptive listings for all new books as they are added to the collection, in addition to information on online events and library services. Librarians provided individual readers advisory services to help library patrons make selections.

The library introduced new services for children to assist parents and students with the challenges of this unusual year. Through a generous grant from the Martha's Vineyard Bank Charitable Foundation, Martha's Vineyard libraries partnered with Brainfuse, a national online education company, to provide free live online tutoring and homework help to all Martha's Vineyard library cardholders. The program is available seven days a week to anyone with a library card issued by any of the six Martha's Vineyard libraries.

Since June, Vineyard Haven Library's Young Adult and Children's librarians recorded weekly storytimes, craft tutorials, and STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math) programs made available through the library's YouTube channel and Facebook page. "Take & Make" packages including craft supplies, snacks, and themed activities have been provided to more than 100 children each week through contactless pickup. Additional support to families has been provided through a weekly newsletter for children and families, and virtual outreach activities with schools, child care centers, and community organizations.

Special services this year were made possible by gifts and grants from the Friends of the Library, the Bergman Foundation, the Anderson Foundation, and individual donors. Many community members generously volunteered their time to present online library programs. More than 200 participants enrolled in the library's annual six-part literature seminar with Professor Philip M. Weinstein, on the works of Toni Morrison. Local artist Elizabeth Whelen presented free weekly art classes from April through September. We are grateful to the many other local authors and experts who shared their creativity and expertise through the Library's virtual programming this year.

The COVID-19 pandemic created additional challenges for the ongoing effort to enhance the Vineyard Haven Public Library building. The Building Design and Construction Committee appointed by the Library Trustees worked with architect Maryann Thompson to finalize the design of the planned multipurpose meeting room, using funds approved at the April 2017 Tisbury Town Meeting. Additional funding for this project will come from grants and community donations, and fund-raising priorities have understandably shifted to address pressing needs of our society. However, creating an open, spacious, and well-ventilated place for our community is more important than ever. The expanded and redesigned interior and exterior spaces will provide the flexibility the library requires to provide future services with greater safety and comfort. The Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Fund, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization undertaking a capital campaign to support the project *without the use of additional taxpayer funding*, and continues to welcome donations and volunteer support.

The Library Trustees appreciate the dedication and creativity of our outstanding staff, including Director Amy Ryan, Reference Librarian Ruth Konigsberg, Children's Librarian Emily Lapierre, Young Adult Librarian Jennifer Rapuano, and Library Associates Anne McDonough, Polly

Simpkins, and Lagan Treischmann. The Trustees also thank departing Board Member Akeyah Lucas for her years of service, and welcome Dennis Agin, who was elected in June. 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,

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

Key Statistics, Fiscal Year 2020

Number of visits	45,958
Collection size	88,879
<i>Books</i>	44,947
<i>Audio CDs</i>	3,051
<i>DVD, VHS & Blu-Ray</i>	6,594
<i>Downloadable books</i>	33,850
Circulation	76,959
Interlibrary loans	19,644
Program attendance	6,234
Registered borrowers	5,492
Total hours open	1,748

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

This has been a challenging year and our teachers, staff, and students have done a fantastic job rising to the occasion. While we opened remotely as a result of COVID, we have worked hard to engage our students through thoughtfully planned instruction. We have also welcomed our most vulnerable students to the school each day, where we have been able to support them emotionally and academically. I am proud of the model we have put together and I am proud of the intensive planning our teachers have done. I am very excited to welcome students back into the building for the second semester and once again see them engaged in the classrooms, on athletic teams, in the arts, and in our general school community.

