

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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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: 4,740 (2022 CENSUS)

LAND AREA: APPROXIMATELY 7.5 SQUARE MILES

GOVERNMENT:	Open Town Meeting with three-member Select Board and appointed Town Administrator	
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	First Tuesday in April	
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday after Town Meeting	
FY 2023 TAX RATE	Residential \$7.32 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	
Commercial \$6.72per \$1,000 of assessed valuation		

The Select Board voted in 2022 to continue the residential exemption for FY2023, increasing the level of the residential exemption to 22%, 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 Select Board also voted <u>not</u> 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 FY2023 from the Residential on to the Commercial property. The Select Board has voted a Residential Exemption since 1988.

ASSESSMENTS:

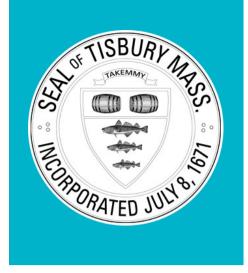
FY 2023 ASSESSED VALUATIONS

	Residential Property: Open Space: Commercial Property: Industrial Property: Personal Property: Exempt Property:	\$4,210,004,229 -0- \$317,513,739 \$7,340,100 \$84,003,227 \$290,449,699	
Exempt Property: TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS:		\$290,449,699 \$4,618,861,295	

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IN MEMORIAM

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



Harold W. Chapdelaine died peacefully at home on April 9, 2022 after gracefully enduring a rapidly progressing illness. As founder of Stonebridge Building and Design he had been building, renovating, and maintaining Island homes with love, creativity and excellence. He was a lifelong student, teacher and a lover of education and community in all forms. Mr. Chapdelain served on the William Street Historic District Commission and Tisbury School Building Committee.

George J. Balco Jr. died of cancer at his home in Vineyard Haven on April 10, 2022. He grew up in Connecticut and served in the U.S. Army. He subsequently spent the majority of his career as a financial analyst and fund manager in New York. He moved to Martha's Vineyard in 1997 and spent the next 25 years deeply engaged in local government and public service on the Island. Mr. Blanco served on the Finance Committee, Library Trustees, as Steamship Authority port council.

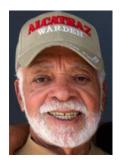




Judith E. (Schneider) Miller died on August 12, 2022. Ms. Miller served on the Conservation Commission.



Bruce E. Doten died on April 25, 2022. Mr. Doten served on the Council on Aging.



Kenneth R. Gross died on May 3, 2022. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was part of the Tuskegee Airmen experience. He retired from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in 2002. He was a staff member at Lowell University, where he taught courses in accounting and business management. After retiring, Ken lived on Martha's Vineyard, where he had spent many summers as a young man. Mr. Gross served on the Council on Aging.

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECT BOARD

This report provides insight into the variety of work activities and highlight the achievements of the Town over the last calendar year.

Following the election of John Cahill to the Select Board, Larry Gomez was elected Chair, Roy Cutrer was elected Vice-Chair, and John Cahill 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. The key achievements over the calendar year are as follows.

Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Project

The school is the focal point of any successful community. Education is valued as an investment in the future. The school is a municipal facility and utilized by the entire community. Of all the town services Tisbury provides, education provides the single biggest value-added municipal investment that impacts on the town's economic vitality and quality of life and measures the community's value of education. Communities with excellent school facilities and learning attract wealth and the most desirable communities to live in. Tisbury has always valued education and our students and dedicated educators.

The Tisbury School Building Committee formed in 2019 continued to work diligently with the Owner's Project Manager Daedalus Associates of the CHA Companies and Project Architect, Tappe' on the school renovation and addition project. In 2021, the Committee and consultants finalized their work and presented the project to the Town. Both Town Meeting and local elections showed strong support for the Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Project and authorized borrowing forty-five million dollars. Both the School Committee and Select Board did not let the dust settle and began moving into the next phases of this project.

The Tisbury School Committee and Select Board were successful in receiving state approval for the alternative procurement process of CM-at Risk, which will mitigate cost increases and expedite the construction process. The CM-at Risk Selection Committee sent out proposals and selected W.T. Rich as the Construction Manager. All contract agreements for Architect, Owners Project Manager, and Construction Manager have been approved for the project. The Construction Manager at Risk procurement process to reduce risk and cost escalation after the main project was under construction.

The project ran into significant cost escalation as the actual bids came in. W.T. Rich provided the town with alternative construction scenarios to contain the cost increases. The cost escalation due to COVID and inflation was only exacerbated due to our island location. After ten years of effort to finalize the scope and cost estimates for the project and the likelihood that the construction costs would only continue to climb, the Select Board found the town to heavily invested in the current project. In September, the decision was made by the Select Board to request a review by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for increasing the debt exclusion in the amount of twenty-six million dollars. This was subsequently approved by the state. In

October, he Select Board voted to hold a special town meeting for the purpose of seeking approval from Town Meeting for the additional amount to borrow. The project cost now eighty-one million dollars. Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved the additional borrowing for the project.



Tisbury School Groundbreaking Ceremony Photo Credit: Mark Alan Lovewell/Vineyard Gazette

The interim school facility utilities and site preparation continued over the spring and summer and installation completed in the fall. The students and faculty took occupancy of the interim school facility after the Thanksgiving recess. The construction team concurrently mobilized utilizing 55 West William Street to establish an area to provide logistical support for the project. The school renovation and addition project and construction began in earnest late fall.

Special Legislation

The Select Board with approval of Town Meeting submitted key special legislation which passed and enacted in 2022.

The special legislation to hold Town Meeting outside the geographic limits of the Town was passed and enacted July 7, 2022. The October Special Town Meeting 2022 for the increased construction costs for the school renovation and addition project was able to be held at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in Oak Bluffs. The Town will be holding Town Meeting at the High School through calendar year 2024.

Special legislation to eliminate the food requirement for the serving of all alcohol passed and enacted December 21, 2022. The Select Board subsequently amended the town All Alcohol Regulations accordingly in advance of the upcoming high season.

Marine Terminal

Following presentations on the Tisbury Marine Terminal's (TMT) project, the Select Board strongly supported the TMT project to improve and repair existing marine infrastructure and to construct an operations & maintenance facility for offshore wind support in Tisbury Harbor. The Select Board found the project to foster the following benefits: create a centralized control facility that has the unique ability to provide operational and maintenance services for offshore wind farms; reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by supporting and providing critical services required to support offshore wind farms; economic growth and job creation in Tisbury and the wider Martha's Vineyard community; maintain and improve TMT marine infrastructure for

critical island services; and enhanced public access to the shoreline while maintaining the working waterfront. The Select Board also viewed this investment in our town's marine industrial facilities as a way of maintaining Tisbury's working waterfront. TMT's partnership with the offshore wind industry will create value-added business and jobs for the Vineyard benefiting the local island economy. The cooperative relationship TMT's team has fostered with town officials concerning the planning for this project has led to this positive result.

Other Activities

At the close of the fiscal year, the town received state reimbursements and grants to complete ongoing work. The Town received a third Coastal Zone Management Grant for \$169,000. This is the third year in a row. The objective is to improve coastal resiliency for the downtown and waterfront areas of Vineyard Haven by developing a schedule of improvements and adaptation strategies. The Town also received another grant award in support of the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District. The Select Board worked with the steering committee to achieve this designation several years ago. The Select Board also continue receive CDBG grant funds with Town of Oak Bluffs for housing rehabilitation and childcare services. The Town also received funds from the American Relief Protection Act more than \$400,000. The disbursement of Opioid settlement funds from the Massachusetts Attorney's Office efforts is expected in 2023. A community one stop application to MassWorks for the sewer extension project for State Road will be submitted in 2023.

The Select Board working closely and supporting the Planning Board was able to successfully develop a three-year funding strategy for Planning Board staffing, Critical Area Plans, and the Master Plan. The Request for Qualifications for a Consulting Team to assist the Town with the Master Plan was completed and went out intending to have the planning process underway in calendar year 2022. The Select Board are supportive and pleased that this long-awaited master planning effort is underway, which was long overdue.

The Old Fire Station Lot has been paved and landscaping installed. The lot will become paid parking with a central parking kiosk for up to 25 parking spaces for summer 2023. This parking area should provide some relief to the parking shortage for downtown Vineyard Haven.

This year the housing project at Kuehn's Way was completed which met the objective of providing affordable housing units and wastewater system with enhanced nitrogen reduction. The Select Board's priority in our comprehensive wastewater planning for the Town is to reduce the nitrogen loadings entering Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo Waterbodies. The best way to achieve this reduction is to manage and control the nitrogen loading in the watersheds. The awarded Rural and Small-Town Grant in the amount of \$400,000 provided funding for the installation of the nitrogen-reducing system for the Kuehn's Way project. This enhanced system will mitigate nitrogen loading impacts from the 20 residential housing units located in the fragile Lake Tashmoo Watershed.

The Town continues to be in a strong fiscal position, which is the result of the new revenue streams created by the Select Board. Short term rental monies have increased substantially.

The Town continues to retain a sound financial standing with a current AA plus rating by Standard & Poors. The Select Board has continued to support homeowners through a residential exemption.

The Tisbury Police Department transition plan was substantially implemented this year, due to the efforts of Police Chief Christopher Habekost and Lieutenant William Brigham. Building on this momentum, the Labor Management meetings have been held which continue to reinforce a positive working environment. The department has a strategic vision which should serve the town well in the future.

The new Harbor Patrol Boat contract was awarded. The boat was fully constructed in 2022. The Harbormaster received delivery in in Spring 2022.

The Beach Road traffic improvements commenced in 2021 and substantially completed before the end of the calendar year ahead of schedule. The project improvements eliminated architectural barriers and substandard pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. These improvements also removed the visual blight of utility poles on the harbor side from the Shell Station to the bridge. Additionally, the sea water overtopping the roadway between the Shell Station and Marine Terminal has been mitigated substantially.

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 attends 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.

The Select Board wishes to express a special thanks to our professionals who lead the Town departments, their capable and loyal staff 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 through your perseverance and mutual support of each other perform to the highest level of customer service and professionalism and we thank you.

All of you make holding the office of Select Board and position of Town Administrator an unequaled privilege and honor. Working together has helped us to successfully navigate through the many challenges in the past year. We look forward to more achievements and success in Calendar Year 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Select Board

Larry Gomez, Chair Roy Cutrer, Vice-Chair John Cahill, Clerk John W. Grande, Town Administrator Elena DeFoe, Executive Assistant Pam Bennett, Human Resources Coordinator

TOWN CABINET

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

-Henry Ford

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 Select Board, the Board of Health, 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 Jeff Kristal meeting discussions have encompassed a wide range of topics this year including town wide goals, reviews of FY23 budget and warrant articles, the Tisbury School building project, Library Project, Master Plan 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 and to facilitate interdepartmental communication.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFF KRISTAL CHAIRMAN-SELECT BOARD HILLARY CONKLIN, TOWN CLERK JOHN GRANDE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR (EX OFFICIO) MICHAEL LOBERG, BOARD OF HEALTH DAVID SCHWAB, WATER COMMISSIONER NANCY GILFOY, FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE AMY HOUGHTON, TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE BEN ROBINSON, PLANNING BOARD JONATHAN SNYDER, FINANCE DIRECTOR (EX OFFICIO) DAVID DANDRIDGE, ASSESSORS ARCHIBALD SMITH, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Term Expires

	Moderator	
Deborah Medders	2023	
Jeff Kristal	Select Board 2022	
Larry Gomez	2022	
Roy Cutrer	2023	
John Cahill	2025	
	Assessors	
David Dandridge	2025	
Fala Freeman	2024	
James Norton	2023	
-	Fown Clerk	
J. Hillary Conklin	2023	
Bo	ard of Health	
Jeffrey C. Pratt	2023	
, Malcolm Rich Boyd	2024	
Michael D. Loberg	2025	
Scho	ool Committee	
Amy B. Houghton	2024	
Michael Watts	2025	
Jennifer Cutrer	2023	
Water	Commissioners	
David J. Schwab	2023	
Roland M. Miller	2024	
Elmer H. Silva, Jr.	2025	
	inning Board	
Elaine T. Miller	2026	
Dawn Bellante-Holand	2022	
Benjamin Robinson Cheryl Doble	2023 2024	
Constance Alexander	2024 2025	
Paul Munafo	2023	
Casey Hayward	2023	
	2027	

Library Trustees

Carolyn Henderson		2023
Sandra Johnson Pratt		2022
George J. Balco		2022
Janet Hafler		2024
Pamela S. Street		2024
James H. K. Norton		2022
Myra Stark		2025
, Archibald Alexander Smitl	ſ	2025
Dennis Gene Agin		2023
Elizabeth Bates		2025
Virginia Crisman		2023
Christine Burke		2023
Marili Carrana	Constables	2024
Mark Campos		2024
Kenneth A. Barwick		2023
Michael Ciancio		2025
	Finance & Advisory Committee	2022
Jynell Kristal		2023
Mary Ellen Larsen		2023
Nancy B. Gilfoy		2024
Lesley Segal		2022
Sarah York		2023
Allan Rogers		2024
Dan Seidman		2024
Rachel Orr		2025
Louise Clough		2025
John Oliver		2025
	Fish Committee	
	(Elected at Town Meeting)	
Janet Messineo		2023
James T. Tilton		2023
John M. Wilbur, III		2023
	Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission	
	Term Expires at Annual Town Election	
Nancy Weaver		2023
	Martha's Vineyard Commission	
	Terms Expire December 31	
Clarence A. Barnes, III		2024
Ben Robinson		2024

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Appointments Made by Select Board July 1- June 30

Town AdministratorJohn W. Grande03.12.2025	Harbormaster John S. Crocker 2023
Chief Procurement Officer John W. Grande 03.12.2025	Collen Wilson, Assistant2023Kim Elias, Assistant2023
Information Technology Administrator Heidi Rydzewski Indefinite	Animal Control OfficerKathleen Hoffman2022Heather Maciel2023
Director of Municipal Finance Jonathan V. Snyder 2023	Animal Inspector Catie Blake 4.30.2023
DPW Director Kirk Metell 2023	Kathleen Hoffman 4.30.2022
Police Chief Chris Habekost 2025	Cape Light Compact Russel Hartenstein 2023
Treasurer & Tax Collector	Cape & Vineyard Electric CooperativeWilliam Straw2023
Jonathan V. Snyder2023Assistant Treasurer & Tax CollectorKimberly J. Serpa2023	Emergency Management Greg Leland, Director 2023 Patrick Rolston, Assistant 2023
Principle Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski Indefinite	Shellfish ConstableDanielle Ewart2024
Town Accountant Suzanne E. Kennedy 2023	Fred Benson, Deputy 2023 Nelson Sigelman, Assistant 2023
Building Commissioner & Zoning Inspector Ross Seavey 2024	Elections WardenMary Ellen Larsen2023Allan Rogers, Assistant2023
Local Inspector Justin Lucas 2024	Municipal Census Supervisor J. Hillary Conklin 2023
Fence ViewerRoss Seavey2023	Gas Inspector Michael Ciancio 2023
Justin Lucas 2023 Tree Warden	Plumbing Inspector Michael Ciancio 2023
Kirk Metell 2023 Town Counsel Kopelman & Paige, P.C.	Wiring InspectorRaymond Gosselin2023J. Simon Warren, Assistant2023Robert Perry2023

Veterans Agent and Vete Officer	rans Burial	Lilian Robinson Nancy Weaver	2024 2024
	Indefinite	Sandra Demel	2024
· ,	machinic	Amelia Hambrecht	2024
Veterans Grave Officer	2022		
Brian Montrose	2022	Dukes County Advisory B Jeff Kristal	
Randy Dull	2023	John Cahill	2022 2023
Board of Registrars			
Leniston Daughtery	2022	Dukes County Pooled OP	EB Trust
J. Hillary Conklin	2023	Jonathan V. Snyder	2023
Catherine M. Mayhew	2023	Dukes County Regional H	lousing Authority
Elizabeth M. Call	2024		2.31.2023
Beautification Committee	9		
Jynell Kristal	2023	Embarkation Advisory Co Peter Goodale	2023
Dawn Braasch	2023	Jynell Kristal	2023
Terresa Kruszewski	2023	Roy Cutrer	2023
Caroline Gagliardi	2023	Jonathan V. Snyder	2023
Contor For Living		Mathew Hobart	2023
Center For Living Christine Burke	2023	Mathew Hobart	2025
	2023	Climate Committee	
Council on Aging		William Straw	2024
Edward Sternick	2025	Melinda Loberg	2024
Sandra Johnson-Pratt	2025	Kate Shands	2024
Eleanor Morad	2023	Louise Clough	2024
Donald Rose	2023	Bruce Stuart	2024
Kenneth R. Gross	2024	Anna Edey	2024
Constance Teixeira	2024	Rachel Orr	2024
Marry Ellen Larsen	2024	Affordable Housing Com	mittee
Tristan Israel	2024	Abbe Burt	2023
Community Preservation	Committee	John W. Grande	2023
Cheryl S. Doble	2023	Daniel Jay Seidman	2023
John Best	2023	Jean Hay	2023
Abbe Burt	2023	Lesley Segal	2023
Clarence Barnes	2023	Victor Capoccia	2023
John Bacheller	2023	Housing Trust	
Victor Capoccia	2023	Jeff Kristal	2022
Paul Munafo	2023	John Cahill	2022
David Ferraguzzi	2023	Larry Gomez	2023
Carolyn Wallis	2023	Roy Cutrer	2023
Conservation Commission	n	Abbe Burt	2023
Thomas M. Robinson	2024	Daniel Jay Seidman	2023
Caroline Little	2024		-
John D. Best	2024		

Land Bank Advisory Board

Land Dank Advisory Doard	
Lillian Robinson	2023
Henry Neider	2023
Gerard Hokanson	2023
Elaine Miller	2023
David Dandridge	2023
David J. Schwab	2023
Malcolm Boyd	2023
Martha's Vineyard Cultural C	ouncil
Julia Kidd	2025
Suzanne Rosenberg	2023
David Forbes	2025
Martha's Vineyard Commission Greg Martino 12.31.	
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Martha's Vineyard Communi Television Board of Directors	ty
Robert Tankard	2023
Martha's Vineyard Regional T Authority Elaine Miller	Fransit 2023
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Authority Disability Commute	er
Representative seat	
Steve Soriano	2022
Master Plan Steering Commit	ttee
Dan Doyle	2023
Lindsay Famariss	2023
Alec Sargent	2023
Bow Van Riper	2023
Elissa Turnbull	2023
Mary Ellen Larsen	2023
Melinda Loberg	2023
Nikeya Tankard	2023
Rick Homans	2023
Sean Roach	2023
Susannah Bristol	2023
Valerio DeStefani	2023
Cheryl Doble	2023
Open Space and Recreation (Committee
Cheryl Doble	2023
Gerard Hokanson	2023

Henry Stephenson Carolyn Wallis James Burrows	2023 2023 2023
Parking Clerk Beth Kaeka	2023
Personnel Board John Schilling Marilyn Wortman Christine Redfield	2023 2023 2023
RECC Finance Advisory Bo Jonathan Snyder	2023
RECC Public Safety Advisc Greg Leland Chris Habekost	bry Board 2023 2023
Sewer Advisory Board Jeff Pratt Dan Seidman Jeff Kristal John Best Christina Colarusso Tomar Waldman Chris Scott (Rate payer) Constance Alexander	2023 2023 2022 2023 2022 2023 2023 2023
Site Plan Review (Planning (Waterfront, Commercial Coastal Districts) Caroline Little Jeff Kristal Christine Redfield Benjamin Robinson Jeffrey Pratt Bow Van Riper	
Spring Building Managem Harriet Barrow Patricia Carlet Lorraine Wells	ent Committee 2023 2023 2023 2023
Steamship Authority PortJohn Cahill12	Council 2.31.2022
Steamship Long Range Ta John Cahill	sk Force 2022

Steamship Working Group		John Packer	2023
Steven Araujo	2023	Matthew Hobart	2023
Town Cabinet		Michael Baptiste	2023
Archibald Smith	2023	Paul Manafo	2023
J. Hillary Conklin	2023	Water Resources Committee	e
, John W. Grande	2023	Larry Gomez	2022
Roy Cutrer	2023	Nancy Gilfoy	2023
Jeffrey Kristal	2022	Michael Loberg	2023
Nancy Gilfoy	2023	Ben Robinson	2023
Jeff Pratt	2023	William Street Historic Distri	ct
Michael Loberg	2022	Commission and Tisbury	
Amy Houghton	2022	Historical Commission	
Michael Watts	2023	Craig Whitaker	2023
David J. Schwab	2023	John Bacheller	2023
Dawn Bellante Holland	2022	Judith E. Federowicz	2024
Ben Robinson	2023	Dana L. Hodsdon,	2024
Jonathan V. Snyder	2023	Harold W. Chapdelaine	2024
David Dandridge	2022	Paul Lazes	2024
Jamie Norton	2023	Polly Simpkins	2024
Town Picnic Committee		, Christine Redfield	2024
Harriet Barrow	2023	Bowdoin Van Riper	2024
Patricia Carlet	2023	Leo Christian	2024
Danielle Ewart	2023	Zoning Board of Appeals	
Aase M. Jones	2023	Neal Stiller	2026
Jonathan V. Snyder	2023	Jeffrey C. Kristal	2020
Henry Stephenson	2023	John Guadagno	2023
Lorraine Wells	2023	Anthony Holand	2023
Vineyard Healthcare Access		Michael Ciancio	2023
Alan Hirshberg	2023	Akeyah Lucas	2025
0		, Frank Piccione, Alternate	2023
Waterways Committee	2022	, Brandon Smith, Alternate	2023
Jeff Canha	2023	Lesley Segal	2023
Greg Martino	2023		
Roger Moffat Rick Homans	2023		
	2023		