Art, Design & Technology

The MVRHS Art, Design & Technology Department had an engaging and productive year in 2020. 24 students won a total of 31 awards at the 2020 Massachusetts Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in categories including ceramics, digital art, painting, photography, and original video game design: six students advanced to the national competition and one student won a National Silver Medal in New York. Students showcased work in our annual art & literary journal, SEABREEZES, as well as in the 2020 MVRHS Yearbook. The National Council of Teachers of English awarded Seabreezes its highest statewide award for the 2019 edition. Last year, the department introduced a new course, AP Studio Art: in May, the first crop of AP students submitted their portfolios and many earned top marks in the exam. Instruction has been modified across the department to meet the new realities of virtual instruction. Students in AP Computer Science, Game Design, and Programming are experimenting with a portable programming kit that consists of a microcontroller (the MicroBit or the Adafruit Clue), together with a collection of creative supplies that allow them to create interactive computing projects that are portable and engaging. Drawing & Painting students have been working with the leadership class to continue to create art installations around the building. A contingent of students shared their work at a virtual Portfolio Day in the fall. Photo/Graphics students who were involved in the international collaboration known as the Portal last year became involved in a home-grown version known as "the Parlour" this year – in it, MVRHS students spend time speaking with their peers in Argentina, Mexico, India, Zambia, Romania, Brazil, and many other countries. Dozens of students participated in the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and virtual exhibit last spring; some exhibited in Featherstone's "Yellow" show last spring; and some participated in themed VCS art challenges this fall.

Athletics

2020 had its impact on all forms of education and athletics. MVRHS was only able to compete inter-scholastically in winter sports before the pandemic. Spring sports were cancelled and fall athletics were limited to intramural sports. Our coaching staff and athletes made the best of what they could in a not-so-perfect situation. They were faced with COVID-19 modifications and they found ways to compete in intersquad games while wearing face masks and new rules that made them adjust on how they played the game. The athletes were happy to be back on the field with their friends and teammates. The school community, coaches, athletes, and parents were happy to see activity finally returning to the high school campus.

Winter sports highlights were plenty. Boys hockey and basketball teams qualified for their tournaments, and indoor track and swim teams sent athletes to State competitions.

Boys basketball won its first round game in a spirited game vs ArchBishop Williams but eventually lost to a very strong and athletic team in Rockland in the second round.

The boy's hockey team won its first round game in a nailbiter, with a 3-2 double overtime win vs old EAC rival Somerset Berkley. In the second round, the Vineyarders fell to the 4th seed Dartmouth Indians, who advanced to the D3 South Finals.

In indoor track, the Vineyard was well represented on both the boys' and girls' side, with the girls qualifying 10 girls for the D5 championships and the boys qualifying 11. The highlights of the day were the girls 4x800 finishing 2nd and a 2nd place finish for Dash Christy in the 55 meter hurdles, which qualified him for All-States. The boys' team finished in 8th place overall.

The swim programs continue to see improvement. This relatively new program is seeing itself as an up-and-coming program in the Cape and Islands League. Junior Gabby Carr and sophomore Ruari Mullin each qualified for the South Swim Sectionals.

Career and Technical Education

Moving from in-person classes to online presented new challenges and new opportunities. Our Health Assisting program welcomed back Deb Sylvia, a position she held two years ago. Deb brings a wealth of experience and love of students to the program. In Automotive, Mr. Ward and students opened the shop to in-person learning. The Automotive shop has been the recipient of a recent Perkins grant for a more technologically advanced tire mounting and balancing system. In the spring semester the Automotive department will look forward to Natef certification. In Carpentry, Mr. Seabourne and crew have resumed work on the sheds and expect to deliver the "friendship benches". This multi-year project uses locally harvested timber and will be visible at the Island elementary schools. In the spring, the local towns approved the matching funds to complete a competitive state-funded grant to replace the dust collecting system in the shop. In Culinary Arts, Chefs O'Malley and Crowell had in-person functions stop in the spring. The students engaged in a food truck project that had them brainstorming what a small foodservice truck would entail. This fall, students began to return in person as well those still cooking at their homes. In Horticulture Mr. Crossland and students have begun to plan for next year's plant sale. Last year, this activity was truncated by covid. He and his students are optimistic about this year's annual plant sale.

English

The English Department participated in the national Poetry Out Loud competition and sent one student to represent MVRHS at the regional semi-final competition. Though the annual Writer's Week had to be cancelled, students engaged in writing endeavors via Zoom classes. The submissions generated by these and other writing classes culminated in the publication of the fortieth edition of *Seabreezes* Literary Magazine, which in January of 2020 received the highest award by the National Council of Teachers of English. Additionally, the staff of *The High School View* organized to work remotely, covering the pandemic's effects on the MVRHS community and

publishing weekly in the MV Times. This commitment to continuing local coverage was a testament to the outstanding efforts of the newspaper's staff, led by the editors in chief: seniors Emily Gazzaniga and Spencer Pogue.

The English teachers at MVRHS have engaged in numerous professional development courses and offerings to meet the demands of teaching remotely. As a result, the curriculum and instruction students are receiving this fall is engaging and appropriately demanding. While the retirements of Cynthia Cowan and Bill McCarthy were a great loss to the department, the addition of three new teachers has brought new energy and vigor to the department and bodes well for the school and the future of the English program at MVRHS.

ESL

2020 has been anything but a typical year - the department spent countless hours getting up to speed concerning on-line learning, supporting fellow teachers in adjusting instructional on-line practices in order to reach English language learners (ELLs), as well as working with students and families to insure students have what they need and are engaged in school. The spring was spent delivering computers and/or lunches, teaching classes on-line, and communicating daily with most ELLs and their families. Teacher David Foley taught a summer program aimed at supporting 9th graders transition to the high school. Department Chair Dianne Norton spent the summer volunteering on district- and school-level task forces, and working with colleagues to come up with workable, equitable, and effective programming recommendations addressing remote learning and social emotional learning. Cheri Cluff educated herself on best practices for engaging ELLs in remote learning. She has incorporated Wizer, Edpuzzle, Nearpod, lingt, Quizizz into her lessons. She is currently in the midst of a 7-part series on best practices in engaging students sponsored by our union, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, on engaging students during remote instruction. We all took part in the district-sponsored Modern Teacher training as well as numerous other professional development opportunities that have been offered virtually. We are tired but determined to provide our students with lessons filled with positivity and best practices for teaching ELLs.

Guidance

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped 157 graduates develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, the Class of 2020 had 71% of the students attend a four-year college/university, had 5% attend a two-year college, had 3% attend trade/technical schools/programs, had 6% take a gap year, and had 14% enter the workforce. This year's generous donors provided scholarships, grants, and additional items such as computers and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,276,009. 136 students in the 2020 graduating class received 491 awards totaling \$1,285,207. Post-graduates and other Island students received \$990,802.

The High School guidance department continues to work with all the Island-sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming ninth graders. The High School 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. Even when school was forced to close in March 2020, counselors met individually with students and families to continue this important work.

When the pandemic hit, the guidance department, including the school adjustment counselors, worked in concert with teachers and administration to try to keep all students engaged academically and emotionally. With the pandemic continuing, the department worked tirelessly throughout the summer and fall to try to work with students and families to offer social/emotional assistance during remote learning.

History

The history department continues to bring history alive to students despite the remote nature of learning. The focus of the freshman class curriculum is learning about historical writing, annotation, and research. Sophomore students are engulfed in 20th Century history. The upper class students can choose from a variety of history electives ranging from sociology and leadership to global revolutions and current events. The history department is fortunate to be able to excel with co-teaching model classrooms, where a special educator is paired with a content expert to teach to students with a variety of abilities. There are two teachers who are working closely with the English Language Learner program to teach language acquisition through history. As a result of the social unrest going back to the spring, the department is offering a few new courses and opportunities for students to be more civically engaged and explore social justice themes. Women's studies courses raise awareness of contemporary women's issues and encourage thought to explore change. The pandemic and the election present dynamic examples to illustrate the inner workings of government, the Supreme Court structure, and the political process. Never before has there been a better time to be a history teacher!

Library

The library continued supporting the school community throughout 2020. The year began with the conclusion of the Portals to the World project, in which over 500 of our students visited sites around the world through an immersive video-conferencing enclosure in the library, where students talked to people in other Portals around the world. The library has been providing access to virtual resources in the form of eBooks, databases, and videos, as well as access and support for online teaching and learning through video creation tools including WeVideo and EdPuzzle, and academic integrity tools including Turnitin and Noodletools. New books are promoted and shared regularly, and students and staff continue to borrow books through pick-up and delivery. District librarians and history teachers worked together to target information literacy and civic online reasoning skills. These formed the basis of a series of lessons that are now being co-taught by librarian Kevin McGrath and history teacher JoEllen Meuse as part of the 9th grade CTE rotation. Kevin continues to co-teach the Capstone course along with Christine Ferrone. Enrollment in Capstone has more than doubled in the 2020-21 school year. Find more news and info on the website at: <https://www.mvrhs.org/library/>