Police Department

Chris Habekost	Police Chief	Scott J. Ogden	Patrolman
Max Sherman	Sergeant	Peter Sidoti	Patrolman
Andrew Silvia	Sergeant	Phillip Hollinger	Patrolman
Edward St. Pierre	Sergeant	Cory Mederios	Patrolman
Charles Duquette	Patrolman	Pierce Harrer	Patrolman

Patrolman Patrolman		
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2023	, Rita Reynolds	2023
ers		
2023		
	•	2022
		2023
stant Deputy Fir	e Chief	2023
	Fire Captains	
		Glenn Pinkham
		Gary Sylvia
	Fine Lieutenente	
		Darren Welch
	Jason kodinson	Justin Lucas
	Fire Police	JUSTILI LUCAS
		James McMa
Engi	ne #1 (Haz-Mat Team) 2007 Pumper	
ain		tin Lucas, Lieutenant
efighter		agengast, Firefighter
-		nMehren, Firefighter
efighter		lan Hulka, Firefighter
Engi	ine #2 (Rescue Squad)	
2018 Pun	nper; 1990 Rescue Pumper	
otain	Jacob Wate	rs-Maciel, Firefighter
utenant	Julia I	Levesque, Firefighter
fighter	George R. I	Medeiros, Firefighter
ghter		ick Souza, Firefighter
hter	Greg	g Martino, Firefighter
Engir		
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Gregory Leland James Stinemire

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POLLING LOCATION

FOR ALL ELECTION DAY AND EARLY VOTING

EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY 215 SPRING STREET

Lower level entry follow driveway downhill

Local Tisbury Elections 12:00pm to 8:00pm State or Federal, Primary or Elections 7:00am to 8:00pm

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 100 Edgartown Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, MA

		As o	f Decembe	r 31, 2022			
VOTERS	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Democratic (D)	1319	1349	1329	1338	1283	1280	1281
Republican (R)	210	219	229	262	265	276	282
Unenrolled (U)	2163	2109	1924	1932	1901	1932	1844
Green-Rainbow (J)	3	3	2	3	3	14	9
United Independent	2	3	5	9	11	14	17
Libertarian (L)	5	3	3	6	5	5	3
Totals	3702	3689	3471	3493	3447	3440	3437

VOTERS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TISBURY

BIRTHS	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	42	53	44	46	40	37	47

Туре	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Male/Female	101	104	140	115	99	70	99
Neutered/Spay	594	577	634	685	675	594	626
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Totals	695	681	774	800	774	664	725
Kennel	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

DOG LICENSES

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN TISBURY 2022

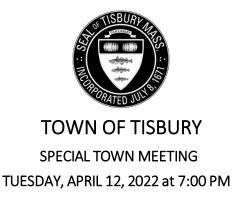
DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE	
January 1, 2022	ERIN ELIZABETH PERRY	April 14, 1981	Tisbury, MA	
	JEFFREY DONALD MUNROE	April 20, 1980	Tisbury, MA	
January 29, 2022	KRISTI LYNN GRANT	July 9, 1969	Tisbury, MA	
	ANTHONY DURAND PILAND, Sr.	September 30, 1967	Tisbury, MA	
	51.			
February 5, 2022	CONNOR COLBERT CHISHOLM	March 23, 1995	Hampton, NH	
	ALLISON KERYN GIFFORD	January 4, 1995	Hampton, NH	
February 8, 2022	PETER JON GILLIGAN	January 2, 1972	Oak Bluffs, MA	
	ELVIRA CHYLABAEVA	April 21, 1993	Oak Bluffs, MA	
March 12, 2022	ELIANE FERREIRA PAIVA	March 15, 1980	Tisbury, MA	
,	NELCI ALVES Da SILVA	January 10, 1996	Tisbury, MA	
April 9, 2022	CAITLIN ELIZABETH BURBIDGE	May 7, 1983	Tisbury, MA	
	JARED SALVATORE	September 30, 1983	Tisbury, MA	
May 3, 2022	LORINE ELIZABETH SAUNDERS	June 17, 1963	West Tisbury, MA	
1010 9, 2022	RICARDO CLINTON CARR	March 10, 1975	Oak Bluffs, MA	
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May 10, 2022	MARCOS AURELIO DE FREITAS	January 20, 1982	Tisbury, MA	
	MARIELE ALINE Dos SANTOS	September 30, 1985	Tisbury, MA	
May 26, 2022	ANDREW BENJAMIN TAYLOR	July 8, 1966	Washington DC	
IVIdy 20, 2022	GRACE STIX GUGGENHEIM	October 26, 1958	Washington DC	
		October 20, 1938	Washington DC	
May 28, 2022	AMY KRISTINE BAXTER	March 14, 1991	St. Petersburg, FL	
· · ·	WILLIAM CHARLES FELDER	September 15, 1988	St. Petersburg, FL	
June 14, 2022	BONNIE ERIN THOMPSON	July 13, 1974	Little Rock, AR	
	MICHAEL SHANE WHITLEY	November 21, 1973	Little Rock, AR	
June 18, 2022	KRISTIN ANN MERETE	June 19, 1993	Tisbury, MA	
34110 ±0, 2022	MANZANO			
	SHAKA EMEIL WILLIAMS	November 25, 1987	Tisbury, MA	
June 18, 2022	TIMOTHY DAVID MERCIER	February 10, 1980	Tisbury, MA	

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
	KELLY ANN LEONARD	July 28, 1989	Tisbury, MA
June 18, 2022	MICHAEL SOPHUS BERNSTEIN	May 2, 1991	Brooklyn, NY
	DANIELLE REBECCA FUERTH	November 14, 1990	Brooklyn, NY
June 25, 2022	ROGERIO ALVES De OLIVEIRA	August 10, 1969	Tisbury, MA
	LILIAN GIVIGI Da SILVEIRA	January 5, 1963	Tisbury, MA
July 9, 2022	KATHARINE N. CAMMANN	April 19, 1988	Waltham, MA
	MICHAEL A. CADMAN	May 31, 1986	Auburndale, MA
July 29, 2022	STANA ROSNIC	April 1, 1995	West Tisbury, MA
	KYLE JOSEPH D'ALIA	April 24, 1989	West Tisbury, MA
August 2, 2022	CHAD WALLACE MILNER	March 21, 1978	Boston, MA
	MERCY LEE BELL	September 7, 1990	Tisbury, MA
August 27, 2022	ORAIBI MARK VOUMARD	April 1, 1978	Tisbury, MA
	JENNY EVELYN ROSEN	April 11, 1991	Tisbury, MA
August 27, 2022	LUKE JOSEPH NAGLE	June 28, 1994	Pembroke, MA
	ELLIE BRUCE MACKAY	May 1, 1994	Edgartown, MA
	WILLIAMSON		
September 17,2022	LUCY ELIZABETH HACKNEY	March 22, 1997	Tisbury, MA
	OWEN WILLIAM BURNS	March 5, 1997	Tisbury, MA
September 25, 2022	JENEV WHITAKER SCHILLING	July 1, 1985	Vail, CO
	CHAD EMERSON SPERRY	June 27, 1990	Vail, CO
October 8, 2022	LUCIANO CELESTRINI	December 21, 1977	Tisbury, MA
	WALQUIRIA SILVA SANTOS	June 9, 1972	Tisbury, MA
October 16, 2022	RICHARD D. ROY	September 18, 1963	Tisbury, MA
	ELIANA MARIA de JESUS	August 21, 1966	Tisbury, MA
October 22, 2022	MARIA ANGELA CAIMOL	May 21, 1990	Tisbury, MA
	SISON		
	NOAH THAMER MAYRAND	December 3, 1988	Tisbury, MA
October 22, 2022	JIMMY T. ALVARADO	February 21, 1986	Tisbury, MA
	RACHEL F. HINES	August 26, 1988	Tisbury, MA

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
November 26, 2022	DEIRDRE ANNE MEREDITH	March 14, 1968	New Bedford, MA
	DAVID BRIAN SMITH	January 27, 1970	Tisbury, MA
December 4, 2022	JOAO PAULO FURTADO	December 15, 1984	Tisbury, MA
	SUELLEN PRISCILA ALVES de	July 6, 1985	Tisbury, MA
	JESUS		
December 10, 2022	SHERYL ANN BARRETT	March 7, 1958	Tisbury, MA
	NEAL JAMES MACIEL	October 18, 1954	Tisbury, MA
December 21, 2022	SAMUEL MEIRELES AMANCIO	January 17, 1997	Tisbury, MA
	HIANCA Dos SANTOS SALAZAR	October 13, 1997	Tisbury, MA
December 27, 2022	CAROLYN YEO EDDY	June 6, 1946	Tisbury, MA
	TOM PALLAS	July 16, 1946	Tisbury, MA

TISBURY DEATHS RECORDED 2022

Data				
Date	Name	Age	Town of Death	
1/3/2022	JOAN S. TAYLOR	94	OAK BLUFFS, MA	
1/10/2022		81	TISBURY, MA	
1/13/2022	KENNETH H. NEAGLE JR.	67	TISBURY, MA	
1/14/2022	INEZ M. MONTANILE	66	BOSTON, MA	OAK GROVE CEMETERY
2/1/2022	ELEANOR A. GROEL	100	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
2/12/2022	JOHN CARLOS TEVES	63	OAK BLUFFS, MA	OAK GROVE CEMETERY
2/21/2022	EUGENE F. BARBERIO	68	BOSTON, MA	ST. MICHAEL CREMATORY
2/24/2022	JENNY ARROYO	74	OAK BLUFFS, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
2/27/2022	NANCY L. COX	86	TISBURY, MA	UMASS MEDICAL
3/9/2022	ROBERT P. TREBBY	65	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
3/12/2022	ESTHER HILTON	84	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
3/29/2022	SANDRA C. SEARLE	82	OAK BLUFFS, MA	OAK GROVE CEMETERY
4/7/2022	BARBARA J. GREER	84	TISBURY, MA	ST MICHAEL CREMATORY
4/9/2022	HAROLD W. CHAPDELAINE	67	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
4/10/2022	GEORGE J. BALCO JR.	81	TISBURY, MA	OAK GROVE CEMETERY
4/25/2022	BRUCE E. DOTEN	84	TISBURY, MA	NEWTON CREMATORY
4/29/2022	THERESA M. BAPTISTE	91	TISBURY, MA	OAK GROVE CEMETERY
5/2/2022	DORIS AVAKIAN	94	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
5/3/2022	KENNETH R. GROSS	96	BOSTON, MA	UMASS MEDICAL
5/4/2022	RAPHAEL C. MAGRI	38	TISBURY, MA	NEW WEST SIDE CEMETERY
5/13/2022	DONALD F. B. PACHICO	86	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
5/19/2022	PATRICK M. WHALEN	51	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
6/1/2022	MARY I. WEISBECK	69	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
6/9/2022	MIGUEL A. GUZMAN	71	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
7/20/2022	CATHERINE R. BROWNE	90	FRAMINGHAM, MA	ST MICHAEL CREMATORY
7/20/2022	JACQUE S. CAGE	80	OAK BLUFFS, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
8/2/2022	FRANK M. SHEPARD	86	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
8/2/2022	KAREN S. KENNEY	69	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
8/4/2022	THOMAS E. KENNEDY JR.	62	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
8/12/2022	JUDITH S. MILLER	97	OAK BLUFFS, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
8/14/2022	STEVEN T. FLEMING	58	TISBURY, MA	PURITAN MEM. CREMATORY
8/20/2022	TAMMA L. CIMENO	57	OAK BLUFFS, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
8/21/2022	ALLEN S. HANSON	94	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
	CHRISTOPHER S. FRANCIS	48	TISBURY, MA	N.E. CREMATION SVCS
10/14/2022	PAULA R. HOLLIS	63	HAVERHILL, MA	PHOENIX CREMATORY
10/19/2022	COLLEEN A. FRANCIS	69	OAK BLUFFS, MA	N.E. CREMATION SVCS
11/2/2022	ARBA CLARK	78	TENAFLY, NJ	GEORGE WASHINGTON MEM.
11/18/2022	STEPHANIE H. ELLIOTT	65	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
12/9/2022	SUMNER Z. SILVERMAN	80	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
12/12/2022	FRANCIS L. DALY	87	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
12/12/2022	BARBARA MALONEY	72	WORCESTER, MA	RURAL CEMETERY
12/12/2022	JOHN A. SILVA	69	FALMOUTH, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
12/22/2022	ROBERT E. BARBERA III	60	OAK BLUFFS, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
12/23/2022	MARCOS A.CIFARELLI JR.	35	TISBURY, MA	WOODLAWN CEMETERY
12/23/2022	PHILIP R. PANKIEWICZ SR.	79	OAK BLUFFS, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
12/30/2022	JOAN M. MCINNIS	78	TISBURY, MA	LINCOLN CEMETERY
12/31/2022	WALTER C. LISON	93	TISBURY, MA	DUXBURY CREMATORY
101/2022		55		



The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:20 PM in the Tisbury School Gymnasium with a quorum of 162+ voters. After reading the call of the warrant and the return of service, the Moderator declared them to be in order. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM to proceed with the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, David Schwab, Maura Valley, Joyce Stiles-Tucker, Allan Rogers and Geneva Corwin.

ARTICLE 1 TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL BONDS

Acting on Article 1, the Town voted unanimously in favor to instruct the Select Board to obtain of the Town Officers from whom bonds are required in FY2023 only such bonds as are secured by regular bond and surety firms and, when the bond of any Town Officer is accepted by the Select Board, 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 in favor to authorize the Treasurer-Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2023, 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 in favor to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow from time to time, in anticipation of revenue for Fiscal Year 2023, 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 in favor to elect Janet Messineo, James T. Tilton and John M. Wilbur as a Fish Committee, in FY2023, 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 AMEND THE TISBURY PERSONNEL BYLAW

Acting on Article 5, the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend the Town's Personnel Bylaw, section 3, by revising the position title for administration purposes, as shown below, with language to be deleted shown in strikethrough and language to be added shown as <u>underlined</u>. Personnel Bylaw

Section 3. PERSONNEL SYSTEM

The Personnel Board shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of a personnel system based on merit principles, a classification plan, the development of an annual compensation plan, the adjustment of grievances, and the development of personnel policies pursuant to section 4 of this by-law. The personnel system shall made use of modern concepts of personnel management and shall include but not be limited to the following elements:

(a) Method of administration. The executive secretary shall act as <u>T</u>the <u>Town Administrator shall</u> act as the <u>Pp</u>ersonnel <u>D</u>director of the town.

The Personnel Director shall be responsible for a system of administration which assigns specific responsibility for all elements of the personnel system, including maintaining personnel records, implementing effective recruitment and selection processes, maintaining the classification and compensation plans, monitoring the application of personnel policies and periodic reviews, evaluating the personnel system, and development of a disciplinary policy and grievance procedure. In the capacity of <u>the</u> Personnel Director, the <u>Executive Secretary Town</u> <u>Administrator</u> shall only report to and be administratively responsible to the Personnel Board. The Personnel Board shall participate in and contribute to any employment evaluation process of the <u>Town Administrator</u> while acting as the Personnel Director.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 6 TO ESTABLISH HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Acting on Article 6, the Town voted unanimously in favor to authorize the Select Board to establish a Human Resources Department to serve the human resources needs of the employees and retirees of the Town of Tisbury; to provide programs and services to assist employees and retirees; to oversee the recruitment and hiring for the Town; to promote retention and training of employees; to implement coordination of benefits, including health and wellness programs, leave management and FMLA leave and workers' compensation administration; to support labor relations and contract negotiation; to implement affirmative action and diversity programs; and to promote organizational development.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 7 TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Acting on Article 7 the Town voted majority in favor to authorize the Select Board to recommend placement on the Classification and Compensation Plan for Full-time Managerial and Professional Employees the position of Director of Human Resources that reports to and with guidance from the Town Administrator is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Town's human resources program, including, but not limited to: recruitment; pre-employment screening and background checks; compensation benefits; personnel policies; employee development and training; assisting with negotiation of collective bargaining agreements; providing advice and support to Town departments on human resources issues; ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal and local laws, including Fair Labor Standards Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action laws, Family Medical Leave Act, Civil Service regulations; with such position subject to a three year appointment by the Select Board.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 8 TO AMEND SECTION 09.05 OF THE ZONING BYLAWS

Acting on Amended Article 8, the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend section 09.05, entitled "Floodplain District," by deleting the existing language and replacing it with the proposed language shown below.

Section 09.05

Original:

.01 Purpose:

To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Tisbury by ensuring that structures, facilities, and uses are sited, constructed, and arranged so as to preclude or minimize Flood/Storm effects.

To protect the economic well-being of the Town of Tisbury and its inhabitants by preventing burdensome property and employment losses.

To make available to the inhabitants of the Town of Tisbury Flood Insurance (under the National Flood Insurance Program) and to the Town of Tisbury eligibility for federal disaster relief funds by establishing and maintaining a qualifying Flood/Storm Program conforming to the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1968" (Title 13 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 - Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128 and 44 CFR 67, the specific enumerations-found in 44 CFR section 60,3(e) and such amendments thereto as are applicable.

To accomplish the purposes set forth in the above three paragraphs by uniform administrative procedures, conformity with land and water use policies, and in keeping with objectives to preserve the character of Tisbury's waterfronts.

.02 Floodplain District Boundaries:

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district to all other districts. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Tisbury designated as Zone A, AE or VE on the Dukes County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Dukes County FIRM that are wholly or partially

within the Town of Tisbury are panel numbers 25007C0082J, 25007C0083J, 25007C0084J, 25007C0101J, 25007C0102J,

25007C0103J, 25007C0104J and 25007C01 | 1J dated July 20, 2016.

The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Dukes County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 20, 2016. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission.

All development in the district, comprised of all land in the Town of Tisbury inland of the Mean Low Water (MLW) line lying along the shores of Lake Tashmoo, Vineyard

Sound, Vineyard Haven Harbor and Lagoon Pond, including structural and non-structural

activities whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

- Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code (CMR 780) which addresses flood plain and coastal high hazard areas.

- Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00)

- Inland Wetlands Restriction, Department of Environmental Protection DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);

- Coastal Wetlands Restriction, Department of Environmental Protection DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00);

- Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, Department of Environmental Protection DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

.03 Floodway Data:

In Zones A, Al-A30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated the best available federal, state and local or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood (flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year) discharge.

.04 Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

a. Adjacent communities,

b. NFIP State Coordinator

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation - 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700, Boston, MA 02114-2140

c. NFIP Program Specialist

Federal Emergency Management Agency 99 High Street, 6th Fl, Boston, MA 02110 .05 Use Regulations:

Man-made alteration of sand dunes within Zone VE which would increase potential flood damage are prohibited.

All new construction within Zones VE must be located landward of the reach of mean high tide.

All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

a. Such proposals minimize flood damage;

b. All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and

c. Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

Existing contour intervals of site and elevations of existing structures must be included on plan proposal.

.06 Basis:

Administrative and regulatory address to construction, facilities, uses and arrangements shall be based upon:

Mean Sea Level (MSL) elevation as determined by the "National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929" (NGVD 1929);

North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) 1988

The Flood Insurance Rate Map

.07 Floodplain Rules and Regulations:

Coastal and Elevation Data Plans may be a required attachment for all properties in the Town of Tisbury located within all flood hazard zones, as defined by the Dukes County Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

There shall be established a "routing procedure" which will circulate or transmit one copy of the development plan to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, and Building Inspector for comments which will be considered by the appropriate permitting board prior to issuing applicable permits.

The cognizant Board, Commission or Official may require certifications by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer(s) and Registered Land Surveyor (s) as to situations, designs, data, calculations, statements of effect or non-effect, values, ratings, specifications, etc.

.08 Exceptions, Waivers and Appeals:

Any variance to the requirements of state regulations or FEMA's minimum standards for floodplain management must go through the proper state channels and conform to FEMA's guidelines as listed in CFR 44, 60.0.

The applications, procedures and requirements relating to EXCEPTIONS (whether considered in the form of "Special Permits" or in the form of "Variances"), WAIVERS (pertinent only to Rules and Regulations) and APPEALS (whether an appeal from a determination or alleging a failure to act) are set forth in MGL Chapter 40A, elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaws and in the established administrative procedures of the cognizant Board, Commission or Official.

.09 Compliance:

The Building/Zoning Inspector shall:

- make site inspections and determinations of physical and use compliance in matters of specification particulars;

- ensure that the plans and specifications submitted as a part of Building Permit Applications comply; and,

. 10 Enforcement:

The Building/Zoning Inspector shall enforce program or permit specification particulars, and the conditions and restrictions imposed by Special Permits, Waivers, Variances, and Appeal determinations, as provided for in Chapter 40A (MGL) and elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaws.

In the manner, and to the extent, provided by law, cognizant Boards, Commissions and Officials may obtain enforcement of procedural, class or

category requirements by such processes as 'cease and desist orders', 'unfit for habitation or occupancy closures', and 'revocation or suspension of authorization'.

.11 Interpretation:

Notwithstanding any other Town of Tisbury Bylaw, this Section 09.05 (Floodplain District) and its provisions shall be determinative with regard to Flood/Storm hazards, the prevention or mitigation of Flood/Storm effects and the maintenance of qualifying status under the National Flood Insurance Program.

In the interpretation and application of this Section 09.05 (Floodplain District), all provisions shall be:

- considered as minimum requirements;

- liberally construed in favor of the Town of Tisbury;

- deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. •

.12 Penalties:

Whosoever violates the provisions of this Section 09.05 (Floodplain District) and the Rules and Regulations herein authorized and legally adopted may be fined two hundred dollars (\$200) for each violation and for each day each violation continues after notice or such lesser amount as may be set by statute.

Proposed:

.01 Purpose:

Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury; Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;

Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding;

Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;

Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions; Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.

.02 Floodplain District Boundaries:

Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district to all other districts. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Tisbury designated as Zone A, AE or VE on the Dukes County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Dukes County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Tisbury are panel numbers 25007C0083J,25007C0084J,25007C0101J,25007C0102J,25007C0103J,25007C0104J and 25007C01 | 1J dated July 20,2016.

The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July

20, 2016. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission:

All development in the district, comprised of all land in the Town of Tisbury inland of the Mean Low Water (MLW) line lying along the shores of Lake Tashmoo, Vineyard Sound, Vineyard Haven Harbor and Lagoon Pond, including structural and non-structural activities whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code (CMR 780) which addresses flood plain and coastal high hazard areas;

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);

Inland Wetlands Restriction, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 13.00);

Coastal Wetlands Restriction, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 12.00);

Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

.03 Definitions that apply to Section 09.05

DEVELOPMENT: means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

FLOODWAY (also referenced as Regulatory Floodway): The channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE: means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59] Also [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]

HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE: means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

HISTORIC STRUCTURE: means any structure that is:

(a) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

- (b) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- (c) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- (d) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
 - (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

NEW CONSTRUCTION: Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement. [Referenced Standard ASCE 24-14]

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: means a vehicle which is:

- (a) Built on a single chassis;
- (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- (c) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- (d) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA: The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, Al-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or VI-30. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

START OF CONSTRUCTION: The date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

STRUCTURE: means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION: When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the

base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR. [As amended by MA in 9th Edition BC]

VARIANCE: means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

VIOLATION: means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44 CFR §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided. [US Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 59]

.04 Floodway Data:

In Zones A, Al-30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

In Zones Al-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Town's FIRM encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, the Building/Zoning Inspector will obtain, review and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, for floodproofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways.

.05 Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation, the Building/Zoning Inspector shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- a) Adjacent communities,
- b) NFIP State Coordinator Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation 251 Causeway Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02114-2140
- c) NFIP Program Specialist Federal Emergency Management Agency 99 High Street, 6th Fl, Boston, MA 02110

.06 Use Regulations:

Alteration of sand dunes which would increase potential flood damage are prohibited.

All new construction within Zones VE must be located landward of the reach of mean high tide. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

a) Such proposals minimize flood damage;

b) All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and

c) Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

Existing contour intervals of site and elevations of existing structures must be included on plan proposal.

In Al-30, AH, AE Zones, VI-30, VE, and V Zones, all recreational vehicles to be placed on a site must be elevated and anchored in accordance with the zone's regulations for foundation and elevation requirements, or be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days, or be fully licensed and highway ready.

Within Zones AO and AH on t4e FIRM, adequate drainage paths must be provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures. .07 Basis:

Administrative and regulatory address to construction, facilities, uses and arrangements shall be based upon:

Mean Sea Level (MSL) elevation as determined by the "National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929" (NGVD 1929);

North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) 1988

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

.08 Floodplain Rules and Regulations:

Coastal and Elevation Data Plans may be a required attachment for all properties in the Town of Tisbury located within all flood hazard zones, as defined by the Dukes County Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

There shall be established a "routing procedure" which will circulate or transmit one copy of the development plan to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, Tisbury Climate Committee and Building Inspector for comments which will be considered by the appropriate permitting board prior to issuing applicable permits.

The cognizant Board, Commission or Official may require certifications by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer(s) and Registered Land Surveyor (s) as to situations, designs, data, calculations, statements of effect or non-effect, values, ratings, specifications, etc.

.09 Exceptions, Variances, Waivers and Appeals:

Any variance to the requirements of state regulations or FEMA's minimum standards for floodplain management must go through the proper state channels and conform to FEMA's guidelines as listed in 44 CFR 60.0.

The applications, procedures and requirements relating to EXCEPTIONS (whether considered in the form of "Special Permits" or in the form of "Variances"), WAIVERS (pertinent only to Rules and Regulations) and APPEALS (whether an appeal from a determination or alleging a failure to act) are set forth in MGL Chapter 40A, elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaws and in the established administrative procedures of the cognizant Board, Commission or Official.

A variance from these floodplain bylaws must meet the requirements set out by State law, and may only be granted if: 1) good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exist; 2) the variance will not result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and 3) the variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.

.10 Variances to the Building Code Floodplain Standards

The Town will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance and will maintain this record in the community's files.

The Town shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing over the signature of a community official that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the Floodplain District.

.11 Disclaimer of Liability

The degree of flood protection required by this bylaw is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.

.12 Severability

If any section, provision or portion of this bylaw is deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court, the remainder of the bylaw shall be effective.

.13 Compliance:

The Town Tisbury requires a permit for all proposed construction or other development in the Floodplain District, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties.

Tisbury's permit review process includes the use of a checklist of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the Floodplain District. The proponent must acquire all necessary permits and must submit the completed checklist demonstrating that all necessary permits have been acquired.

When proposing subdivisions or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less), the proponent must provide technical data to determine base flood elevations for each developable parcel shown on the design plans.

.14 Enforcement:

The Building/Zoning Inspector shall enforce program or permit specification particulars, and the conditions and restrictions imposed by Special Permits, Waivers, Variances, and Appeal determinations, as provided for in Chapter40A (MGL) and elsewhere in the Zoning Bylaws.

In the manner, and to the extent, provided by law, cognizant Boards, Commissions and Officials may obtain enforcement of procedural, class or category requirements by such processes as 'cease and desist orders', 'unfit for habitation or occupancy closures', and 'revocation or suspension of authorization'.

.15 Floodplain Administrator

The Building/Zoning Inspector shall be the official Floodplain Administrator for the Town of Tisbury.

.16 Interpretation:

Notwithstanding any other Town of Tisbury Bylaw, this Section 09.05 (Floodplain District) and its provisions shall be determinative with regard to Flood/Storm hazards, the prevention or mitigation of Flood/Storm effects and the maintenance of qualifying status under the National Flood Insurance Program.

The floodplain management regulations found in this Floodplain District section shall take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local laws, ordinances or codes.

In the interpretation and application of this Section 09.05 (Floodplain District), all provisions shall be:

- considered as minimum requirements.

- liberally construed in favor of the Town of Tisbury;

- deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

.17 Penalties:

Whosoever violates the provisions of this Section 09.05 (Floodplain District) and the Rules and Regulations herein authorized and legally adopted may be fined two hundred dollars (\$200) for each violation and for each day each violation continues after notice, or such lesser amount as may be set by statute.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 9 PAYMENT PLANS FOR TAX TITLE PROPERTIES BYLAW

Acting on Article 9, the Town voted unanimously in favor to adopt the following bylaw regarding properties in tax title.

Payment Plans for Properties in Tax Title

Section 1. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 62A, the Town Treasurer is authorized to enter into payment agreements with taxpayers whose properties are in tax title, subject to the following requirements: that there be a minimum initial payment of at least 25% of the amount needed to redeem the parcel from tax title, and that the payment agreement have a term of five years. If the terms and conditions of the agreement are met and all payments are made on time, and timely payments are made on other amounts due to the Town that are a lien on the same parcel, the Treasurer shall not bring an action to foreclose the tax title. Also, if the terms and conditions of the agreement are made on time, the Treasurer shall waive 25% of the interest that has accrued on the tax title account. Section 2. All agreements made and waivers granted under this bylaw shall be uniform for all taxpayers for the following assessment categories of tax titles: Residential, Open Space, Commercial, and Industrial.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 10 TO REPEAL THE COMPUTERIZATION BYLAW

Acting on Article 10, the Town voted unanimously in favor to repeal the Computerization bylaw, which is shown below, and which was adopted under Article 48 of the warrant for the 1993 Annual Town Meeting.

Computerization

Voted April 13, 1993, Article 48

Section 1. No addition to, deletion from, or modification of the hardware or software connected to the Computer systems of the Town shall be made without the written approval of the Town's Computer Committee, duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 2. All requests for appropriations for additions to, deletions from, or modifications of the Town's computer systems shall be submitted first to the Town's Computer Committee for its recommendation prior to action being taken thereon by the Capital Program Committee, the Finance and Advisory Committee, or the Town Meeting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 11 TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BYLAW, SECTION 6.

Acting on Article 11, the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend the Community Preservation Committee Bylaw, Section 6, Action Upon Approval, by deleting the existing language and replacing it with new language, as shown below:

Replace current Section 6:

"Upon approval of this bylaw by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Board of Selectmen shall request the Historical Commission, the Tisbury Housing Committee, the Board of Public Works Commissioners, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, to designate a member to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. The Board of Selectmen will designate four at-large positions to the Community Preservation Committee."

With:

"Upon approval of this bylaw by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the Select Board shall request the Historical Commission, the Tisbury Housing Committee, the Open Space and Recreation Committee, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, to designate a member to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. The Select Board will designate four at-large positions to the Community Preservation Committee." or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 12 TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BYLAW

Acting on Article 12 the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend the Community Preservation Committee Bylaw, Section 1, Establishment, by replacing the existing language of the 5th clause of paragraph (1) with new language, as shown below:

Replace the language of the 5th clause: "One member of the Board of Public Works Commissioners as designated by the Commissioners for a term one year."

With the new language: "One member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee as designated by the Committee for a term of one year."

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

Attest J. Hillary Conklin Town Clerk



TOWN OF TISBURY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:15 PM, on April 12, 2022 in the Tisbury School Gymnasium with a quorum of 162+ 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 for those listed and also for those lost during 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. Amendments can be made verbally unless lengthy. Supplies are available at the checkers' tables

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and proceed to the business of the Special Town Meeting at 7:19pm.

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was reconvened by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:44 PM, with a quorum of at least 220 voters. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51pm with 249 names checked on the voter list.

Finance Director Jonathan Snyder reported most of the funding required to operate the Town comes from real estate taxes and largest expenses are the Tisbury School and the MV Regional High School. We have a new source of income from short term rental tax however debt and interest have increased for our school renovation project.

Counters for this meeting were David Schwab, John Schilling, Joyce Stiles-Tucker, Allan Rogers, Maura Valley and Geneva Corwin.

ARTICLE 1 TO HEAR OR RECEIVE REPORTS

Acting on Article 1, the Town voted unanimously in favor to hear or receive the reports of the Select Board 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 Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$13,662.11) to be expended in FY22 by the departments listed below for the payment of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year.

DEPARTMENT	FUNDING SOURCE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Police	General Fund	Depot Corner	\$18.00
Ambulance	General Fund	Save Lives.com	\$31.95
Ambulance	General Fund	Cape & Islands EMS	\$1,800.00
Animal Control	General Fund	Kathleen Hoffman	\$715.96
Public Works	General Fund	Cape & Vineyard Electric	\$6500.00
Wastewater	Wastewater Enterprise Fund	M.V. Propane	\$ 651.21
Water Works	Water Works Enterprise Fund	Vineyard Home Center	\$ 14.99
Water Works	Water Works Enterprise Fund	Envirotech Labs, Inc.	\$ 3,930.00

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

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

Acting on Article 3, the Town voted unanimously in favor to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) 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 the 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 unanimously in favor to appropriate in FY2022 the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$248,519) 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) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be expended jointly by the Select Board and Dredge Committee for permitting, surveying, and hiring consultants for, and dredging of the harbor and north groin and for future dredge projects.

b) Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$94,250) to be expended by the Police Department for salaries, equipment, and clothing for traffic safety officers and/or fulltime police officers to mitigate the impact of traffic to and from and calls for service at the Steamship Authority terminal in Tisbury.

c) Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be expended by the Select Board for the beautification of the downtown area, including Main Street, Union Street, Water Street, and surrounding areas.

- d) Twenty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$23,519) to be expended by the Fire Department to pay 50% of the annual cost of the replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment.
- e) Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,750) to be expended by the Police Department to pay the annual membership costs for the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Tactical Team for FY2023.
- VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 5 TO FUND VARIOUS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT PROJECTS

Acting on Article 5, the Town voted majority in favor to appropriate and transfer from FY2022 reserved and unreserved Community Preservation Fund revenues, unless otherwise specified, the following sums to be expended in FY2023 for the following purposes, each project to be considered a separate appropriation:

a) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund, the sum of Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$74,920.00) and Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$74,950.00), as Tisbury's share towards the Martha's Vineyard Campground Meeting Association Tabernacle Roof Replacement Project, located at 80 Trinity Park, Oak Bluffs.

b. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) towards the restoration of the Cranberry Barn building located at 572 Lamberts Cove Road as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #64-A-5, to include electrical and carpentry work, replacement of doors, ADA ramp installation, and educational signage.

c. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$107,829.00) towards the preservation, stabilization and repair of the Grace Episcopal Church historic bell tower, including the repair of the roof, replacement of rotting roof timbers, adding insulation and replacing the shingling on the bell tower, the front gable and south wall, repairing and preserving exterior masonry, replacing rotted wooden trim and other decay/rot areas, and painting the exterior trim

on the south and east sides of the church, located at the corner of Woodlawn Avenue and William Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #6-2.

d. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) toward the expansion and preservation of the cranberry bog located at 572 Lamberts Cove Road, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel # 64-A-5, to include re-establishing the cranberry habitat by removing invasive plant species, improving drainage and also creating walking trails along the habitat area, .

e. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$39,200.00) toward the development of a walking trail and enhanced public access to the Tashmoo Spring Pond, 325 West Spring Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessor's Maps as Parcel #39-A-7, to include construction of viewing platforms and a kayak landing, with expenditure of the funds subject to and contingent upon the Conservation Commission's approval of this project.

f. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.00) towards the addition of fixed park amenities to include: five (5) Mobi-Mats to provide ADA access across the Town's park beaches to the water; eight (8) ADA compliant benches; one (1) ADA compliant picnic table; two (2) picnic tables; and two (2) bike racks, to be located on Town park properties including, but not limited to: 19 Owen Park Way and Owen Way Beach, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Map as Parcel #6-C-35; Lake Street Park, located on Lake Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Map as Parcel #37-B-l; Tashmoo Spring Pond, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #7-H-2; and Tisbury Town Landing, located at Lagoon Pond, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #13-D-3.

g. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$35,385.00) toward the development of a Stormwater and Recreation Plan for Veteran's Memorial Park, located at 10 Causeway Road, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #9-A-41.

h. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$26,500.00) toward the development of a walking path, with associated drainage detention and planting areas; development of an ADA drop-off area proximate to the bandstand, and ADA access into the bandstand at Owen Park, located at 19 Owen Park Way, as 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 Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$74,920.00) and Twenty Five Thousand Eighty Dollars (\$25,080.00) from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) toward grading, landscaping, plantings and play structures, contributing directly to recreational opportunities on Tisbury School grounds, 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 Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) as Tisbury's share towards the development and support of the Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing project, which is deed restricted as affordable housing, located at 111 New York Avenue, in Oak Bluffs, as shown on Oak Bluffs Assessors' Maps as Parcel #4-76-1.

k. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Seventy- Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), as Tisbury's share of Island Elderly Housing's five unit Aidylberg III project, located at 38 Wing Road, as shown on Oak Bluff's Assessors' Maps as Parcel #17-105.

I. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) as Tisbury's share for the Island Autism Center and Neighborhood project's funding of the affordable housing project for construction of two four-bedroom residential units to house eight adult autistic Island residents at 515 Lamberts Cove Road in West Tisbury, as shown on West Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #11-2, the development being permanently deed restricted as affordable housing for eligible Island autistic residents.

m. To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$124,000.00) to fund the annual cost of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Assistance Program.

n. To appropriate and transfer from the current year CPA revenues, the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for FY 2023 administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee including wages, dues and advertising. VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 6 TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FY2023 BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Acting on Article 6, the Town voted unanimously in favor 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: FY2023 Community Preservation Committee Budget Reserve Account:

- \$ 76,400 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;
- 5 76,400 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund
- \$ 76,400 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund;
- \$ 76,400 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund;
- \$ 534,812 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 in favor to appropriate and transfer from Waterways Fund in FY2023 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. One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the purchase of a boat trailer for the second Tashmoo skiff.

b. Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the maintenance of Town owned moorings.

c. Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for future dredge projects including surveying, engineering, and permitting.

d. Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to be expended by the Harbor Department to equip a patrol boat with emergency defibrillator and first aid kit with Narcan.

e. Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000), to be expended by the Harbor Department to refurbish the Tashmoo harbor skiff.

f. Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) as a match for a Clean Vessel Act grant to be expended by the Harbor Department to soda blast, barrier coat and paint the PUE II vessel and Tashmoo pump out boat.

g. Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) as a match for a Clean Vessel Act grant to be expended by the Harbor Department to complete a deep engine servicing to the PUE II vessel Yanmar diesel engine.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 8 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT

Acting on amended Article 8, the Town voted majority in favor to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2023, the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed and deemed to be capital expenditures: VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

a. Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the Town's cost share of a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant funded project for engineering and investigative services related to the design and development of, and public outreach for, the repair and replacement of the Beach Road Seawall and coastal resiliency work.

b. Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) towards the construction costs of a new bandstand, located at Owen Park on the property shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #6-C-35.

c. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to construct/upgrade the Lake and Church Street Tennis courts, including but not limited to fencing, resurfacing, retaining wall, nets and lines.

d. Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be expended by the Library Board of Trustees for design, consulting and information technology services, to design, build, test, and deploy a new website and content management system for the Vineyard Haven Public Library.

e. One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for repairs and maintenance to the Tisbury Public Library building envelope, HVAC, electrical, plumbing and wastewater systems and other building systems, and for related construction and design services.

f. Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the preservation of historical records per state statute.

g. Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$23,518.28) to fund a 50% share of the third year of the 5-year financing payment plan for SCBA equipment, which purchase was approved by vote of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

h. Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) to upgrade the network infrastructure of the Public Safety Building, including smart switches, flat panel displays/software in training room/Command Center, camera/Zoom, speakers for training room, and installation of surveillance cameras/HD storage on the outside of the building.

i. Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to redesign and upgrade the Town's website.

j. Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) to purchase a new hybrid gas/electric SUV for the Assessors' Department.

k. Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) to purchase a new rubbish truck or a Chevy 2500 HD 4x4 pick up with a slide in dump bed, equipped in conjunction with trade in of a 2012 International truck.

I. Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to purchase roadside safety / highway equipment, to include cones, signage, barriers, ride on roller, compactor and other items associated with road repairs.

m. Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000) for the replacement of seawater lines at the John T. Hughes Hatchery at 57 Shirley Avenue, Oak Bluffs, to be expended in FY2023.

ARTICLE 9 TO FUND GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 9, the Town voted unanimously in favor to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be placed in the general stabilization fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 10 TO FUND CAPITAL BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 10, the Town voted unanimously in favor to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be placed in the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 11 TO FUND TISBURY MUNICPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Acting on Article 11, the Town voted majority in favor (167 to 59) to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the account of the Tisbury Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund established under Article 19 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 12 TO ESTABLISH STABILIZATION FUND FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND REDUCTION

Acting on Article 11, the Town voted unanimously in favor pursuant to Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to establish an Energy Stabilization Fund to be used for costs of improvements related to energy conservation, reduction, generation and storage for Town facilities, to be expended by the Select Board.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 13 TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY SHOWN ON TISBURY ASSESSORS' MAPS AS PARCEL 21-B-27.1 OFF MUD PUDDLE LANE

Acting on Article 13 the Town voted unanimously in favor to TAKE NO ACTION to authorize the Select Board to acquire all or a portion of the property located off Mud Puddle Lane and shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as parcel 21-B-27.1, containing approximately 1.03 acres, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for said acquisition, including any expenses related thereto, said property to be under the custody of the Select Board for public purposes.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 14 TO DISPOSE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF A PORTION OR PORTIONS OF ASSESSORS' PARCEL 20-A-4 OFF SHORT HILL ROAD

Acting on Article 14 the Town voted unanimously in favor to TAKE NO ACTION to transfer the care, custody and control of the property on Short Hill Road shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as parcel 20-A-4 to the Select Board for the purpose of sale, conveyance and/or transfer of all or a portion of said parcel; and to authorize the Select Board to execute a deed for such conveyance in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems necessary or appropriate; and to authorize the Select Board to take all actions necessary to implement any vote under this Article.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 15 TO FUND QUINQUENNIAL CERTIFICATION OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Acting on amended Article 15 the Town voted unanimously in favor to appropriate and transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from Unreserved Fund Balance 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 IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 16 TO APPROVE THE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT FY2023 BUDGET

Acting on Article 16, the Town voted unanimously in favor to approve the proposed Water Works Department Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2023, 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 FY2023, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$1,631,113.38) from Estimated Revenues for said purpose.