Math

The Mathematics department has been quite productive, spending numerous hours during the school year and the summer engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities to

enhance our skill set in delivering instruction and assessing comprehension while teaching remotely. A number of math department members, including Ellen Muir and Dawne Nelson, are also engaged in graduate work and continue to share their valuable experiences with the entire team. We have continued to focus on our course curricula this year. Our department has been revisiting and revising the scope and sequence of our current courses and we have had two members, Michael Innes and Kelly Magnuson, write the curriculum for a new Geometry-MCAS course. This integrated C1 level 9th and 10th grade math sequence will cover Algebra topics over 1.5 years and cover Geometry concepts that are assessed on the MCAS test. Essentially, this is a class that is designed to end in the MCAS and covers topics more deeply and in a more scaffold way with frequent interim assessments to gather data on what students understand and what they are struggling with. We said goodbye and good luck to Jamie Norton. His positive attitude and dedication to the subject and his students will be missed. We are so lucky to welcome Jerry Kadien, a young, energetic, and skilled teacher of mathematics. He has proved to be a great addition to our team.

Performing Arts

In addition to our curricular classes offered both to 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 (Jack Crawford, Skylar Hall, Lily Jones, Caitlin McHugh, Linus Munn, Spencer Pogue, and Maddy Tully) in January and the All-Cape and Island Festival in February. Three students, Linus Munn, Spencer Pogue, and Skylar Hall were recommended to audition for the All-State Music Festival. 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 Big Fish. Community musicians and actors, art classes, and faculty joined the student cast for four performances. We were very lucky to have had a full run of Big Fish as schools (and the rest of the Island) were shut down a few weeks later. The Minnesingers had been planning a Mother's Day weekend show that we continued rehearsing over zoom until it became clear we weren't going to be able to perform it anywhere. The Theatre Production class started a Friday afternoon open-mic show over zoom that ran for the spring semester and allowed our students the chance to continue playing with each other. The Minnesingers worked hard to be able to perform at the High School graduation in July, giving the seniors a final chance to sing together. This fall, the Minnesingers have continued to rehearse in hopes of a winter show, and we are collaborating with the theatre classes to video a performance of It's A Wonderful Life with music by the Minnesingers that will be aired at the drive in in December. We had seven students audition for and get accepted to the South East Music Festival (virtually): Anabelle Biggs, Jack Crawford, Linus Munn, Eric Reubens, Kaya Seiman, Daniel Serpa, and Willa Welch. Linus Munn received his second All-State recommendation and will audition in January 2021. This has been a year of hardship for the PAD, but we are thinking outside the box to continue to offer our students a space to be creative and to feel connected to each other, at a time when they need it most.

Physical Education

This year in Physical Education our efforts in Health Education doubled. Each year in our 9/10 and 11/12 grade sections, students are provided with both PE and Health. This change has been

coming to fruition over the past 2 years but most of the revisions are in place, a very important initiative to support our students' overall health and an important initiative of the district. In September we said goodbye to Alyssa Lemoi, who left us to work at a high school closer to RI. Mr. Yuhas has moved up to full time as a result. The pandemic caused us to go remote to reach our students and we have found many amazing ways to challenge our students to practice fitness from home in a safe and enjoyable environment. As public health is at the forefront of everyone's actions and mind we are striving to provide accurate and helpful ways to stay active and engaged in remote learning while learning so much about the importance of public health and our overall safety.

Project Vine

Project Vine welcomed the class of 2023 with our first Welcome Potluck dinner for new students and their families. In March, we held our Inter-Class Lip Synch Challenge at the YMCA. Once the shutdown began, Project Vine continued to hold our classes and weekly Virtual Vine Fridays, working with administration, the SAO, and our ELL staff to distribute technology and address remote learning needs. We held multiple Zoom parent sessions to teach parents how to use our remote learning platforms while we continued to engage Vine students remotely through online games, contests, and giveaways that included the Getty Challenge and Movie watch parties. In June, we held a virtual Senior Farewell/Vine End-of-Year Celebration to continue our tradition of senior book dedications to our program and named the 2020 recipients of the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Scholarships (Carina Cataloni and William Herman). Over the summer, Project Vine worked to maintain our network of communication with students and families, add new members, and re-design our curriculum and content delivery to work within the current model. Despite the challenges of remote learning, in September we welcomed our largest group of students to date, with 39 students across grades 10-12. Project Vine held a Virtual Island Lore Night in partnership with the MV Museum where seniors performed their original works of short fiction based on the museum's collections. We held a virtual Thanksgiving event attended by staff, students, families, and alumni--many of whom gave video "testimony" about the program to be used in our senior class' newest documentary about the program as we look forward to welcoming the class of 2024.