Salaries and Wages \$651,281.36 Operating Expenses \$450,250.00 Benefits/Fixed Expenses \$404,200.00 <u>Debt/Interest \$125,382.02</u> Total Operations, Debt Service Total Estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

\$1,631,113.38 \$1,631,113.38 Water Related Earnings

ARTICLE 17 TO FUND VARIOUS WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES

Acting on Article 17, the Town voted unanimously in favor to appropriate and transfer from Water Enterprise Fund Available Surplus in FY2023 the sum of Seven Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$785,000) to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners for the purposes listed below and deemed to be capital expenses.

- a. Vehicle Replacement \$50,000
- b. Water Meter Replacement Program 50,000
- c. Vehicle Replacement 60,000
- d. Sanborn Generator Replacement 100,000
- e. Water Main Replacement Program 500,000
- f. <u>Fire Hydrant Replacement Program</u> 25,000

Total Capital Projects \$785,000

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 18 TO ADOPT FY2023 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Acting on Article 18, the Town voted unanimously in favor to approve the proposed Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2023 of Eight Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars (\$884,922), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and as shown below, to be expended by the Select Board, to operate and maintain the Tisbury Wastewater Collection and Treatment System for FY2023, and appropriate from user fees the following sums therefor.

Salaries and Wages	\$337,399
Benefits/ Fixed Expenses	\$196,400
Operating Expenses	\$224,950
Debt/Interest	\$52,575
Budgeted Surplus TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$73,598 \$884,922

Total estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses

- Sewer User Fees (Tiered Billing System) \$803,622
 - Sewer Interest & Penalty Charges \$5,000
 - Septage Pump-out Disposal Fees \$2,000
 - Change of Use Fees \$400
 - Wastewater Labor Charges \$5,400
 - Grease Trap Maintenance Fee \$1,900
 - Quarterly Base Changes \$27,600
 - Abatement Meter Charges \$6,000
 - Sewer Connection Fees \$18,000
 - Inspection Fees \$2,000
 - Bio-Chemical Oxygen Demand Fees \$15,000

Wastewater Related Earnings \$884,922

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 19 TO APPROVE EXISTING SEWER LINE CONNECTIONS FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM

Acting on Article 19, the Town voted majority in favor to approve single-property connection extensions of the Centralized Wastewater Collection and Treatment System Service Area to serve the properties listed below, which are currently connected to the collection and treatment system but which have not been formally approved for connection by Town Meeting vote, or to take any action relative thereto.

16 Drummer Lane	7-C-7	Stephen Bowen
75 Main Street	7-D-7	Old Santander Bank
215 Spring Street	24-A-35	Town of Tisbury ESF Building
56 Short Hill Road	22-A-6.2	Vineyard House
115 High Point Lane	21-B-1	Town of Tisbury DPW/WWTF
53 William Street	8-C-3	Robert & Elise Eliiston
10 State Road	9A-5.3/5.9	Katherine Kinsman, Tr.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 20 TO ACCEPT TASHMOO AVENUE AT BAYLIS WOODS AS A PUBLIC WAY

Acting on Article 20, the Town voted unanimously in favor to TAKE NO ACTION to accept Tashmoo Avenue at Baylis Woods, as a public way, and any appurtenant easements thereto, as generally shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Tisbury, Massachusetts prepared for Janet R. Frink" dated November 18, 2003 by Sourati Engineering Group," and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, easements in said

way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town, and any appurtenant drainage, utility or other easements related to said way and/or to accept grants thereof; and further to authorize the Select Board and other applicable Town of Tisbury Boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article; meaning and intending to accept as a public way all, or the unaccepted portion of Tashmoo Avenue at Baylis Woods such that the entirety of this named road is accepted by the Town as a public way, or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR TO TAKE NO ACTION

ARTICLE 21 TO FUND REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Acting on Article 21, the Town voted unanimously in favor 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 of Tisbury's share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in Fiscal Year 2023.

b. Nine Thousand Twenty-Three Dollars (\$9,023) to support the Dukes County Social Services in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, or take any action related thereto.

c. Ten Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars (\$10,109) to support the Homelessness Prevention Program on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Intermunicipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

d. Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$17,955) to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

e. One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$1,644), to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

f. Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$18,786) to support the planning, advocacy and education for Healthy Aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Intermunicipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

g. Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$8,810) to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

h. Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$11,486) as the apportioned share of the allocation of overhead for regional services hosted and administered by the County on behalf of the Towns.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 22 TO FUND MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Acting on Article 22, the Town voted unanimously in favor to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$57,223.86) to support the maintenance costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services, provided that the funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2023 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 23 TO FUND LOCAL DROP OFF AREA

Acting on amended Article 23, the Town voted unanimously in favor to appropriate and transfer the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the reserve for appropriation for sanitary landfill as provided for in Article 19 of the Special Town Meeting of November 2, 1993 and to raise and appropriate Seventy-Thousand Dollars (\$70,000} for the total sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000), to be expended by the Select Board for operation of the local drop off area and ancillary curbside recycling and refuse services and residential hazardous waste disposal for Fiscal Year 2023.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 24 TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT FOR PASSAGE OF A SPECIAL LAW ESTABLISHING A MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOUSING BANK

Acting on Article 24, the Town voted majority in favor (205 yes to 23 no)to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law establishing a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank (the "Housing Bank") as set forth in the document entitled "An Act Establishing the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank" (the "Housing Bank Act") on file with the Town Clerk, subject to approval by a majority of the voters voting on such question at an annual or special Town election held in the same year as the Town Meeting vote approving submission of this petition to the General Court; provided, however, that submission of such petition to the General Court shall be contingent upon approval of this petition by not less than four towns located on Martha's Vineyard. The Housing Bank Act may be amended prior to submission to the General Court by a body composed of one designee appointed by the Select Board of each town on Martha's Vineyard that approves this article (the "Housing Bank Review Committee"), provided that the Housing Bank Act shall be subject, to the maximum extent possible, to the following parameters:

<u>Initial Members and Local Acceptance</u>: The initial members of the Housing Bank shall be those towns that vote to accept the Housing Bank Act, as passed by the General Court, as provided for in this article.

<u>Housing Bank Commission</u>: The Housing Bank shall be administered by a Housing Bank Commission (the "Commission") consisting of one resident of each member town elected by town wide vote for staggered three-year terms, and one person elected at-large by an island-wide vote for a two-year term. The Commission shall be subject to G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 (the "Open Meeting Law") and shall be deemed to be a municipal agency for purposes of G.L. c. 268A (the "State Conflict of Interest Law").

<u>Town Advisory Boards:</u> A Town Advisory Board shall be established within each member town to assist the Commission with the administration of the Housing Bank Act. Town Advisory Boards shall be composed of: one representative appointed by each of the select board, conservation commission, planning board, board of health, zoning board, and, if one exists, wastewater committee, and two members appointed by the town housing committee. Town Advisory Boards shall be consulted by the Commission in developing regulations to implement the Housing Bank Act. Approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Town Advisory Board(s) in the town or towns in which a project will be located, or in which a real property interest will be acquired, shall be required for any expenditure or use of Housing Bank funds, including the making of any loans or the disbursement of any down payment assistance as provided in this article. The Town Advisory Boards shall each be subject to the Open Meeting Law and be deemed to be a municipal agency for purposes of the State Conflict of Interest Law.

Activities: The purpose of the Housing Bank shall be to promote both year-round housing, and housing affordable to households which earn up to 240% of the applicable household area median income for Dukes County as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development ("AMI"), in the manner determined by the Housing Bank. In furtherance of said purpose, the Housing Bank shall be authorized to make grants for the acquisition, renovation, or construction of housing and housing-related infrastructure; provide loans, loan and bond guarantees, lines of credit, interest subsidies, rental assistance, and other means of financial assistance; purchase, receive, lease, grant and sell property and real property interests; and provide shared appreciation equity loans through which the Housing Bank receives a portion of the appreciation of the applicable property upon resale. The Housing Bank shall not be authorized to develop, renovate, manage, or operate properties, but shall fulfill its purposes primarily through funding projects proposed by nonprofit and for-profit corporations and organizations, individuals and public entities. In considering projects for funding, the Housing Bank shall use as guidelines town or regional master plans, wastewater plans, watershed management plans, open space plans, and climate and energy goals.

The Housing Bank may: (i) provide loans or down payment assistance to individuals who are members of households which earn up to 240% of AMI, subject to imposition of perpetual year-round occupancy restrictions (as defined by the Commission); and (ii) purchase year-round occupancy restrictions from any property owner with respect to properties located within member towns. Except as provided in the foregoing sentence, all housing units created, renovated, rehabilitated or acquired with Housing Bank funds shall be restricted in perpetuity to require occupancy by households earning up to a specified AMI not to exceed 240% of AMI, and shall be subject to perpetual maximum sale price and year-round

occupancy restrictions. If a project includes income-restricted and market-rate units, any Housing Bank funding shall be applied only to income-restricted units in such project.

The Housing Bank will pay its own expenses from Housing Bank revenue. In order to expand public participation, in alignment with local diversity, equity and inclusion goals, Commissioners may be paid a stipend not to exceed \$2,000 annually, subject to approval by a two-thirds majority vote of every Town Advisory Board, unless a higher amount is both authorized by a majority vote of town meeting in every member town and approved by a two-thirds vote of every Town Advisory Board.

Limitation on Annual Debt Service: The Housing Bank may incur debt only to the extent that its projected annual debt service obligations prior to maturity with respect to any existing and any new debt will not, in the aggregate, exceed 10% of the average annual revenues received by the Housing Bank during its prior three fiscal years, commencing with the initial partial fiscal year following passage of the Act. Any issuance of bonds by the Housing Bank shall be subject to approval by two-thirds of the Town Advisory Boards and by the Commission. Each such vote of the Town Advisory Boards shall also require a two-thirds vote.

<u>Requirements for Use of Funds:</u> The Housing Bank shall address the greatest community need as determined from time to time by the Commission according to prevailing data. No less than 75% of island-wide annual funding commitments approved in each fiscal year shall be allocated to projects on properties previously developed with existing buildings, or to fund infrastructure associated with such projects. All new construction shall use no fossil fuels on site (except as needed during construction, renovation, repair, temporary use for maintenance, or vehicle use), achieve a HERS (Home Energy Rating Service) rating of zero and, to the maximum extent possible, produce no new net nitrogen pollution. All new construction on undeveloped properties of more than five acres shall preserve a minimum of 40% of the property as open space and minimize tree removal, in order to promote clustering and preserve undeveloped property. All projects shall minimize disturbances to the local ecology.

If a project that receives Housing Bank funds includes income-restricted and market-rate units, the provisions of this section shall apply to the entire project. Satisfaction of each of the provisions of this section shall be as determined by the Commission.

<u>Priorities:</u> The Housing Bank shall prioritize projects that: are close to existing services (honor "Smart Growth" principles); are not in priority habitat areas as defined by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Act; and mitigate the effects of climate change, such as projects which (i) do not involve acquisition of fossil fuel equipment and (ii) have a master plan to delineate a path to fossil-fuel free operation and net-zero annual site energy consumption.

<u>Transfer Fee:</u> The Housing Bank's activities will be funded by a two percent fee imposed on transfers of real property interests paid by the purchaser, such fee to be established either by general law or by the Housing Bank Act. An amount to be determined by the Commission annually, but not less than the first \$1,000,000.00 of the purchase price or other consideration paid with respect to any transfer of a real property interest, shall be exempt from the transfer fee. Additional exemptions shall be as set forth in any general law

establishing the transfer fee or in the Housing Bank Act as amended prior to submission to the General Court.

<u>Non-member Towns</u>: No Housing Bank funds may be expended in any town which is not a member of the Housing Bank; provided, however, that the Housing Bank may expend funds in a town that withdraws to the extent such expenditures were approved before the date that such town provides notice to the Housing Bank that the member town has voted at a regular or special election to withdraw from the Housing Bank, and provided that transfer fees continue to be collected in that town.

<u>Withdrawal and Sunset</u>: Any member town may withdraw from the Housing Bank by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election. The transfer fee shall continue to be collected in any town that votes to withdraw from the Housing Bank until satisfaction of the withdrawing town's pro rata share of all Housing Bank debt incurred prior to the date that such town provides notice to the Housing Bank that the town has voted at a regular or special election to withdraw from the Housing Bank, determined as the ratio all transfer fees collected by such town during its membership in the Housing Bank to all transfer fees collected by all member towns during the same period.

The Housing Bank Act shall expire 30 years after its passage unless extended by vote of the Commission and a majority vote of town meeting by at least four member towns; provided that, if extended, the Housing Bank Act shall remain in effect only for the towns that vote to extend. The transfer fee shall continue to be collected in any town that does not vote to extend the Housing Bank Act until satisfaction of all Housing Bank debt incurred prior to (1) the effective date of the extension of the Housing Bank Act if the Housing Bank Act is extended notwithstanding the town's vote, and (2) the expiration of the Housing Bank Act, if the Housing Bank Act is allowed to expire.

<u>Taxes:</u> All property and housing units created, renovated, rehabilitated or acquired with Housing Bank funds shall be taxed in accordance with assessed values.

The Housing Bank Act is subject to approval by the General Court, which may only make clerical or editorial changes of form to the bill unless the Select Boards of at least two thirds of the towns that approve this article vote to approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. Approval of this article authorizes the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the Housing Bank Act. Adoption of the Housing Bank Act by any town, in the final form approved by the General Court, must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of acceptance has been placed on the ballot. The Housing Bank Act shall become effective on the date on which no less than four towns located on Martha's Vineyard accept its provisions as provided for in this article.

VOTED MAJORITY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 25 TO ESTABLISH AND FUND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY POSITION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Acting on Article 25, the Town voted unanimously in favor to establish the position of Fire Department's Administrative Secretary, under the union contract 4, Step 1; and to raise and

appropriate the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$51,478.18) to fund the position for FY 2023. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 26 TO ESTABLISH AND FUND ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT POSITION

Acting on amended Article 26, the Town voted unanimously in favor to establish the position of financial assistant reporting to the Town Accountant, under the union contract grade 6 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars (\$64,078) to fund the position for FY 2023.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 27 TO AMEND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-UNION PART-TIME, SEASONAL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Acting on Article 27, the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan for Non-Union Part-Time, Seasonal and Temporary Employees to become effective July 1, 2022, as follows.

Position			Step			
Casual Labor/ Dock Attendant Library Page	<u>1</u> \$14.58	<u>2</u> \$ 14.98	<u>3</u> \$15.39	<u>4</u> \$15.81	<u>5</u> \$16.24	<u>6</u> \$16.67
DPW Laborer Election Officer Harbor Attendant Lifeguard Tennis Attendant Comfort Station Attendant Receptionist	\$17.69	\$ 18.19	\$18.70	\$19.22	\$19.76	\$ 20.32
Board or Committee Secretary Crossing Guard, Harbor Assistant, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor Shellfish Assistant Special Traffic Officer Comfort Station Leader	•	\$20.33	\$20.91	\$21.51	\$22.14	\$22.78
Library Aide/Part-Time Substitute Asst. Animal Control Officer Asst. Harbormaster Asst. Shellfish Constable Part-time Police Officer	\$22.86	\$23.53	\$24.21	\$24.92	\$25.65	\$26.39

EMT	\$25.58	\$26.70	\$27.88	\$29.10	\$30.38 \$31	.72
Paramedic	\$28.64	\$29.95	\$31.32	\$32.76	\$34.25 \$35	5.82

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 28 TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Acting on Article 28, the Town voted unanimously in favor to approve the following amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan for Full-time Managerial and Professional Employees, effective July 1, 2022.

POSITION	1	<u>2</u>	3	4	<u>5</u>	6	<u>7</u>	8	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>M-1</u> No Positions Assigned	\$54,789	\$56,585	\$58,401	\$60,281	\$62,181	\$64,185	\$66,252	\$68,361	\$70,554	\$72,767
<u>M-2</u>	\$58,986	\$60,803	\$62,786	\$64,791	\$66,837	\$69,008	\$71,201	\$73,456	\$75,815	\$78,237
<u>M-3</u> No Positions Assigned	\$64,853	\$66,962	\$69,092	\$71,305	\$73,581	\$75,899	\$78,342	\$80,847	\$83,436	\$86,151
<u>M-4</u> Harbormas ter Shellfish Const. Asst. Fire Chief	\$70,741	\$73,059	\$75,377	\$77,778	\$80,284	\$82,852	\$85,483	\$88,260	\$91,037	\$93,939

<u>M-5</u> Facilities Mgr. Asst. Water Supt. Adm. Assist BOS/ Personnel Director Ex. Asst. to Town Adm. Local Bldg. Inspector	\$80,179	\$82,706	\$85,378	\$88,155	\$90,912	\$93,835	\$96,841	\$99,932	\$103,10 5	\$106,46 7
<u>M-6</u> IT Adm. Library Director WW Supt. / Lab Dir.		\$87,633	\$90,431	\$93,354	\$96,319	\$99,389	\$102,56 3	\$105,84 1	\$109,26 5	\$112,73 1
<u>M-7</u> Water Supt. Bldg. Inspector Health Agent Town Acct	\$92,498	\$95,463	\$98,512	\$101,62 3	\$104,88 0	\$108,26 3	\$111,70 8	\$115,29 9	\$118,95 3	\$122,73 3
<u>M-8</u> Finance Dir. Fire Chief DPW Director EMS Director Police Lieutenant	\$100,49 5	\$103,71 1	\$106,98 9	\$110,43 2	\$113,98 4	\$117,63 8	\$121,41 7	\$125,32 2	\$129,35 2	\$133,48 6
<u>M-9</u> Police Chief	\$119,12 0	\$122,69 1	\$126,38 7	\$130,16 6	\$134,07 0	\$138,10 0	\$142,23 5	\$146,51 5	\$150,90 0	\$155,41 0

<u>M-10</u>	\$129 95	\$133.86	\$137 85	\$142.00	\$146 28	\$150.64	\$155 18	\$159 83	\$164 61	\$169,58
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VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 29 FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

Acting on amended Article 29, the Town voted unanimously in favor to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Million, Fifty Four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$34,054,571.70); to transfer from Reserve for Betterments the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000); to transfer from the Waterways Fund the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000): and to transfer from the Premium and Interest on Bonds Fund the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$4,780.30), for a total FY2023 operating budget of Thirty-Four Million, Two Hundred Sixty One Thousand and Three Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$34,261,352), to defray Town charges as set out in Appendix A of this warrant for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 (FY2023); and to set the FY2023 expenditure limit for the Tashmoo Spring Building Revolving Fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

ARTICLE 30 TO TRANSFER FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE

Acting on Article 30, the Town voted majority in favor to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) to meet the limitations of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, (Proposition Two and One-Half, so called), as amended, or to reduce the tax rate.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR

Attest

J. Hillary Conklin

Town Clerk



TOWN OF TISBURY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 7:25 PM in the Martha's Vineyard High School Performing Arts Center, 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, in the Town of Oak Bluffs with a quorum of 449+ voters. After the announcement of the results of the ballot vote the meeting adjourned at 10:30PM with the total number of voters at 506. Counters for the meeting were John Schilling, David Schwab, Maura Valley, Allan Rogers, Geneva Corwin, Donald Brown, Stephen Harding and Martha Hudson.

- 1. After reading the call of the warrant and the return of service, the Moderator declared them to be in order.
- 2. All aisles must be kept open
- 3. All cell phones except those used by emergency personnel must be turned off.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Restrooms are located off the lobby
- 6. If you are not a Registered Voter please sit in the marked area to the right

ARTICLE 1 TO FUND RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF TISBURY SCHOOL

Acting on Article 1, the Town voted by secret ballot with a 2/3 majority in favor to borrow the additional sum of Twenty-Five Million Six Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$25,610,841), to supplement the appropriation voted under Article 1 of the warrant for the June 13, 2021 Special Town Meeting, for design, engineering, and construction to repair, renovate and enlarge the Tisbury Elementary School, and construct new additions to the school, including site improvements, at 40 West William Street, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto including temporary school and support facilities at that location or another location (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life of at least 50 years as an educational facility for the instruction of school children, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by the vote under this article, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved

by such vote in accordance with Chapter 44, section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

APPROVED BY A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE, 373 YES, 112 NO

A true copy,

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION May 24, 2022

Pursuant to the warrant for the Annual Town Election, the polls were declared open by Election Warden Mary Ellen Larsen, at the Tisbury Emergency Services Facility at 215 Spring Street, on Tuesday May 24, 2022 at twelve noon. The names of 3,710 active voters appeared on the voters list.

The ballot box was checked by the Election Warden and inspected by the Constable Mark Campos and found to be in order, with the register set at zero at 10:45 a.m. The box was then locked by the Warden and the polls were declared open at twelve noon for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. by the Warden with the ballot box registering 552 ballots cast. The checked voter's list showed 552 names checked and the count of ballots voted was 552. The declaration of the vote was as follows:

For SELECTMEN		For SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
(1 for 3 yrs)		(1 for 3 yrs)	
John F. Cahill	441	Michael J. Watts	395
All Others	9	All Others	5
Blanks	102	Blanks	152
For CONSTABLE		For WATER COMMISSIONER	
(1 for 3 yrs)		(1 for 3 yrs)	
Michael Ciancio	462	Elmer H. Silva, Jr.	441
All Others	0	All Others	1
Blanks	90	Blanks	110
For ASSESSOR		For PLANNING BOARD	
(1 for 3 yrs)		(1 for 5)	
David Dandridge	433	Casey Ann Hayward	419
All Others	1	All Others	2
Blanks	118	Blanks	131
For ASSESSOR		For LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
(1 for 2 yrs)		(3 for 3 yrs)	
Fala Jane Freeman	426	Archibald Alexander Smith	389
All Others	2	Myra C. Stark	13
Blanks	124	Elizabeth L. Bates	391
		All Others	10
		Blanks	456

For ASSESSOR (1 for 1 yrs)		FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 for 3 yrs)	
James B. Norton	446	Rachel F. Orr	403
All Others	0	Louise Clough	405
Blanks	106	John Frank Oliver	378
		All Others	3
		Blanks	467
For BOARD OF HEALTH			
(1 for 3 yrs)			
Michael D. Loberg	439		
All Others	4		
Blanks	109		

Question #1:

Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town and School operating costs and budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022?

YES	-	373
NO	-	158
BLANKS	-	21

Question #2:

Shall the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, be authorized to petition the Legislature for a special act establishing a Housing Bank funded through a 2% transfer fee on transfers of interests in real property for more than \$1,000,000.00, to provide both year-round housing and housing affordable to those earning up to 240% of the Dukes County median income?

YES	-	432
NO	-	113
BLANKS	-	7

Question #3:

Non-binding Public Opinion Advisory Question: Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, and Holtec Pilgrim, LLC and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC; Discharge to Cape Cod Bay. This question is not binding.

WHEREAS, Cape Cod Bay is a federal and state protected area and habitat for the endangered Right Whale; and

WHEREAS, Cape Cod Bay provides a vital livelihood for fishermen and the tourist industry; and

WHEREAS, The National Academies of Science has determined there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation; and

WHEREAS, One radioactive element in Holtec Pilgrim water is Tritium, which concentrates up the food chain from sediment to sea grasses to the fish we eat; and

WHEREAS, Holtec Pilgrim can discharge radioactive water anytime without approval of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC]; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of New Mexico has filed a lawsuit against the NRC for unlawful proceedings and illegal activities involving Holtec; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has the authority to stop the dumping;

Therefore, shall the people of the Town of Tisbury direct the local government to communicate with Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, and the State Legislature to employ all means available to ensure that Holtec commits to immediately withdraw any plans to dump any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay?

YES	-	492
NO	-	27
BLANKS	-	33

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin Tisbury Town Clerk

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval	NUAL TOWN ELECTI OFFICIAL BALLOT TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS May 24, 2022	J. Nillau Conklin TOWN CLERK
For Select Board Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	For Board of Assessors One Years Vote for not more than ONE	For Planning Board Five Years Vote for not more than ONE Casey Ann Hayward
84 Spring Street	181 Head of Pond Road	16 A William Street
WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY For Constable Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	For Board of Health Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY Board of Library Trustees Three Years Vote for not more than THREE
Michael Ciancio Candidate for Re-election 283 Franklin Street Candidate for Re-election	Michael D. Loberg 33 Crocker Avenue Candidate for Re-election	Archibald Alexander Smith 71 Quinsigsmond Avenue Candidate for Re-election
		Myra C. Stark 185 Sandpiper Lane 12 Candidate for Re-election
		Elizabeth L. Bates 161 Golf Club Road
For Board of Assessors Three Years _ Vote for not more than ONE	For School Committee Three Years Vote for not more than ONE	WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY
David Dandridge 21 Pond View Way Candidate for Re-election	Michael J. Watts 47 Woodchips Circle Candidate for Re-election	WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY
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Fala Jane Freeman	Elmer H. Silva Jr. 63 Oklahoma Avenue Candidate for Re-election	30 Briarwood Lane John Frank Oliver 2 Bumpy Road
		WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY
		TURN OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

Question #2 Shall the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, be authorized to petition the Legislature for a special act establishing a Housing Bank funded through a 2% transfer fee on transfers of interests in real property for more than \$1,000,000.00, to provide both year-round housing and housing affordable to those earning up to 240% of the Dukes County median income? Yes	Question #1		
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STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Pursuant to the warrant for the State Primary Election, the polls were declared open by Mary Ellen Larsen, the election Warden, at the Emergency Services Facility, 215 Spring Street, Tisbury, on Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 7:00a.m.

The ballot box was checked by the Warden and inspected by the Constable Michael Ciancio and found to be in order, with the register set at zero at 6:30a.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 955 ballots cast. The checked voter's list and count of overseas, provisional and hand-counted ballots showed 963 names checked and ballots counted.

DEMOCRA	ATIC PART	Y 847 VOTES CAST	
GOVERNOR		REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Ninth District)	
SONIS ROSA CHANG-DIAZ	120	BILL KEATING	712
MAURA HEALEY	697	OTHERS	3
OTHERS	1	BLANKS	132
BLANKS	29	COUNCILLOR (First District)	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		JOSEPH C. FERREIRA	620
KIMBERLY DRISCOLL	313	OTHERS	1
TAMI GOUVEIA	214	BLANKS	226
ERIC P. LESSER	216	SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Cape & Islands District)	
OTHERS	1	JULIAN ANDRE CYR	703
BLANK	103	OTHERS	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL		BLANKS	143
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL	431	REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	
SHANNON ERIA LISS-RIORDAN	220	DYLAN FERNANDES	710
ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTINUED		OTHERS	1
QUENTIN PALFREY	116	BLANKS	136
OTHERS	1	DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Cape & Islands District)	
BLANKS	79	ROBERT JOSEPH GALIBOIS	638
SECRETARY OF STATE		OTHERS	1

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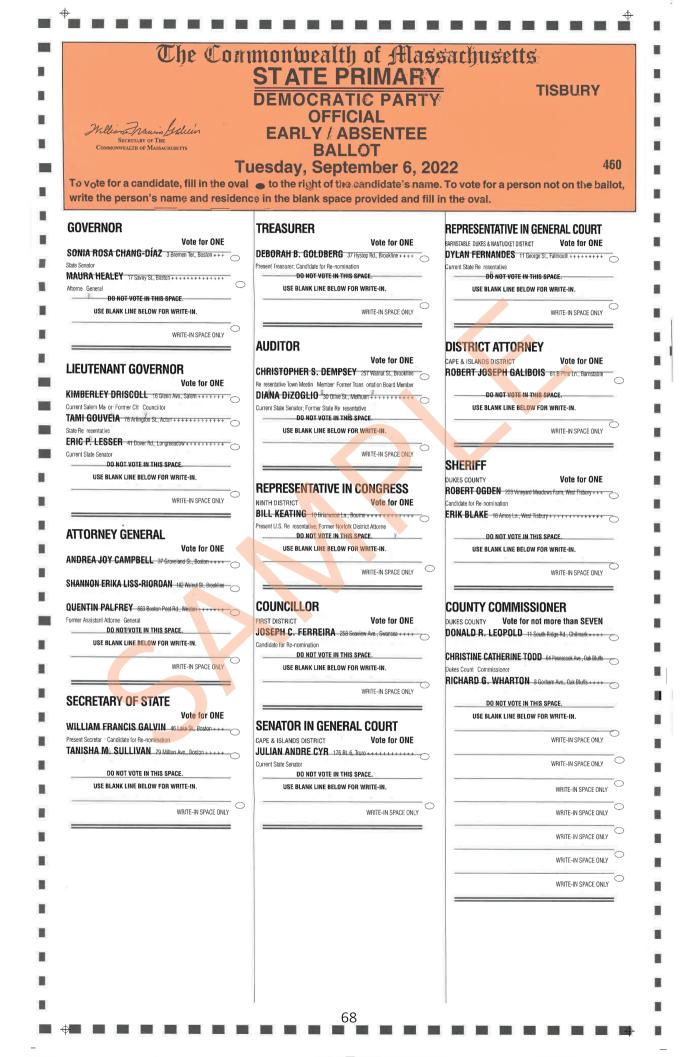
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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN	495	BLANKS	208
TANISHA M. SULLIVAN	308	SHERIFF (Dukes)	
BLANKS	44	ROBERT OGDEN	455
TREASURER		ERIK BLAKE	367
DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG	674	OTHERS	1
OTHERS	1	BLANKS	24
BLANKS	172	COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County)	
AUDITOR		DONALD R. LEOPOLD	445
CHRISTOPHER S. DEMPSEY	234	CHRISTINE C. TODD	547
AUDITOR CONTINUED		COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County) CONTINUED	
DIANA DIZOLGLIO	467	DOUGLAS RUSKIN	27
BLANKS	146	JAMES W. KLINGENSMITH	1
		TRISTAN R. ISRAEL	93
		OTHERS	29
		BLANKS	4344

REPUBLICAN PARTY 116 VOTES CAST			
GOVERNOR		SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Cape & Islands District)	
GEOFF DIEHL	64	DARALYN A. HEYWOOD.	45
CHRIS DOUGHTY	43	CHRISTOPHER R. LAUZON	48
OTHERS	1	BLANKS	23
BLANKS	8	REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket District)	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		NO NOMINATION	
LEAH V. ALLEN	55	OTHERS	3
KATE CAMPANALE	45	BLANKS	132
BLANKS	16	DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Cape & Islands District)	
ATTORNEY GENERAL		MELISSA R. ALDEN	28
JAMES R. MCMAHON III	98	JOHN F. CAREY	44
BLANKS	18	DISTRICT ATTORNEY (Cape & Islands District) CONTINUED	
SECRETARY OF STATE		DANIEL HIGGINS	25
RAYLA CAMPBELL	93	BLANKS	19
BLANKS	41	SHERIFF (Dukes)	
TREASURER		ERIK BLAKE	18

NO NOMINATION		ROBERT OGDEN	26
OTHERS	3	OTHERS	1
BLANKS	113	BLANKS	71
AUDITOR		COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Dukes County)	
ANTHONY AMORE	82	DOUGLAS RUSKIN	0
BLANKS	34	JAMES W. KLINGENSMITH	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (Ninth District)		TRISTAN R. ISRAEL	1
JESSE G. BROWN	47	OTHERS	10
DAN SULLIVAN	54	BLANKS	800
BLANKS	15		
COUNCILLOR (First District)			
MARK I. HOLT	0		
MARY E. CHALKE	0		
OTHERS	3		

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SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for ONE RAYLA CAMPBELL397 High St., Whitmano o o o o o		DUKES COUNTY ☆ ☆ Vote for ONE
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STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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 8, 2022 at 7:00a.m.

The ballot box was inspected by the Election Warden and Constable and found to be in order, with the register set at 0 at 6:30a.m. The box was then locked by the Warden & the polls were declared open at 7:00a.m. for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:00p.m. while we continued to feed early voting ballots into the machine until 9:00pm with the ballot box registering 1976 ballots counted.

Page 3 of 438 early voting ballots were hand counted due to a formatting error. There were 30 ballots that could not be read by the ballot machine due to the incorrect use of blue ink, marking the ballot with an x instead of filling in the oval or the folds associated with early and absentee voting and were hand counted for a total of 2006 ballots cast on November 8th. The post election count held November 15, 2022 of 35 ballots included provisional, overseas ballots and ballots postmarked by 11/8/2022 and received by 11/12/2022. The final total of all counted ballots was 2,041.

GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Diehl and Allen	419
Healy and Driscoll	1575
Reed and Everett	33
Write-ins	0
Blanks	14
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Andrea Joy Campbell	1565
James R. McMahon III	448
Write-ins	0
Blanks	28
SECRETARY OF STATE	
William FrancisGalvin	1565
Rayla Campbell	352
Juan Sanchez	87
Write-ins	0
Blanks	29

The declaration of the vote was as follows:

TREASURER	
Deborah B. Goldberg	1605
Christina Crawford	279
Write-ins	2
Blanks	155
AUDITOR	
Anthony Amore	409
Diana Dizoglio	1344
Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	82
Dominic Giannone III	41
Daniel Wernher Riek	60
Write-ins	0
Blanks	105
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Bill Keating	1598
Jesse G. Brown	391
Write-ins	0
Blanks	52
COUNCILLOR	
Joseph C. Ferreira	1601
Write-ins	1
Blanks	439
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
Julian Andre Cyr	1593
Christopher Robert Lauzon	382
Write-ins	1
Blanks	65
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
Dylan Fernandes	1677
Write-ins	3
Blanks	361
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Robert Joseph Galibois	1537
Daniel Higgins	434
Write-ins	1
Blanks	69

SHERIFF	
Robert Ogden	1635
Erik Blake	21
Write-ins	7
Blanks	378
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Tristan R. Israel	1218
Donald R. Leopold	1103
Christine Catherine Todd	1196
Richard G. Wharton	1069
James Klingensmith	1056
Douglas Ruskin	1116
Carole Vandal	4
Jennifer Smith-Turner	3
Julianne Vanderhoop	63
Write-ins	40
Blanks	7419
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION	
Jeffrey Agnoli	1036
Clarence Barnes III	1224
Christina Brown	1051
Fred Hancock	948
Benjamin Robinson	1012
Ernest Douglas Sederholm	997
Linda Bauer Sibley	1068
Jay M.Grossman	913
Carole Vandal	37
Jennifer C. Smith-Turner	18
Julianne Vanderhoop	7
Write-ins	49
Blanks	10,009

QUESTION 1 4% Additional State Tax on	
Income in Excess of \$1 Million	
YES	1224
NO	690
Blanks	127
QUESTION 2 Dental Benefits Plan 83% Ratio	
for Refund	
YES	1536
NO	355
Blanks	150
QUESTION 3 Increase Number of Alcohol	
License Limits	
YES	845
NO	992
Blanks	204
QUESTION 4 Obtain Driver's License	
without proof of lawful presence	
YES	1320
NO	602
Blanks	119
QUESTION 5 Serve Alcohol, Wine or Malts	
without a Meal in Tisbury	
YES	1340
NO	636
Blanks	65

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PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

In 2022, the Emergency Management Department (EMD) experienced a number of challenges, some of them familiar, and some unanticipated. The unexpected arrival in the busiest month of the season of nearly fifty Venezuelan migrants stands out; the three-day humanitarian response that followed was evidence of the Island community's exceptional ability to come together in the face of a crisis. Tisbury EMD sent Director Gregory Leland to the Dukes County Sheriff's Communications Center to assist in coordinating its efforts to provide food, shelter, and transportation. Assistant EMD Director Patrick Rolston was tasked with finding supplemental shelter locations in the event of a prolonged stay and/or additional arrivals. Special thanks go to Edgartown Fire Chief and EMD Director Alex Schaeffer for his quick actions in standing up the emergency shelter at St. Andrew's Church. We continued to manage our response to Covid-19 and its many variants and faced what appears to be the worst flu season in two decades.

This year the EMD Association's Hiring Committee appointed Kevin Brennan as their part-time Regional Emergency Management Coordinator; this position is tasked with regional plan development and grant applications.

Throughout 2022 the Tisbury EMD managed the readiness of its CodeRED program, in which residents are able to sign up via the Town's website to receive text or phone notifications regarding emergencies. Tisbury residents were also able to sign up for the Town's Storm Coverage Outreach Program (SCOP), allowing our living-at-home seniors to receive check-ins from Tisbury Fire, Tisbury Police, and Senior Center personnel regarding their physical and/or medical requirements in the event of an emergency. We maintained our inventory of required supplies should it become necessary to open a warming and charging shelter in the ESF Building, and continued to work with our fellow Emergency Management Departments to keep the Island's regional shelter at the ready.

The Tisbury Emergency Management Department continued its in-person and virtual training through the Incident Command System (ICS). We continue to coordinate with all Town departments to keep them informed of upcoming storms and foreseeable issues.

My thanks to EMS Director Tracey Jones, Police Chief Chris Habekost, DPW Director Kirk Metell, and their respective departments for their assistance and guidance in planning for and responding to emergencies. Finally, my sincere thanks to the taxpayers of Tisbury for their continued support of the Tisbury Emergency Management Department.

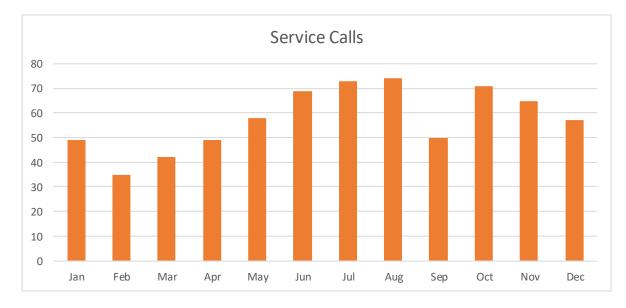
Respectfully submitted,

Gregory K. Leland Tisbury Emergency Management Director Patrick B. Rolston Tisbury Assistant Emergency Management Director

TISBURY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Tisbury Ambulance Service provides pre-hospital medical treatment to the Tisbury community, as well as mutual aid to Island towns. In the year 2022, the Tisbury Ambulance Service had 692 calls for service (69 of them mutual aid), an overall increase of 52 from the previous year:

•	Priority One Responses (DOA, Cardiac Arrest):	13
•	Priority Two Responses (Advanced Life Support):	238
•	Priority Three Responses (Basic Life Support):	200
•	Priority Four Responses (Basic Life Support, Refusals, Public Assists):	215
•	Cancelled Calls	20
•	Fire / Police Standby	6



The department continuously seeks to reduce overall costs and in 2022 the Service revenues from ambulance calls have generated \$222,460.14 into the general fund.



In November of this year Tracey Jones retired from her position as Ambulance Coordinator after a total of nearly sixteen years of service. Tracey joined the Tisbury Ambulance Service in 2006 as an EMT, became an EMT-Paramedic in 2010, and was promoted to the position of full-time staff paramedic in 2011. She was appointed as Ambulance Coordinator in 2013, and expanded the department into a reliable full-time service, attracting community-based EMTs and Paramedics and providing guidance and support to those seeking to join the department. We offer our sincerest thanks and appreciation for her years of dedication and hard work.

Fire Chief Gregory Leland was appointed by the Selectboard to act as Interim Emergency Medical Services Director after Ms. Jones' departure, and he looks to continue her work in overseeing an efficient and well-run department. Special thanks in particular to the Ambulance Service's fulltime employees: Jason Davey, Lindsay Hopkins, Krystle Schaeffer, and Ben Stevens. Their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to excellence over the past year has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the dedicated individuals of the Tisbury's Police and Fire departments for their continued support.

The Department also wishes to offer its appreciation to the following EMTs and Paramedics, many of whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help in the success of Tisbury Ambulance: Henry Bassett, Yuliya Bilzerian, Belinda Booker, Bradley Carroll, Sheri Caseau, Jim Davin, Dawn Gompert, Joao Goncalves, Amanda Gonsalves, Em Kraak, Haley Krause, David Marinelli, Greg Martino, Matthew Montanile, Tad Medeiros, Ben Retmier, Gleyzielle Rodrigues, Patrick Rolston, Trulayna Rose, David Smith, and Ashley Wood.

Respectfully submitted, Gregory K. Leland

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 2022, the Tisbury Fire Department responded to 551 calls for service, a significant increase of 195 from the previous calendar year. The majority of increases came from motor vehicle accidents, EMS assistance calls, and miscellaneous fire responses.

Throughout 2022 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, six members of our Department are currently participating in the All-Island Firefighter 1&2 Program, and will be testing in late February of 2023.

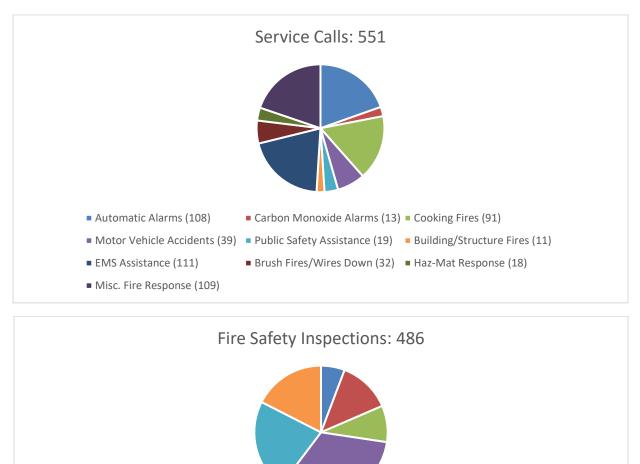
In 2022 the Tisbury Fire Department continued to look for ways to offset spending by applying for State and Federal Grants; the following State grants were awarded to the Department: Firefighter Safety Equipment from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$12,500, and the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, Bureau of Forest Fire Control & Forestry matching funds in the amount of \$6,000.

This year the Department welcomed its first administrative assistant. Akeyah Lucas was hired in September and took on the role of shared administrative secretary to the Tisbury Fire Department, Emergency Management Department, and Ambulance Service.

On the first Friday of each month in the summer season, the Department supported the Tisbury Business Association and its First Friday events by providing an engine for the beach bonfires held at Owen Park.