Science

The Science Department has actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our Department took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and computer-based STEM design. The department has worked with several local groups, including Biodiversity Works, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. The department has worked diligently to adapt to the changing school environment with the onset of COVID protocols and continues to improve science education under difficult circumstances. We have continued to improve our co-teaching program which currently offers three sections of Earth Science and three sections of Biology that are co-taught. All indications are that these are being well received by the students and teachers involved. Amandine Hall has joined the science faculty and will be teaching chemistry for the 2020-21 school year.

Special Education

The Special Education department has worked together this year more than ever due to COVID-19. The team spent time developing an online curriculum, frequently reaching out to families, and delivering services in unique ways that engaged our students on their path of education. The department also worked with Community Services transition specialists to help educate students on their options for transitioning from high school to adult life. We are a department that is made up of many different programs that meet the needs of all of our students.

The Voyager Program has been working hard to connect with the community during this difficult time. They continued to work on job exploration with Felix Neck and the Reservation Trustee. The Voyager created a Dog Treat business, Purple Paws, where students make, package, sell, and deliver their products.

The Compass Program has been inviting community speakers to zoom meetings to give students a fresh face and perspective on their struggles with anxiety and perseverance. Teachers ran a class for families on how to navigate Google Classroom and PowerSchool in order to better support their children academically. The program was awarded a grant from the MV Garden Club for a small greenhouse that will allow them to plant and grow small herbs and flowers over the winter.

The co-teaching and academic support programs have participated in professional development such as Modern Teacher, which included ways to work with students synchronously and asynchronously. We also explored and utilized the platforms from Google Classroom and Nearpod. The staff has worked closely to provide instruction to students coming into school and online via zoom. We work within the general education setting, small groups, and 1-to-1 service to meet the needs of students.

Before the closure, the Navigator Program ran an amazing coffee delivery system, called the Coffee Clipper, through which the students practiced their skills in interacting with customers, and money and supply management. The Navigator has been doing an amazing job learning, using, and engaging the students with different online software. They have continued to engage with the community by having staff from The Island Grown Initiative garden with the students.

Wellness Program

In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer-to-peer programming. The Peer Outreach Program transitioned into a club in collaboration with NAMI of MV; the SWEAR program held its annual assembly in October 2019, and has moved into a virtual model with students taking part in the Reimagine Manhood symposium, a Call to Men conference, and, sometime in 2020-2021, a virtual 2-day retreat. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work, and have formed a Women of Color group as well as a Men of Color Group. In collaboration with ICC we continued our Newcomers' group and 1:1 access to counseling for our Portuguese speaking students. We are in the process of determining the best way to hold our annual Race Culture Retreat. As always, we continue to support the social emotional well-being of

our students by offering 1:1 support for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing.

World Language

While 2020 really threw us all a curveball, there were many silver linings. In many ways this online/remote setting has helped to focus our curriculum and student learning on proficiency, and much of the department was able to engage in extensive professional development via online platforms. As the state standards are revised for the first time since 1999, we are happy to share that we had a member of our team serve on the state committee in developing the new standards. This year, we welcomed Hasan Shahid to teach our Heritage Portuguese courses and Spanish for Portuguese speakers. We continue to focus on defining and developing our Heritage Portuguese Program to meet the needs of our diverse students and community. We were also happy to have Thiago Gunha, a student at UMASS Dartmouth, work with our Portuguese courses as part of an internship this fall. The department is continuing their push towards proficiency, working with consultant Michael Orlando from Idioma Language and Consulting, and students in the department demonstrated their advanced language skills with 13 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, and all students that took the AP Spanish exam passed with flying colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Dingley
Principal

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 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, 2020.