On the afternoon of February 7th, Tisbury Fire Department personnel responded to 319 Main Street to find a fully-engulfed house fire in progress. On scene with the Fire Department was Tisbury Police and EMS, with mutual aid assistance from Oak Bluffs Fire and EMS, Edgartown Fire, and West Tisbury Fire Departments. After nearly three hours of fire operations, it was determined that due to the structural integrity of the building, personnel would not be able to access the interior to address the remaining hotspots and to fully suppress the fire. The decision was made to call in Maciel and Sons, Inc. to demolish the structure so that the Department could safely and completely extinguish the fire. By the end of the fire operation, a total of twenty apparatus and sixty-four personnel had responded to the scene. The Tisbury Fire Department is grateful for the quick response and support provided by its mutual aid partners.

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 three 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. To the employers and families of our members, thank you for supporting our members in their service. Without your encouragement and understanding, our volunteer system could not effectively serve our communities' emergency needs.



2022 YEAR END DATA

Respectfully submitted,

Common Victuallers (28)

Building (43)

Gregory K. Leland Fire Chief/Forest Warden

Patrick B. Rolston Deputy Fire Chief Alcohol, Tents & Special Events (108) = Real Estate Sale & Transfer (85)

Short-Term Rentals (62)

Propane & Fuel Oil (160)

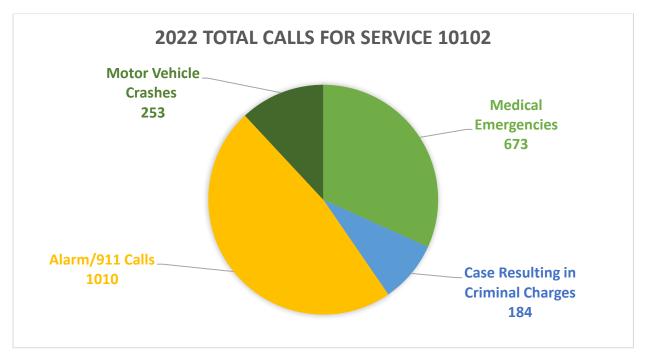
POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Tisbury,

2022 was a year of continued rebuilding of our agency and our reputation in the community. Although we were faced with much criticism from the local news media, all of it was focused on events of years past with no new bad news to report. We also dealt with some challenging and monumental incidents which were handled successfully and appropriately.

We promoted two new Sergeants to fill vacant positions, one of which is our Accreditation manager. We also recruited and selected two new Patrol Officers, both of which were previously trained and experienced officers. I'm confident that these new Sergeants and Patrol Officers are of the highest quality and possess the highest integrity, which is important to the rebuilding process. We also received training and certification from the USCG in boat safety, handling and seamanship and partnered with the Harbormaster to provide law enforcement on our local waterways on an intermittent basis throughout the summer.

We handled an armed bank robbery at the Rockland Trust Bank on November 17th, 2022. As a result of this investigation there are currently three suspects in custody facing prosecution for this crime, and luckily no one was injured. Detective Duquette made four drug related arrests resulting in the seizure of approximately 100 grams of Heroin/Fentanyl, 200 grams of Cocaine, several pounds of Marijuana, and other illegal drugs such as Psilocybin Mushrooms and Anabolic Steroids, and have seized approximately \$10,000 in proceeds from drug trafficking and distribution. We staffed and maintained order and safety at several large public events such as Beach Road Weekend and the Tisbury Street Fair and are thankful for the cooperation and assistance from our island law enforcement partners.



The Police Department handled 10,102 total calls for service in 2022, a breakdown of which is provided in the chart above. This rate of productivity exceeds that of any other police department on Martha's Vineyard. We have continued our tradition of Community Policing including regular foot patrols in the downtown area. We have worked collaboratively with other town departments and other island law enforcement agencies to provide consistent, effective, and fair public safety services to the Citizens of, and the visitors to the Town of Tisbury. We look forward to a safe, healthy, and peaceful 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher P Habekost Chief of Police William P Brigham Lieutenant

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

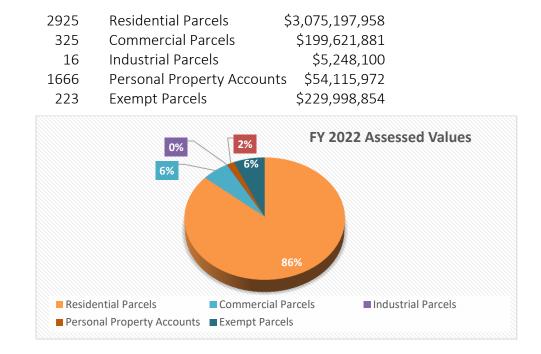
The assessors of each community are responsible for developing a reasonable and realistic program to achieve the fair cash valuation of property in accordance with constitutional and statutory requirements. The nature and extent of that program will depend on the assessors' analysis and consideration 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 2021, our office reviewed and analyzed the sales data from the calendar year 2020 of real property. Depending on the market conditions and property value trends, adjustments may increase, decrease, or leave values unchanged.

Total town expenditures increased 3% from fiscal year 2021 (\$26,798,977) to fiscal year 2022 (\$27,761,687). The residential tax rate is \$8.70 per thousand and the commercial tax rate is \$8.12 for the fiscal year 2022. The reason for the different tax rates is a result of the Select Board'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 90% of the town budget, decreased from \$9.17 to \$8.70.

The fiscal year 2022 assessed values of all town real estate is \$3,418,048,413, an increase from the fiscal year 2021.

Listed below is the breakdown of classes of property for the fiscal year 2022:



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 Assessor's record card regarding the construction details, depreciation of the home, and other valuation variables.

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

In fiscal year 2022 the Board of Assessors granted the following exemptions:

Residential	61
Personal Property	52
17D Surviving spouse, minors, or persons 70 years or over	2
Veterans	12
Veterans and surviving spouses	6

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the staff, Principal Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski, Data Collector Alycelee Pigman. We welcome Sarah Codding to our department as the Administrative Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Norton, Chair David Dandridge, Member Fala Freeman, 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 Louise Clough Jynell Kristal Mary Ellen Larsen John Oliver Rachel Orr Allan Rogers Dan Seidman

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

In fiscal year 2022, the town's annual budget grew 13.5%, driven primarily by the debt service on the new bond to pay for the renovation of the elementary school, and also by salaries and wages, health care costs, and increasing needs in various departments. There is no easy solution to rising budgets 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 provide core services – education, public safety, and many others - while funding infrastructure improvements.

Our stabilization or "rainy day" fund is a reserve to cover unexpected financial crises, and in FY2022, we have started to replenish the fund, and it now stands at \$1.9 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. Our cost of borrowing is still relatively low, though rising interest rates may make future borrowing more expensive.

Scanlon & Associates is completing the fiscal 2022 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 citizens of Tisbury. Please feel free to call or stop by the office anytime. We will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Financial Highlights

Statement of Activities Highlights

		Gc 2022	vern	mental Activities 2021	Change
Program Revenues:		LULL	-	2021	onange
Charges for services	\$	2,335,114	\$	2,335,395 \$	(281)
Operating grants and contributions	Ψ	3,605,856	¥	3,985,634	(379,778)
Capital grants and contributions		142,114		353,366	(211,252)
General Revenues:		142,114		000,000	(211,202)
Property taxes		28,313,335		27,300,730	1,012,605
Motor vehicle excise and other taxes		1,164,986		1,234,004	(69,018)
Hotel room occupancy and meal taxes		1,661,342		1,046,600	614,742
Penalties and interest on taxes		362,657		363,232	(575)
Nonrestricted grants		763,746		492,672	271,074
Unrestricted investment income		57,044		206,321	(149,277)
Miscellaneous		4,694		7,340	(2,646)
Total revenues		38,410,888	8	37,325,294	1,085,594
Expenses:					
General government		3,799,739		4,585,194	(785,455)
Public safety		4,783,202		4,698,115	85,087
Public works		2,940,247		2,748,345	191,902
Education		13,634,419		12,723,507	910,912
Health and human services		570,775		530,782	39,993
Culture and recreation		763,922		799,027	(35,105)
Employee benefits and insurance		6,124,305		9,290,492	(3,166,187)
State assessments		1,782,918		1,550,880	232,038
Interest		149,807		108,681	41,126
Total expenses		34,549,334		37,035,023	(2,485,689)
Contributions to permanent funds		7,875		6,750	1,125
Transfers		<u>(</u> 121,859)		<u>(119,740)</u>	<u>(</u> 2,119)
Change in net position		3,747,570		177,281	3,570,289
Net position - beginning of year	-	6,597,378		6,420,097	177,281
Net position - end of year	\$	10,344,948	\$	6,597,378 \$	3,747,570

	B/	TOWN OF T ALANCE SHE	TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022	SSACHUSE NMENTAL F 122		Ø			
		General Fund	School Renovation Fund	Roadway Improvement Fund		Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Gove	Total Governmental Funds
Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	φ	17,582,940 3,940,385	\$ 6,343,840 -	\$ 3,286,141	د ج	3,627,443 -	\$ 6,328,063 864,779	φ	37,168,427 4,805,164
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles: Property Taxes Tax Liens Excise Taxes Departmental		754,942 552,970 179,902 47,099			акат	21,752 16,451 -	171,700		776,694 569,421 179,902 218,799
Total Assets	ω		\$ 6,343,840	\$ 3,286,141	ب	3,665,646	\$ 8,312,507	φ	44,678,811
Liabilities: Warrants Payable Accrued Payroll Payroll Withholdings Other	θ	822,348 672,958 330,705 22,270	\$ 1,350,742	θ	ω	13,800 -	\$ 56,720 3,632	÷	2,243,610 676,590 330,705 22.270
Unearned Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes Payable Total Liabilities		1,848,281	9,300,000 10,650,742	- 4,000,000 4,000,000	' 0 0	13,800	214,361 - 274,713		214,361 13,300,000 16,787,536
Deferred Inflows of Resources: Unavailable Revenue		1,124,352	Ĩ			38,203	1,062,020		2,224,575
Fund Balance: Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned		6,912,850 13,185,194	- - - (4,306,902)	(713,859)	6	3,613,643	659,482 3,409,032 2,907,260		659,482 7,022,675 2,907,260 6,912,850 8,164,433
Total Fund Balance Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	φ	20,098,044 23,070,677	(4,306,902) \$ 6,343,840	(713,859) \$ 3,286,141	- 6) + 6)	3,613,643 3,665,646	6,975,774 \$ 8,312,507	θ	25,666,700 44,678,811

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

TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS -(NON-GAAP) - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	B	udg	geted Amoun	ts						
	Amounts Carried Forward from Prior Year		Original Budget		Final Budget	Actual Budgetary Basis	F	Amounts Carried orward to Next Year	Fi	riance with nal Budget Positive Negative)
Revenues: Property Taxes Intergovernmental Excise and Other Taxes Hotel Room Occupancy, Meals	\$ - - -	\$	27,514,848 1,048,791 975,000	\$	27,514,848 1,048,791 975,000	\$ 27,813,628 1,332,671 1,003,720	\$	- -	\$	298,780 283,880 28,720
and Cannabis Taxes Licenses, Permits, Fees Interest on Delinquent Taxes Investment Income	- - -		475,000 990,000 185,000 25,000		475,000 990,000 185,000 25,000	1,661,342 1,555,086 356,289 38,615		-		1,186,342 565,086 171,289 13,615
Total Revenues			31,213,639		31,213,639	33,761,351				2,547,712
Expenditures: Current:										
General Government Public Safety Public Works	973,361 936,717 952,452 1,506,718		3,353,103 4,683,119 2,271,909 13,478,320		4,282,300 5,617,223 3,224,009 14,985,038	2,630,282 4,575,509 2,025,653 13,304,375		1,106,914 839,684 969,303 1,437,391		545,104 202,030 229,053 243,272
Education Health and Human Services Culture and Recreation Employee Benefits and Insurance	1,506,718 18,020 50,060 25,000		684,687 770,010 5,496,367		702,707 820,070 5,546,367	651,211 620,483 4,966,405		1,437,391 1,114 170,000 926		50,382 29,587 579,036
Intergovernmental Assessments Debt Service: Principal Interest	-		1,554,820 824,739 119,664		1,554,820 824,739 119,664	1,782,918 724,739 116,488		-		(228,098) 100,000 3,176
Total Expenditures	4,462,328		33,236,738		37,676,937	31,398,063		4,525,332		1,753,542
Excess of Revenues Over										
(Under) Expenditures	(4,462,328)	_	(2,023,099)		(6,463,298)	 2,363,288		(4,525,332)		4,301,254
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers (Out)	-		718,944 (1,318,603)		687,750 (1,318,603)	743,950 (1,318,603)		-		56,200
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u> </u>	_	(599,659)		(630,853)	(574,653)		-		56,200
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance	(4,462,328)		(2,622,758)		(7,094,151)	\$ 1,788,635	\$	(4,525,332)	\$	4,357,454
Other Budgetary Items: Free Cash and Other Reserves Prior Year Encumbrances	4,462,328		2,622,758		2,631,823 4,462,328					
Total Other Budgetary Items	4,462,328		2,622,758		7,094,151					
NET BUDGET	\$ -	\$	•	\$	-					

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

TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS SCHEDULE OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, DEFERRED PROPERTY AND ROLLBACK TAXES JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

	Unc Julv	Uncollected Taxes Julv 1. 2021	Comm	Commitments	Abate a Adius	Abatements and Adiustments	Collec of Refi Overp	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpavments	Uncol Ta	Uncollected Taxes June 30. 2022	Ta Per June 3	Taxes Per Detail June 30. 2022
Real Estate Taxes:	¢				e				÷		ŧ	
Levy of 2022	A	t	21	21,119,815	\$	202,387	Å	26,417,181	\$	500,247	\$	500,247
Levy of 2021		583,218		t		3,627		433,724		145,867		145,867
Levy of 2020		168,641		ı		39,481		71,766		57,394		57,394
Levy of 2019		17,547		I		2,208		14,548		791		791
Levy of 2018		19		'		1		19		T		I
		769,425	27	27,119,815		247,703	5(26,937,238		704,299		704,299
Personal Property Taxes:												
Levy of 2022		I		643,522		11,240		605,895		26,387		26,387
Levy of 2021		24,841		ı		225		12,615		12,001		12,001
Levy of 2020		13,320		1		ı		4,928		8,392		8,392
Levy of 2019		9,519		'		67		2,569		6,853		6,853
Levy of 2018		4,965		ı		86		877		4,002		4,002
Prior Years		22,414		t		327		1,862		20,225		20,225
		75,059		643,522		11,975		628,746		77,860		77,860
Deferred Property Taxes		3,408		1		'				3,408		3,408
Rollback Taxes		41		12,715		-		12,715		4		T
Total Real Estate, Personal Property Deferred Property and Rollback Taxes	မ	847,933	\$ 27	27,776,052	φ	259,678	\$	27,578,699	÷	785,608	φ	785,567

	n	Uncollected Taxes			Abatements and	Collections Net of Refunds and	s Net	Uncollected Taxes	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail	ted ail
		July 1, 2021	Com	Commitments	Adjustments	Overpayments	- 1	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	2022
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:										
Levy of 2022	Ь	I	ŝ	905,414	9,315	\$ 790	790,451 \$	105,648	\$ 10	105,648
Levy of 2021		127,081		89,616	5,786	176	176,515	34,396	ň	34,396
Levy of 2020		41,901		5	1,557	22	22,905	17,444	-	17,444
Levy of 2019		17,510		ı	227	4	4,811	12,472	1	2,472
Levy of 2018		17,275		'	67	က	3,291	13,887	÷	3,887
Prior Years		53,029		1		~	1,366	51,663	5 D	51,663
		256,796		995,035	16,982	666	999,339	235,510	23	235,510
Vessel Excise Taxes:										
Levy of 2022		I		41,803	2,093	30	30,740	8,970		8,970
Levy of 2021		9,287		1	756		688	7,843		7,843
Levy of 2020		6,295		'	475		195	5,625		5,625
Levy of 2019		4,553		I	186		121	4,246		4,246
Levy of 2018		3,833		ł	233		30	3,570		3,570
Prior Years		22,108		ı	650		295	21,163	2	21,163
		46,076		41,803	4,393	32	32,069	51,417	5	51,417
Total Motor Vehicle and Vessel Excise Taxes	ŝ	302.872	\$	1.036.838	\$ 21.375	\$ 1 031 408	408	286.927	8 8 8	286.927
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TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND VESSEL EXCISE TAXES JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

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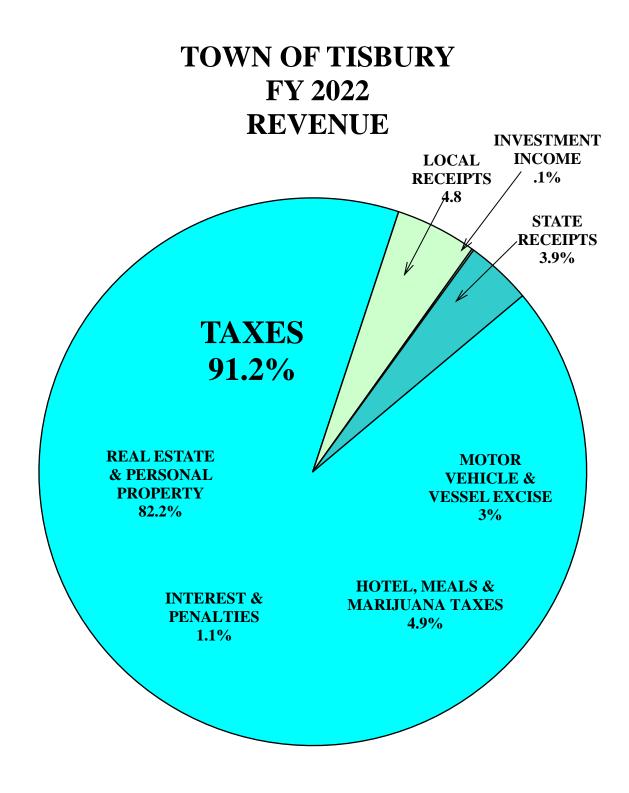
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	Jul Au	Uncollected Accounts July 1, 2021	ပိ	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	ပ်င်ပ	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Accounts June 30, 2022	od 122	Unco Acc Per June 3	Uncollected Accounts Per Detail June 30, 2022
General Fund: Tax Liens	ь	814,590 \$	ω	77,814 \$	ф	ب	234,929 \$	\$ 657,475 \$	475	ф	657,475
Non-Major Governmental Funds: Community Preservation: Tax Liens	ю	19,346 \$	ŝ	1,861 \$	ø	ده	4,756 \$		16,451 \$	÷	16,451

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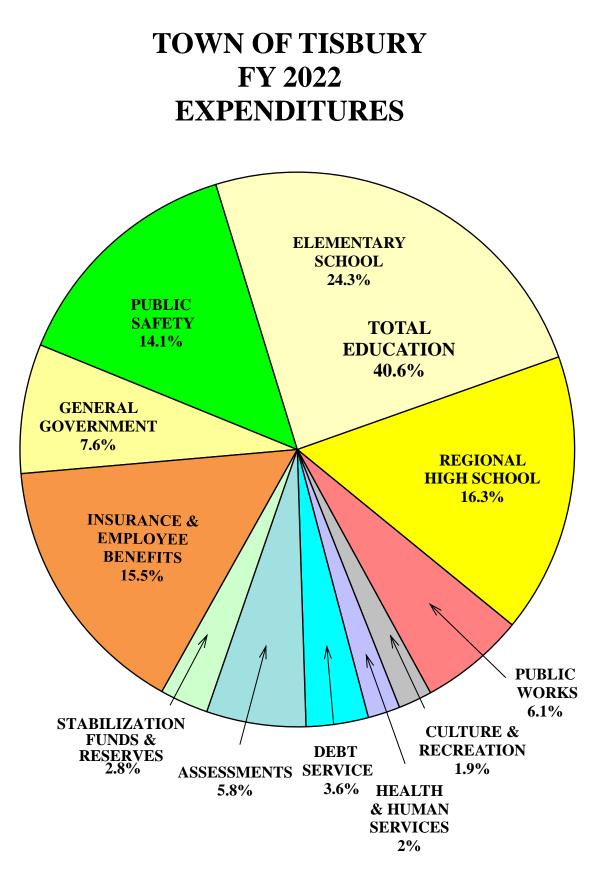
TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

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	Un Aul	Uncollected Accounts July 1, 2021	Comm	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Accounts June 30, 2022	Uncollected Accounts Per Detail June 30, 2022
General Fund: Ambulance	φ	587,916	φ	325,570	\$ (100)	\$ 253,476	\$ 660,110	\$ 660,110
Income & Expense Penalty: Levy of 2022 Levy of 2021 Levy of 2020		- 1,337 500		65,500 - -	33,756 - -	29,466 1,337 500	2,278 -	2,278 -
Total Income & Expense Penalty		1,837		65,500	33,756	31,303	2,278	2,278
Non-Major Governmental Funds: Moorings Receivable: Levv of 2022		1		156,085	ı	131,451	24,634	24,634
Levy of 2021		7,498		Ŧ	I	5,883	1,615	1,615
Levy of 2020		2,412		I	1	1	2,412	2,412
Levy of 2019		1,989		ı	ı	1	1,989	1,989
Levy of 2018		2,608			I	1	2,608	2,608
Prior Years		34,003		1	1	1	34,003	34,003
		48,510		156,085	1	137,334	67,261	67,261
Septic System Repair Program Loans	ans:	070 20				2 606	COC 1C	000 10
Program two		85.336		26.300	. 1	16.621	95.015	£1,332 95.015
)		110,314		26,300	1	20,207	116,407	116,407
Total Departmental Receivables	ъ	748,577	ю	573,455	\$ 33,656	\$ 442,320	\$ 846,056	\$ 846,056

TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL RECEIVABLES JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022



Suzanne E. Kennedy Town Accountant



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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

"A dog might destroy your shoes, but will never break your heart". - Unkown

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Tisbury,

This year the Animal Control Department logged in a total of 156 calls from September 6, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

2022 STATISTICS:

Dogs licensed Cats impounded Dogs impounded Cats hit by car Dogs transported to ASMV Cats brought to ASMV Dogs hit by car Cats found Barking dog complaints Cats reported missing Dogs surrendered	695 0 4 0 0 2 6 4 6 4 6 1	General animal concerns calls Dog bites to people General information calls Dog bites to other dogs Wildlife calls Dangerous/Nuisance dog Tropical bird calls General dog complaints Assist other depts./towns Animals taken to vet Animal cruelty calls	2 4 20 0 4 14 0 10 2 1 0
Cats returned to owner Deceased cats Deceased dogs Dogs killing fowl Cats left in car (summer) Dogs loose or missing Cats killed by dogs Dogs found or restrained Cat bites to people Dogs returned to owner Farm animal calls Dogs left in car (summer)	1 1 3 0 28 0 20 1 18 2 1		

I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself as your Animal Control Officer. I have completed the NACA and Core Competency training. The town of Tisbury sent me to the ACOAM Academy and I graduated in October. All of this training has givem me the knowledge and the confidence to do my job. The Animal Control Department would like to acknowledge the continued support of the Poilce Dept, the Selectboard, and the Citizens of Tisbury.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Maciel Animal Control Officer

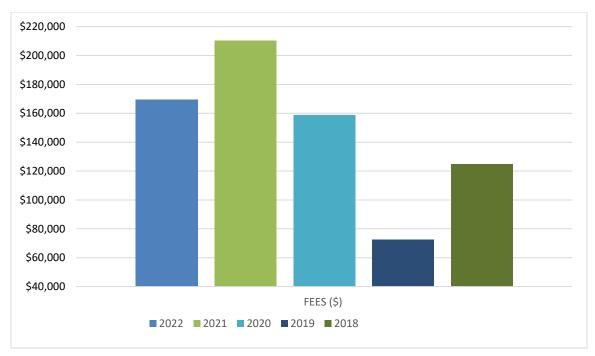
BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

The total number of building permits issued for calendar year 2022 is Four Hundred and Nine (409). This is a decrease of ninety-nine (99) permits from last year. The Department continues to administer all building, electrical, plumbing, and propane gas permits under the applicable Massachusetts codes. The Building Department staff is actively engaged with the Tisbury School construction team and ensure all inspections are conducted and all work is completed to code. We also continue to enforce Tisbury Zoning Bylaws for new projects and conduct enforcement to address bylaw violations.

We strive for consistent and fair administration of the Massachusetts Building Code and the Tisbury Zoning Bylaws to preserve public safety throughout the Town, and to ensure construction conforms to all development regulations.

		END OF THE YEAR DATA	
Commercial Permits		Residential Permits	
New Construction	4	Single Family Dwellings	16
Additions	6	Accessory Apartments	2
Renovations	35	Demolition	15
		Additions	21
		Accessory Structures	10
		Renovations	91
		Multi-Family Dwelling	2
		Minor Work Permit	184
		Other Types of Permits	
Signs	18	Solar Arrays	31
Wood Stoves	3	Swimming Pools	3
Sheet Metal	5	Tents	52
Alarm & Sprinkler System	ns 10	New Short Term Rentals	63
	TOTAL C	OST OF CONSTRUCTION IN TISBURY	

Commercial	\$6,137,005.00	Residential	\$ 45,047,130.29
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TOTAL FEES COLLECTED

Respectfully Submitted,

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

WIRING INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2022 a total of 263 (263 electrical permits were issued. This is a decrease of 27 permits from last year. The total of fees collected for all wiring permits and inspections during the calendar year of 2021 was \$76,410.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Gosselin Wiring Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2022 a total of 134 gas permits were issued. This is an increase of 7 permits from last year. Most were for installations of central heating systems, hot water heaters, and gas fireplaces. The total of fees collected for all gas permits and inspections during the calendar year of 2022 was \$28,740.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciancio Gas Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2022 a total of 130 plumbing permits were issued. This is an increase of 5 permits from last year. The total of fees collected for all plumbing permits and inspections during the calendar year of 2022 was \$32,260.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciancio Plumbing Inspector

TISBURY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging stills strives to meet the needs of the growing population of Tisbury seniors. We refer many of our Older Adults to Elder Services for Home Care Elder Services contracts with VNA of Cape Cod and Greater Boston Healthcare to provide Homecare, Meals on Wheels and other services for our Older Adults to enable them to stay in their homes. Many are also referred to the Supportive Day programs so the caregivers can get respite.

Catie Blakes's class in Functional Fitness which concentrates on strengthening, balance, flexibility and Agility still is very popular and meets every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We have gotten a lot of New participants in the past year.

Many of our programs: Play reading, Bridge, Ukulele, Susan Klein's creative writing and quilting have resumed.

The Council on Aging has applied for another grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities to Defray the cost of installing automatic doors to lead into the function room. Getting the automatic doors to continue to make the senior center more accessible to our Older Adults and those with disabilities.

Sandy Whitworth, our Activities Director, continues to try to come up programs that can be done through zoom. It is a challenge to try programs through zoom as many of our Older Adults may not have the technology to use zoom. We are also talking of getting a laptop to enable to put our events and programs on Facebook.

Attorney Bergeron is still giving his presentations on MVTV. He is taping his presentation and it is shown on the community channel. Attorney Bergeron is still seeing clients one on one at the senior center for anyone who needs legal assistance/advise. We hope to have Attorney Bergeron back doing his presentations in person at the senior center.

We always value our volunteers who help us in answering the phone and greet people when they come to the senior center, deliver holiday meals, help in food distribution, and special events held at the center Volunteers provide a great service to our community. We are always looking for volunteer to particularly work at our reception desk.

SHINE Counsellors are available to assist with providing assistance with Medical insurance claims and answer questions regarding insurance plans that would best serve their needs. Call the Senior center for information at 508-696-4205.

We still offer assistance programs ex: fuel assistance, help with SNAP (food stamps) housing, food, tax assistance during tax season, legal services are provided also by Elder Law attorney though Legal Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, who rotates to each Council on Aging each month. Call the Council on Aging to make an appointment.

Healthy Aging of Martha's Vineyard still works with the Council on Aging, the Vineyard Transit Authority and Martha's Vineyard Hospital to address transportation needs for Older Adults. A grant was also received to continue the Home Modification program to install ramps, grab bars, railings to make homes safe to prevent falls. Transportation is a major issue for Older Adults because it is difficult to get to off Island and on island doctors appointments. The Transit has a van going up to Boston on Tuesdays and in January 2023 they will be going to the eye clinic in Sandwich on Tuesdays. There is a Program called GoGo Grandparent which is a concierge program that one calls an 800 number and schedules a ride.

The 55 Plus Times that goes out the last Thursday issue of the Martha's Vineyard Times and the website <u>www.tisburyma.gov</u> has what is happening at the senior center.

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

Joyce Stiles-Tucker, Director Constance Teixeira, Chairperson Sandra Pratt, Secretary Tristan Israel Elanor 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 Road Commissioners 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:

Paving of the following roads:

Delano Road	Greenwood Ave
Authier	Leland Ave
Church Street	Spring Street
Daggett Ave	Fairfield



Parks and Recreation:

The Department recreation programs returned stronger than ever after the Covid 19 pandemic, our parks once again filled with laughter, smiles and music. Veterans Park was the home of its 3rd Beach Road Concert, which featured several island bands.

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 waterways 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 2023.

As we write this report we are dredging the Lake Tashmoo Channel. We once again reached an agreement with the Town of Edgartown to have their dredge and crew complete the project that was overseen by the Woods Hole Group.

The Harbor Department continues to operate an active boat pump out service. In 2022, utilizing two vessels, we pumped out 267 vessel's sewage holding tanks totaling 10,600 gallons. The dockside facility holding tank was emptied twice accounting for about 6,000 gallons. We pumped a total of about 16,600 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 43 Incidents during the year. 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.

The Harbor Department received a new patrol boat in June, just in time for the busy summer boating season. The vessel, manufactured by Eastern Boats in Milton, NH is 29' LOA with twin Yamaha 150hp outboards and a walkaround pilothouse. The Harbor Department worked together with the Fire Department to equip the vessel with marine firefighting capabilities.

We are very pleased to announce a new employee, Colleen Wilson. Colleen began working for the Town in May as the Natural Resources Assistant. She and Kim Elias were appointed as Assistant Harbormasters in June. In addition to her Harbor Dept duties Colleen also serves as an assistant to the Shellfish Constable. Colleen came to us from the USCG where she served for 10 years. Colleen will be attending Harbormaster Law Enforcement Training Academy beginning in January 2023.

Kim Elias, Natural Resources Administrative Assistant, attended the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Assn. Shellfish Constable Training Class last winter. The three-week class was held in March. Of course, Kim completed the exam with an above average pass grade.

Kim, Colleen and I participated in the Geographic Response Strategy Exercise facilitated by MA DEP held on October 18 in Katama Bay. This was a training exercise with Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and Tisbury including classroom instruction and hands on practice containing and redirecting a simulated oil spill.

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 assisted this summer by a number of seasoned high school students, who have been with us for the past few years. We also thank John Ryder who served as a seasonal Assistant Harbormaster for the past two years.

Revenue figures for FY 2020 are as follows:

	Acct	FY2022
Vessel Excise	416020	33,739
Mooring Application Fees	432104	4,565
Mooring Permit Fees	432020	131,451
Town Mooring Leases	432102	72,139
Dockage Fees	432103	18,565
Transient Mooring Fees	432101	78,700
New Mooring Fees	432107	600
Dinghy Stickers	432108	1,850
Parking Permit Fees	424303	1,150
Total		339,759

Respectfully submitted,

John Crocker Harbormaster

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

The Information Technology Department is responsible for the overall technical infrastructure of the Town which includes the WAN/LAN at each town building, data, servers, LAN peripherals, communications, software applications, user workstations, hardware, network security, cloud-based services such as email, backup, communication system, overall website maintenance/updates, local WiFi and end user support.

The Information Technology Department continues to be busy with new installations, upgrades and now planning for our newly upgraded website in the months to come. Launching of a new website with the goals of offering a positive experience for users and to efficiently disseminating information to our citizens with the latest technology in web design. Each department maintains their page and information to keep their section updated. There will be a new design, ease of use by drag-drop in the back end for users updating their respective page. This technology offers a newer, more efficient approach to doing business with our citizens, business community and our visitors.

The Information Technology Department continues to increase the bandwidth at town buildings. Routers at these locations continue to be upgraded to be able to handle the increased bandwidth. At the ESF building smart Promethean ActivePanel(s) were installed in the training room and Command Center to enable a hybrid meeting environment that are Zoom certified with cameras, speakers, video conferencing features and with a virtual professional training package. In addition, outside cameras were replaced with additional ones installed for inside the bays, and switches were upgraded in the server room.

A new credit card only parking Kiosk was installed using the Flowbird app, the parking has a fourhour limit and not overnight. At this time the parking lot will be used as a staging area for the material and equipment for the sidewalk upgrades on Main St., this should be completed by June. The IT Dept. acts as Help Desk offering daily support to end user issues, consulting services for projects and having technical vision for evolving WAN/LAN infrastructure. Cloud services will continue to expand town employees conduct file sharing with a cloud storage solution. Aging equipment will continue to be swapped out with new as time goes by as will the file servers. Emphasis has been given to the security of our LANs with a managed antivirus solution. Within the year updated policy and procedures will be implemented to further secure our data and systems. A broader cloud-based backup solution was implemented in the event data restoring is needed. User workstations continued to be upgraded in batches and this will continue.

The Technology 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 Citizens of Tisbury,

The Shellfish Department started out 2022 with the purchase a new Ford truck for the department paid for with money from the sale of our permits. We welcomed 2022 Charter School graduate, Brendan Donnelly, through the Lagoon Pond Association Summer internship Program. He worked with both Shellfish Departments on the pond, and brought his enthusiasm and a curiosity in learning all about bivalves throughout his internship he was engaged in all aspects of the Department. Brendan worked alongside Deputy Fred Benson and Shellfish Assistant/TWI's Tashmoo Ambassador Nelson Sigelman. At the end of his internship, he was hired part time to assist for the month of September, as quahog rafts, eelgrass rafts and scallop bags all had to be taken care of before the winter months arrived.

This Spring we welcomed Colleen Wilson to the Natural Resources Department, where she will be assisting both Harbor and Shellfish Departments. She was with the US Coast Guard before joining the team.

In March, Fred, Nelson and Kim Elias attended the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Shellfish Constable training course, which is offered every 3 years. This is an intensive 3-week course that goes into depths of what it takes to be a Shellfish Officer, things shellfish from history to biology, to health and diseases to enforcement of our fisheries. All three are now certified by the state as they have all passed the course.

June 18th we held our 6th annual Family Shellfish Day at the Lagoon, we had another great turn out and we recommend that people preregister for the lessons.

The Department continues to produce quahogs, scallops and even trying out oysters all spawned over at the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, this year we received bay scallops early (4/28) and they grew extremely well throughout the summer. The hatchery had provided us with millions more bay scallop seed over the course of the summer. The Department took extra care with the bay scallop seed as we want to make up for the slim adult population.

The ponds share a heathy quahog population, commercial and recreational fishermen alike We more than doubled our number of quahog rafts up in Lake Tashmoo to 8, space is definitely the limiting agent of where we put them, however because they grew quickly, we plan on strategically adding more in Tashmoo in hopes of mimicking their success. We had 12 quahog rafts in the Lagoon off Hine's Point.

As part of an ongoing habitat restoration project with the Shellfish Group, we had placed a couple of eelgrass rafts in the Lagoon. MVSG had reached out the Select Board seeking approval of quarantining off an acre in the Lagoon just south of the channel, East of Hine's Point, for us to plant eelgrass that was passively harvested from adjacent ponds. Unfortunately, due to the location of this acre, wakes from boats and rogue jet-skis, we had trouble keeping the eelgrass

within the rafts. In 2023 we plan on changing up our technique and design to accommodate for the loss.

As always, the department continues to work with MVSG, other pond groups, departments, the MVC, DMF, for the health of the ponds. Whether it is eelgrass or plankton monitoring to bacteria testing we are available, and aid where needed.

The private aquaculture industry develops in the Lagoon, as we have three approved sites. Every one of the sites are located up the pond and are marked with yellow buoys. All the aquaculturists have been approved to buy and raise oysters and bay scallops.

Shellfish by the Numbers:

	Quahogs	Steamers	Bay Scallops
Recreational amount (in bushels)	117	11	13
Commercial amount (in bushels)	886	10	
Total bushels	1003	21	13
Total \$/bushel (approx.)	\$255	\$300	\$200
Total Value	\$255,765	\$6,300	\$2,600
Total Commercial Value using DMF 3.5 economic multiplier (based off commercial limits, this is use by the division to show how much money	\$790,755	\$10,500	\$

use by the division to show how much money from shellfishing circulated throughout the community)

Permits Sold:

Senior Residents (\$5)	194 = \$970
Residents (\$40)	163 = \$6520
Commercial (\$350)	9 = \$3150
Year-round non-resident (\$400)	4 = \$1600
Short term non-resident (\$25-75)	161 = \$5175

Totals: 531 = \$ 17,415

Sincerely, Danielle Ewart Tisbury Shellfish Constable



WASTEWATER

Honorable Select Board and fellow Citizens of Tisbury:

The Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility (TWWTF) treated 15,205,459 gallons of flow in 2022, compared to the previous years flow of 16,925,726 gallons. This reduction in 1,720,267 gallons (4,713.06 gpd) can be attributed to the removal of elicit connections and ground water infiltration and well as the diversion of stormwater from the collection system. The Wastewater Department staff has been busy this year completing projects and planning for future improvements. Last year's bypass instillation has allowed for the completion of the Union Street lift station repairs and improvements. The Robert B. Our corporations have just been awarded the contract to begin construction on the Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrades which is a major step towards the much-anticipated B-2 Sewer District to come online. Additionally, The Wastewater Department will this spring be installing a new low pressure sewer station at the Tisbury Harbor Masters Office for Boat pump outs due to a grant received under the American Recue Plan Act (ARPA).

		Influent	Effluent		Lbs	TSS
2022	Gallons	Total N	Total N	Removal %	Removed	Removal %
Jan.	1,168,553	68.32	5.98	91.25	607.55	96.19
Feb.	1,059,956	64.24	3.04	95.27	541.01	97.85
March	1,057,952	90.37	4.45	95.08	758.07	97.12
April	1,067,913	80.26	4.07	94.93	678.55	97.35
May	1,174,427	78.23	3.34	95.73	733.48	98.73
June	1,485,359	69.30	1.33	98.08	842.01	98.50
July	1,747,291	68.00	3.10	95.45	945.82	98.74
Aug.	1,748,232	78.29	4.01	94.88	1,083.07	98.96
Sept	1,409,767	62.57	3.97	93.66	688.99	99.28
Oct.	1,175,253	68.00	5.13	92.46	616.23	94.44
Nov.	1,038,162	67.00	3.40	94.92	550.62	98.36
Dec.	1,072,594	64.00	5.17	91.92	526.22	96.88
TOTAL	15,205,459					
Average	41,628	71.55	3.92	94.47	714.30	97.70
Top Flow Day	66,861	(Aug 3rd)				

This year has brought a couple of changes in the Wastewater Department Staff. In July, Mike Alberice was promoted to the position of Chief Operator and in November, Eric Alexander accepted the position of Junior Plant Operator. With Mike's Promotion and the addition of Eric we are moving closer to our goals of becoming more efficient in our day to day operations.

Respectfully, Jared Meader, Wastewater Superintendent

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Entering year three of the COVID pandemic the Board of Health prioritized public health education and outreach as a means of protecting the health of Tisbury residents. Throughout the year the Tisbury Board of Health continued their collaboration with other Island Boards of Health, Island Health Care, Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Community Ambassadors Partnership to ensure vaccinations and COVID testing were widely available. Over the course of the year the Vax Bus visited the Island 9 times vaccinating 2,379 individuals. The Tisbury Board of Health also distributed over 8,000 free COVID test kits obtained from the Federal Government through our partnership with Island Health Care. Free test kits and N95 masks are still available through the Board of Health office, town hall and library.

2022 Monthly Cases

Martha's Vineyard 2022 COVID statistics - 4,153 Positive Cases (1/1/22 – 12/29/22)

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

In January, 2022 revised Tisbury Board of Health regulations requiring that new systems within the Lake Tashmoo and Lagoon Pond Watersheds meeting certain triggers install advanced technology capable of achieving a nitrogen discharge level of 13 mg/L went into effect. In addition to reducing nitrogen degradation of our ponds and waterways, these regulations put us in a good position to comply with proposed Mass DEP regulatory revisions requiring greater nitrogen treatment as part of our wastewater planning.

The Town of Tisbury continued their participation in the Public Health Excellence Grant Program through a partnership with other Island towns and the Island of Nantucket Boards of Health, and our public health nursing services provider, Island Health Care. The Grant Program currently funds a community health specialist and a wildlife biologist, shared by the seven communities on the two Islands. These positions will help the Islands work on issues related to vector-borne illnesses and addressing public health and mental health disparities in the communities. In the new year the grant group hopes to hire a regional health inspector to assist participating towns as needed.

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

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

The Board of Health has moved to hybrid meetings so that the public may join in person or 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 2022:

Pumpout Permits	\$12,120.00
Food Permits	\$18,090.00
Disposal Works Applications	\$12,800.00
Other	\$ 9,225.00
TOTAL	\$52,235.00

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM BOYD MICHAEL D. LOBERG JEFFREY C. PRATT, chairman

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

"History is who we are and why we are the way we are." David McCullough

To Tisbury Town Residents:

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) enables Massachusetts Communities to levy a surcharge of property tax bills to raise funds to expand their community's open space, historic, recreational, and affordable housing assets. At Annual Town Meeting in 2005, the Town voted to adopt the provisions of the Community Preservation Act, which established a nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) which receives applications for funding and makes recommendations to the Town. The CPC helps develop and administer projects funded with CPA monies.

The CPA funds are derived from a 3% surcharge on real estate taxes, supplemented annually by state funds from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund. Each year, depending on revenues, the State pays a percentage of the surcharge to the Town. The supplemental funding percentages for each year are as follows:

FY 2006 - 100%	FY 2011 - 37.1%	FY 2016 - 27.6%	FY 2021 - 65.0%
FY 2007 - 100%	FY 2012 - 36.9%	FY 2017 - 23.2%	FY 2022 - 43.0%
FY 2008 - 90.4%	FY 2013 - 73.5%	FY 2018 - 27.1%	
FY 2009 - 50.2%	FY 2014 - 43.0%	FY 2019 - 34.7%	
FY 2010 - 39.9%	FY 2015 - 39.7%	FY 2020 - 42.0%	

This translates into \$4,085,772 of State funding since the adoption of the Community Preservation Act by the Town of Tisbury.