FY2020 Assessment
Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

Respectfully submitted,

Marylee Schroeder
Treasurer



Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	\$ 177,532.05	\$ 175,702.13	\$ 1,829.92
Administration: Expenses	12,805.00	15,708.60	(2,903.60)
Administration Subtotal	190,337.05	191,410.73	(1,073.68)
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	292,225.49	274,302.13	17,923.36
Instruction: Expenses	30,400.00	28,684.15	1,715.85
Instruction Subtotal	322,625.49	302,986.28	19,639.21
Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,109.64	(1,109.64)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	24,268.80	26,225.79	(1,956.99)
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	24,268.80	27,335.43	(3,066.63)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	39,261.00	40,046.18	(785.18)
Fixed Costs: Expenses	49,586.33	82,930.59	(33,344.26)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	88,847.33	122,976.77	(33,344.26)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	626,078.67	644,709.21	(17,845.36)
High School Programs: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	144,252.00	120,389.65	23,862.35
Administration: Expenses	113,657.28	114,748.13	(1,090.85)
Administration Subtotal	257,909.28	235,137.78	22,771.50
High School Programs: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	10,666,159.63	10,149,235.55	516,924.08
Instruction: Expenses	533,642.15	542,292.86	(8,650.71)
Instruction Subtotal	11,199,801.78	10,691,528.41	508,273.37
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,956,063.97	1,852,389.00	103,674.97
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	693,766.64	625,880.23	67,886.41
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(1,132,630.00)	(818,233.79)	(314,396.21)
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	1,517,200.61	1,660,035.44	(142,834.83)
High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	668,506.91	631,388.72	37,118.19
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,174,380.15	1,097,323.25	77,056.90
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,842,887.06	1,728,711.97	114,175.09
High School Programs: Fixed Costs			
Employee Retirement	338,889.47	366,844.00	(27,954.53)
Retired Municipal Teachers	615,638.41	644,895.73	(29,257.32)
Other Post Employment Benefits	1,091,314.00	1,091,314.00	-
Employee Separation Costs	13,000.00	62,040.90	(49,040.90)
Insurance - Employee Related	2,711,180.80	2,519,424.32	191,756.48
Insurance - School Related	335,518.32	348,610.28	(13,091.96)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	336,215.00	313,910.08	22,304.92
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	24,300.00	24,300.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	910,745.01	1,110,865.51	(200,120.50)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	6,559,301.01	6,664,204.82	(104,903.81)
TOTAL High School Programs	21,377,099.74	20,979,618.42	397,481.32
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 22,003,178.41	\$ 21,624,327.63	\$ 379,635.96

DESCRIPTION	FY20 AMOUNT							
Operating & Capital Budget	\$	22,003,178.41						
Charter School/School Choice Tuition		<u>672,143.00</u>	22,675,321.41					
Less								
Chapter 70 State Aid		2,835,120.00						
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid		304,946.00						
Other Revenues		236,262.59						
E&D Offset		<u>0.00</u>	3,376,328.59					
FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	\$		<u>19,298,992.82</u>					
Town Apportionments		Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution		127,841.00	371,902.00	2,103,572.00	2,013,140.00	2,150,060.00	1,045,975.00	7,812,490.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum		192,814.05	482,051.01	2,795,861.97	2,860,136.85	2,908,348.31	1,349,730.12	10,588,942.31
(iii) Transportation		6,455.92	16,140.33	93,612.78	95,764.87	97,379.11	45,192.50	354,545.51
(iii) Capital		9,842.24	24,606.40	142,715.42	145,996.34	148,457.31	68,897.28	540,514.99
(iii) Other Costs		45.52	113.81	660.09	675.27	686.65	318.67	2500.01
Gross Assessments		336,998.73	894,813.55	5,136,422.26	5,115,713.33	5,304,931.38	2,510,113.57	19,298,992.82
Less E&D Offset		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FY19 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$	336,998.73	894,813.55	5,136,422.26	5,115,713.33	5,304,931.38	2,510,113.57	19,298,992.82
This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.								
Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)								
Numbers may be off due to rounding.								
		2.14%	5.42%	25.11%	27.96%	27.53%	11.84%	100.00%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/20)		15	38	176	196	193	83	701

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert Lionette, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
All-Island School Committee

Dear Mr. Lionette:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2020 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.

This past year has been extremely challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The uncertainty associated with the impact of the COVID-19 virus has compelled the school district to significantly modify the delivery of instruction in all of our schools.

In March, due to the spread of the virus, Governor Baker closed public schools to in-person instruction, forcing the school district to switch to a fully remote model. This transition proved to be extremely challenging, yet our dedicated staff rose to the occasion. Utilizing online instructional platforms, our staff created a variety of remote learning opportunities for our students. Instruction was delivered synchronously and asynchronously, and in small and large groups. Staff sought out various ways to remotely engage students to ensure that there was minimal learning loss during the spring.

Over this past summer, the district organized a school reopening task force that developed a reopening plan to align with the guidance provided by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Several teachers, nurses, administrators, ESPs, and parents met throughout the summer to develop three models to educate our students – in-person, hybrid, and fully remote. Additionally, the task force, in collaboration with our school nurses, district physician, and local Board of Health agents, developed a phased-in approach to the re-entry of our students to in-person instruction. The committee began with our youngest and most at-risk population, and has gradually brought back our students to ensure that the schools were not contributing to community spread of the virus.

Also, during the summer, the district organized several professional development opportunities for our staff that focused on best practices in remote and on-line learning. Teachers studied educational platforms such as Modern Teacher, SeeSaw, and Google Classroom. These tools have proven to be excellent resources for our teaching staff as they have continued to develop their remote learning skills.

We are currently in the final stages of transitioning our middle and high school students to a hybrid of in-person and remote instruction. The middle and high school grades in all schools will be in

our hybrid model by mid-January. Due to our school safety measures, we are severely restricted in space in some of our buildings, which limits our ability to full in-person instruction. The district will continue to strive for as much in-person instruction that is safely possible while maintaining our in-school safety measures.

This past year has certainly been difficult; however, these extraordinary times have prepared the district for an uncertain future. Over the past year, many individuals have risen to the challenge. Several community partners deserve to be recognized, most notably our staff, but also our Board of Health agents, school committee members, and families. Your courage, patience, and flexibility are greatly appreciated. The district will continue to join with our Island community to educate our students in a safe and responsible manner while working to ensure the safety of all.

With gratitude,

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools



AUG./SEPT. 2020

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LEGEND:

Holidays and Vacation Days



Teachers' Professional Days



New Teacher Orientation Days



2020

Aug. 31 - Sept. 1	New Teacher Orientation
September 2-16	Professional Development Days
September 7	Labor Day
September 17	Grades K-12 – Remote Instruction
September 17	Cohort C (High Needs & PreK) – In Person
September 29	Grades K-1 – In Person 4 Days a Week
October 9	Full Professional Development Day
October 12	Columbus Day
October 13	Grades 2-3 – In Person 4 Days a Week
October 27	Grades 4 (4-5 UIRSD) – In Person 4 Days a Week
October 30	Grades 5-8 (EDG/OB/TIS) –In Person 1 Day/Week
October 30	Grades 6-8 (WT) – In Person 2 Days a Week
November TBD	Teacher CoP (after school)
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 11	MVRHS – Evaluate & Determine Next Steps
November 25-27	School Closed/Thanksgiving
December 23	MVRHS Closes at 11:00/December Recess
	Elemen. Schools Close at Noon/December Recess

2020-2021

Dec. 24-January 1	School Closed/December Recess
January 1	New Year's Day
January 4	Schools Re-Open
January TBD	Teacher CoP (after school)
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 15	Presidents' Day
February 22-26	February Vacation
March TBD	Teacher CoP (after school)
March 10	Professional Development Day – ½ day
April 19	Patriots' Day Observed
April 20-23	April Vacation
May TBD	Teacher CoP (after school)
May 31	Memorial Day
June 7	Professional Development Day – ½ day
June 17	Last Day of School
June 19	Juneteenth Independence Day Observed
June 24	Last Day of School with 5 Snow/Emergency Days*

*CALENDAR INCLUDES 175 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 170 STUDENT SCHOOL DAYS.

ADDITIONAL DATES

September 19	Rosh Hashanah
September 28	Yom Kippur
October 13	Cranberry Day
March 28	Passover
April 2	Good Friday
April 4	Easter
May 13	Eid al-Fitr

Approved by the AISC: 9.3.2020

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Freshman Orientation	TBD
June 6 Graduation	

PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS

Elementary Schools: TBD

MV Regional High School: TBD

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.

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

As I write this report in December, reflecting on what school has been like since mid-March, it feels both discouraging and gratifying. Surely, we are all disappointed that the educational experiences that we've been able to offer students have been tremendously compromised by the pandemic. We are used to doing so much more with students and we want those opportunities again. At the same time, it has been impressive to observe our students, staff, and families handle this adversity and make the best of an unfortunate situation. How a community responds to a challenge says a lot. Our school community continues to show its resiliency, which it has demonstrated before.

When we re-opened school in September, nearly all schedules, practices, and routines were adjusted, recreated, or completely re-done. It is notable just how different school is now, with all aspects re-imagined. Still, despite these massive changes, our commitment to children remains at the core of what we do. As I've noted, in general, adults struggle with the changes brought on by the pandemic more than children. It has been reassuring and impressive to observe students learn in different ways and adapt to dynamic circumstances. This should serve them well in the long run.

Along with so many traditional community and municipal events that could not take place due to the pandemic, our school also sadly could not conduct many activities that we look forward to annually. Still, with important public health and safety guidelines in place, we were able to hold recreated events to observe Memorial Day, 8th grade graduation, Wreaths Across America, and community service opportunities that included students. We look forward to again fully participating in activities and events that show our school's celebration and commitment to our town and community.

Our school community remains hopeful about the proposed renovation and addition project to improve our school facility and better support our education program. When I became principal in 2011, the school facilities sub-committee began meeting, leading to a facility feasibility study, eventual application to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and the important increased community awareness about our school's needs. Now, we again have another opportunity in front of us. Our Owner's Project Manager (Daedalus) and architect (Tappe Associates) continue to strongly support the Tisbury School Building Committee with this critical work. I look forward with optimism and excitement.

Sincere thanks are due to the many individuals, organizations, and departments that support our ongoing work. Especially this year, with new challenges, this was incredibly valuable and appreciated. We are grateful for the support from all Town of Tisbury departments and offices, the Tisbury School PTO, and American Legion Post #257.

Last year, an individual in our community recognized that I was struggling with the frustration of our school not being able to provide what we wanted for children and

families. He gave me a book that he explained had helped him in the past. It has also helped me, and I have shared its messages with others in our school community to try and offer perspective and support. *Make Your Bed* was written by Admiral William H. McRaven (United States Navy, Retired). I keep my copy on my desk, within reach. One excerpt in particular seems appropriate to share, given what our school has endured.

“Life is full of difficult times. But someone out there always has it worse than you do. If you fill your days with pity, sorrowful for the way you have been treated, bemoaning your lot in life, blaming your circumstances on someone or something else, then life will be long and hard. If, on the other hand, you refuse to give up on your dreams, stand tall against the odds – then life will be what you make of it – and you can make it great.”

I invited members of the Tisbury School Advisory Council - comprised of parents, staff, and community members - to contribute ideas that are included in this report. Collectively, they offer to our town a message to remain progressive and inspiring, ambitious and resilient. The Tisbury School is a wonderful community and together we can make it greater. Thank you for being a part of it.

Sincerely,

John Custer
Principal



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY	166
YEARS OF SERVICE	167

TISBURY MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

AMBULANCE COORDINATOR 31 Water Street	508-696-4214
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	774-766-7207
FINANCE DEPARTMENT 51 Spring Street (Town Hall)	508-696-4250
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	508-696-6500
SELECTMEN 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4202
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT 19 Owen Park Way	508-696-4249
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
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
Audrey Tilton

John Minnehan
John Crocker
Brian Flanders
Ray Tattersall
Troy Maciel
Brian Gibson

Tracey Jones
Patrick Murphy
Catie Fuller Blake
Jakob Levett
Danielle Ewart

15 + YEARS OF SERVICE

John Childs
Laurie Clements
David Lopes

Marie Ann Maciel
Scott Ogden

Alycelee Pigman
Chris Habekost

20 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura Barbera
Rhonda DeBettencourt
Sandra Whitworth
Ken Maciel

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

TOWN OF TISBURY WOULD LIKE TO THANK MENTIONED ABOVE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS
FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION!