The Community Preservation Committee encourages participation by interested community members. All recommended projects are specifically voted on at Town Meeting by the citizens of Tisbury. Information about the CPC and the projects currently under consideration is available on the Town website:

https://www.tisburyma.gov/community-preservation-committee

Tisbury has appropriated \$12,099,251 over the past sixteen years, FY 2006 - FY 2022. In fiscal year 2022 the following CPC projects completed include:

- Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing Mortgage Paydown
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Rental Assistance
- Island Autism Center Land Purchase Affordable Housing Predevelopment
- Kuehn's Way Affordable Housing 20 Apartments
- Owen Park Bandstand Design

- American Legion Building Restoration
- Historic Town Clerk Records Preservation
- LaFrance Historic Firetruck Restoration
- Eastville Beach Rehabilitation
- Firehouse Parking/Veteran's Park Walkway Development
- Veteran's Park Basketball Court
- Kayak Racks Owen Park, Lake Tashmoo, Lagoon Pond

The CPC welcomes comments, suggestions and invites applications for funding in any of the eligible categories, Historic Resources, Community Housing, and Open Space/Recreation. Eligibility guidelines, application instructions and timelines are posted on the website shown above.

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

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

The Tisbury Master Plan Steering Committee is a ten-member board appointed by the Planning Board. Its primary responsibilities are providing guidance to the Barrett Planning Group (BPG), the hired consultant lead for the Town Master Plan, and ensuring the planning process is inclusive of and responsive to the many stakeholder groups addressed in the Plan.

Steering Committee formation took place in April and May, with monthly meetings held between its members and BPG. The Martha's Vineyard Museum has graciously hosted the meetings and has served as the Committee's anchor venue. We thank them for being such wonderful and generous hosts.

Numerous community engagement meetings took place during the summer to ensure seasonal residents had a chance to contribute before leaving the island. Once Fall began, the Committee organized and facilitated outreach meetings with key stakeholder groups using a range of sites: Tisbury Senior Center, FUEL headquarters, the West Chop Club, and the Zoom platform. All of these meetings have been documented with extensive summaries provided to the consultant team. Informational interviews of key town staff and interest groups have also been conducted by Barrett Planning Group, along with their project partners.

Commercial District Visioning Workshops and Walking Tours were held the third weekend in October by project partners, Dodson & Flinker. Over 40 community members attended these workshops held in the St. Augustine's Church Hall. The presentations and visioning work covered strengths, challenges, and opportunities for the three commercial districts in town and were structured around the following themes: transportation, environment and climate resilience, businesses and housing, and design and placemaking. February workshops will incorporate the ideas and opportunities generated at the church, with concept schematics presented as alternatives to existing conditions.

A presentation of Themes & Issues facing the community was hosted virtually by Barrett Planning Group that same month. Seventy participants – from the public at large to town staff to civic volunteers - attended this event with extensive time dedicated afterwards to discussion.

The Committee thanks the Planning Board, their Assistant Amy Upton, along with numerous town department leads for their willingness to speak candidly, share their insights, provide tours and track down valuable resources for the consultant team as they complete their Existing Conditions phase of the report. We are also grateful to the Library, Senior Center, Fire Safety, and FUEL staff for allowing us use of their meeting space for outreach meetings.

Steering Committee meetings take place the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm inside the classroom space of the MV Museum. They are open to the public and typically hosted in hybrid format for those who would prefer to tune in from a remote device. Please reach out to Dan Doyle (doyle@mvcommission.org), Tisbury Master Plan Administrator if you would like to get

involved and visit the Master Plan website – <u>www.tisburymasterplan.com</u> to see our project timeline and learn about upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Roach Susannah Bristol Lyndsay Famariss, Chair Pricila Vilaca Mary Ellen Larsen Cheryl Doble, Planning Board Representative Elissa Turnbull Nikeya Tankard Rick Homans Melinda Loberg



OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Select Board, works closely with the Department of Public Works (DPW) and collaborates with Island conservation groups and the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) to implement the town's 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The full plan is available on the Open Space and Recreation page of the town website. Committee members meet on a regular basis with the DPW director to discuss ongoing maintenance at our parks, and to prioritize planning efforts to address identified needs and desired improvements.

Park and Recreation Improvements

This past summer under the guidance of David McNamara, West Chop Tennis director, the West Chop tennis pros taught free clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Lake Street courts for Tisbury residents of all ages. The program offered Adult, Teen and Children's clinics attended by Tisbury residents. The Committee and program participants expressed enthusiasm and appreciation for this generous contribution by the West Chop Tennis Program. Planning is underway to continue this program next summer at the newly restored Church Street tennis courts.

The Church Street Tennis Courts were totally rebuilt with a larger regulation size footprint for the two courts. The parking lot will be redone once the courts are fully completed. The Lake Street tennis courts will be repaired and resurfaced to create one regulation-size tennis court and three pickle ball courts. This work should be completed by spring 2023.

At Owen Park, a new path was completed from the upper terrace to the Harbormaster's building and construction drawings are underway for a new bandstand. The committee began work to expand and improve the experience of the natural areas at the Tashmoo Spring Building. A meandering mowed walking path through the field above the Spring Building provides a pleasant 15-minute walk. Benches will be added next summer. Plans are also underway to remove invasive species around the Spring Pond and to construct a viewing area and kayak landing at the south end of Lake Tashmoo.

In June 2022 community members participated in a planning workshop to discuss improvements and new programing for Lake Street Park. Based on ideas generated at that meeting the committee is developing design alternatives that will be shared with the community during 2023. A drainage and recreation study for Veteran's Park by the Horsley Witten Group is currently underway with support from CPA funds. Horsley Witten conducted interviews with key stakeholders regarding issues and park uses and completed field work to identify areas where stormwater could be better managed. Recreation/drainage plans will be completed in the spring of 2023.

With CPA funding, the Committee and DPW continue to make annual improvements to facilitate access and use of our parks by all residents through the addition of ADA parking, accessible pathways, bike racks, and ADA compliant benches and picnic tables.

Planning for Pedestrian and Bike Networks

The committee continues to strive for a network of pedestrian and bike routes through town, connecting neighborhoods to one another and to town parks. The Committee is working with the MVC Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the West Tisbury Complete Streets Committee to identify bike routes that will safely lead up island from the ferry terminal.

Working with the MVC, the committee has completed two StoryMaps that provide self-guided walking tours in Vineyard Haven. This web-based tool combines route information with descriptions, photos and historical information, including valuable input from the Martha's Vineyard Museum. They are posted on the Open Space and Recreation page of the Town website and the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce Web page.

Improving/Expanding Waterfront Access

The Committee recognizes the value of the small neighborhood beaches located at the end of Town roads. Improvements to the parking lot and widening the beach path at Owen Little Way Beach completed over the past year will be followed by the addition of a bike rack, picnic table and mats providing ADA access from the parking area to the beach in 2023.

In Partnership with the Sherriff's Meadow Foundation and support from the Land Bank, a Blue Trail has been proposed that will link a series of canoe and kayak landing areas on conservation and town properties on Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo.

Working with Vineyard Wind, the town has secured \$400,000 to improve public access, develop public gathering areas and water access at Lagoon Harbor Park on the south side of the Beach Road causeway.

Preservation of Open Space and the Town Master Plan

The Open Space and Recreation Committee is participating in the current Tisbury Master Planning process, which is studying long-term stewardship and protection of our important open space and recreation resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Doble James Burrows Gerard Hokanson Henry Stephenson Carolyn Wallis

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 Friday of the month at 1:00 pm.

In 2022 the Board met to discuss the following matters:

The Board conducted a Management and Profession classification and compensation study.

The Board approved a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 6.9 % for Fiscal Year 2024 for Managerial & Professional Wage Scale and the Seasonal, Temporary and Part-time scale.

Updating of existing policies and procedures in relation to benefits, vacation and hours of work. Updating the town Personnel bylaw which will continue to update until it is aligned with current standards and practices.

Transition planning for departments to maintain institutional knowledge. Creating a Human Resource department to address a growing need in the town. As always, the board is Looking for areas where the town can improve to ensure a fair and equitable system.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schilling, Chair

Marilyn Wortman

Christine Redfield

PLANNING BOARD

2022 STRATEGIC PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR THE FUTURE OF TISBURY

The Tisbury Planning Board has been actively involved in a number of important planning projects in 2022. Tisbury has been making effective progress addressing concerns and implementing activities and changes to accommodate the growing needs of the Town. In particular, we are excited to have begun the Master Plan process, approved overwhelmingly at town meeting, in partnership with Barrett Planning Group (LLC). Creation of a Steering Committee has been finalized and many devoted Tisbury residents are actively examining current conditions and assessing trends and predictions. In tandem with the Master Plan work, Planning Board members collaborate with other town departments and committees to address various issues affecting the quality of life for all Tisbury residents.

MASTER PLAN

Over the winter of 2022, and after a lengthy review process, a consultant was chosen that has the understanding, experience, and expertise to collaborate with us to prepare our Tisbury Master Plan. We were pleased to welcome The Barrett Planning Group (LLC) who quickly got right down to work with us. In the early spring, a Master Plan Steering Committee was developed that represents the diversity of the Tisbury community. These wonderful volunteers spend long hours working with the consultant team in an advisory capacity to review their work, and support community outreach. Over the summer many community workshops were held to afford opportunities for citizens to come together and brainstorm the strengths and weaknesses before us as a town. Throughout the fall there have been various stakeholder meetings looking at specific sectors of the town in search of beneficial initiatives. Throughout 2023 there will be a variety of ways for townspeople to engage in this important work. The Master Plan will help to inform Tisbury on critical decision making over the next 5, 10 and 20 Years. Collaborating with us on the Master Plan is Dan Doyle, special projects planner, for the Martha's Vineyard Commission. We encourage all residents to engage and visit the Tisbury Master Plan website and social media on a regular basis. https://www.tisburymasterplan.com/ @tisburymasterplan

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

In March, Patricia Harris, our longtime Planning Board Administrator, retired. We want to acknowledge and thank her for three decades of dedication to building this Planning Department and keeping it on a steady and even keel. Due to her diligent and carefully curated documentation of all things Planning, she left us with a wealth of information to draw upon. In July, we were grateful to welcome Amy Upton as our new Planning Board Administrator. She has stepped into some large shoes, and has faced some potentially daunting responsibilities, but has shown herself to be capable and gracious in her new role. Along with the skilled and professional assistance of

some key staff additions to our team, The Tisbury Planning Board is ready and willing to engage in the challenges and the possibilities we face in the year ahead.

Before Pat retired, with the help of 2022 Town Building Commissioner Ross Seavey, they developed a user-friendly special permit portal, which effectively upgrades the permitting process into the technological era. All permitting will be online via forms and permits at the Town of Tisbury homepage. <u>https://tisburyma.viewpointcloud.com</u>. One of Amy's tasks is to update and maintain the Planning Board Landing Page to assist Residents in accessing relevant information and engaging with the Board in the Planning Process.

CLIMATE CHANGE

If this issue was of critical concern last year, it has reached a crisis level this year. The regular flooding of Five Corners, which historically has been more of a rare occurrence, confirms the position we are in. Recognizing the importance of including climate change in all aspects of our planning, the Planning Board worked with the Town Administrator and the Select Board to create a Climate Committee. Together the two boards drafted a committee charge and outlined its specific tasks. The Committee will work to protect and enhance the Town's safety, health, natural assets, and fiscal stability by enhancing community understanding and engagement in the climate crisis, by developing and recommending emergency and adaptation strategies that will strengthen the Town's resilience, and by establishing goals and policy leading to increased sustainability and greatly reduced reliance on extracted resources. The Committee will work closely with the MVC regional initiatives, advise, and support the Select Board, town departments and boards on energy and climate matters.

The Planning Board is working closely with the newly hired Climate Change Planner at the MVC. One of our Board members is the chair of the MVC Climate Action Task Force and two members serve on the Climate Resilience Committee. This fall, the MVC received funding from the Mass Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program to prepare an island-wide Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is a regional community-based planning process that will develop island-wide goals, 5–10-year objectives with associate actions and an implementation plan. A member of the Tisbury Climate Committee serves on the steering committee guiding this project. The Climate Committee reached out to recruit town residents to serve on each of the 6 working groups preparing the plan, assuring Tisbury representation and input in this important process.

BOARD PARTICIPATION ON CURRENT TOWN PLANNING PROJECTS

All-Island Planning Board – In the spirit of collaboration, The All-Island Planning Board has reconvened to discuss common issues and concerns that affect the whole Island. At the top of the list right now is the housing crisis.

CWMP Plan – The Planning Board is working closely with the Water Resource Committee and is nearing completion on the development of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan that will accompany the Master Plan work.

PROJECT REVIEW

Individual members of the Planning Board participate in the following:

- All-Island Planning Board
- Community Preservation Committee
- Land Bank Advisory Committee
- Martha's Vineyard Commission
- Open Space and Recreation Committee
- Sewer Advisory Committee
- Site Plan Review Board
- Tisbury Housing Committee
- VTA Advisory Board
- Tisbury Climate Committee
- Water Resource Committee

FINAL THOUGHTS

2023 will be an exciting planning year for Tisbury with many opportunities for the community to participate in shaping Tisbury's future. We look forward to working with other Island boards, departments, committees, and residents, to achieve the best results for our community.

Visit us online for more detailed and updated information.

www.tisburyma.gov/planning-board

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Alexander Casey Hayward Benjamin Robinson, Chairperson Cheryl Doble, Clerk Elaine T. Miller

TISBURY AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

The committee met several times in fiscal year 2022. Laura Barbera, the long-time chair, retired. In addition, the long-term Scribe, Marni Lipki, also retired. We appreciate all their years of dedicated service.

The main discussions for the fiscal year involved setting goals and objectives for the AHC and looking for a contract employee to assist with information gathering and working with other towns' AHC. A budget/warrant article was prepared for the fiscal 2024 year and annual town meeting.

A new program was brought to the AHC related to helping individuals in the 81 percent to 99 percent, average area median income (AMI). Melissa Vincent of The Resource Inc explained the need for the program and referred to the Oak Bluffs and Edgartown programs. No decision was made, but it did stimulate a conversation of those "too rich" to be qualify via AMI, but cash poor to be able to reroof their house of other high dollar capital improvement project.

A proposal to use of 173 Spring Street (across from the Tisbury School) was suggested by the Chair for Teacher and Town Employee parking. Members were concerned about moving forward with that while the school was under construction.

New members, two, have been recruited to join the AHC filling out the committee to its full membership of 7. With some new faces and ideas, we look forward to fiscal 2024 and moving forward in offering solutions for the affordable housing crisis that is rampant.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Seidman, Chair

TISBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION WILLIAM STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Tisbury Historical Commission and the William Street Historic District Commission are a seven-member board appointed by the select board. The William Street Historic District Commission is a legally constituted governing entity within the Town of Tisbury and is responsible for preserving the District's historic character.

The board members of Tisbury Historical and William Street Historic are the same. As William Street Historic District Commission, we are entrusted with preserving and protecting 55 properties on the State and National Register of Historic Places. As Tisbury Historical Commission, we are asked by the local building inspectors or the MVC to give our recommendations on properties over 100 years old that lie outside the Historic District.

The board of the Tisbury Historical Commission and William Street Historic District Commission has experienced a year of significant change. With the devastating loss of our long-time chairman Harold Chapdelaine, the board has had to reorganize without his steady and knowledgeable hand on the tiller.

This year the William Street Historic Commission has received and approved seven applications for renovations within the district; and one denial. As Tisbury Historical Commission, we have worked with the Martha's Vineyard Commission on four projects considered to be a Development of Regional Impact.

We have met with the Select Board and Town Administrator for the first time to voice our goals and request assistance with secretarial duties, legal aid, and recruitment of more members and alternates.

As we advance into 2023, we hope to update the current William Street Historic By-Laws (last edited in 1991) and present them at the annual Town meeting as required for any changes. We expect the language changes will make the application process for district residents less cumbersome yet still follow the same design and by-law guidelines that protect our beautiful neighborhood.

The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of every month at a new time of 4:00 p.m. currently in person, please check the Town website for venue location as it's subject to change. Meetings are open to the public, and all interested persons are welcome to attend. Every meeting agenda is posted with the Town Clerks' office on the posted hearing notices board.

The Commission would also welcome any and all interested citizens willing to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Redfield	Judith E. Federowicz	John Bacheller	Craig Whitaker	Paul Lazes
Polly Simpkins	Leo Cristian	Dawn Braasch	Bow Van Riper	

TISBURY WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Tisbury:

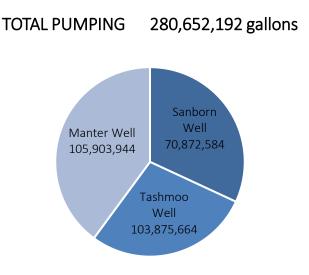
Please accept this as the official annual report of the Tisbury Water Works for 2022.

Tisbury Water Works replaced 172 water meters, installed 1,830 feet of water main on Harbor View, Oak Tree Ln and Pine Tree Ln which included 2 new fire hydrant installations and renewals of 27 water services in 2022. The increased fire flow and water quality have proven this project to again be a continued improvement on infrastructure for the town.

The Sanborn well rehabilitation project was completed in 2022 to continue providing safe, clean drinking water to the citizens of Tisbury.

The Hydrant Flushing Program was completed in early April. Every water main in the system is flushed annually and any hydrant that requires maintenance is addressed. The hydrant flushing enhances water quality and ensures that all our hydrants are operational. There are now 315 hydrants in the system.

The wells produced the following water during 2022:



As represented from the above chart, the total gallons pumped for the year 2022 was 280,652,192. The maximum daily pumping was 1,995,088 gallons on August 6th,2021. The maximum week was 12,689,296 gallons during the week of August 1st through August 7th.The average gallons per day was 771,023 gallons per day in 2022. There was 42 inches of rainfall for 2022 measured at the Tashmoo Well.

During Year 2022, the Water Works collected \$2,196,321 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 2022. 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,, 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.

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-ninth year of outstanding service as the Board's Administrator. Further thanks go to the Building/Zoning Department, Planning Board and Board of Health for their continued cooperation. We are sorry to report that members John Guadagno and Brandon Smith are no longer serving, but new members Akeyah Lucas and Richard Homans have joined the board.

ZBA CASES					
NAME PARCEL CASE SUBJECT					
PACIELLO, LOUIS	36-A-7	2438	SP FOR DEMO AND REBUILD IN SHORE ZONE		
BEGLEY, KEVIN	40-A-19	2439	VARIANCE FROM SETBACK		
BENFORD, STEPHEN	5-A-21	2440	SP FOR REBUILD ON A PE/NC LOT		
RAU, WILLIAM	24-A-22.7	2441	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE		
MAD MARTHA'S LLC	7-D-12	2442	SP FOR FOOD SERVICE (UNION STREET)		
BOURSIQUOT, PIERRE	20-A-8	2443	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
COMSTOCK, LINDA	55-A-5	2444	SP TO REBUILD A PE/NC STRUCTURE		
WARNER, DAWN & WILLIAM	8-N-22	2445	SP TO RAISE FOWL		
SEGUIN, PAUL	24-A-24.3	2446	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT		

Cases handled by the Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2022 are as follows:

ZBA CASES					
NAME PARCEL CASE SUBJECT					
GUSTALL LLC	29-C-4	2447	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE AND POOL		
DONAHUE, RBT (SAG AVE RLTY TR)	29-A-4	2448	SP TO RECONSTRUCT & HEIGHT MODIFICATION		
PETRICONE, MARC	53-A-3.9	2449	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT		
ZEILER, JOHN TR	66-A-10	2451	SP TO CONSTRUCT NEW RESIDENCE (WITHDRAWN)		
CRONIN, MARK TR	4-G-7	2452	SP TO EXPAND A PE/NC STRUCTURE		
KUFFIE'S PT LLC	59-B-12	2453	SP FOR ADDITION IN SHORE ZONE		
HUNTON, SIMON	12-B-15	2454	SP RENEWAL FOR B&B		
AGASSI, XERXES	8-B-8	2455	SP TO EXPAND A PE/NC USE & STRUCTURE		
DORI, ERIC	37-A-3	2456	SP TO RAISE FOWL		
ALEXANDER, PAUL	11-A-41	2457	SP FOR HEIGHT MODIFICATION		
ZEILER, JOHN TR	66-A-10	2458	WITHDRAWN		
RILEY, GILBERT	59-B-7.1	2459	SP TO RECONSTRUCT & MOD OF HEIGHT RESTRICTION		
ZEILER, JOHN TR	66-A-10	2460	VARIANCE DENIAL		
ZEILER, JOHN	66-A-10	2461	SP FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN SHORE ZONE		
22 HATCH ROAD LLC	5-F-3	2462	SP FOR HEIGHT MODIFICATION IN COASTAL		
SEATON, ROBERT	8-C-11	2463	SP FOR FOOD SERVICE		
BROWN, WILLIAM	14-A-6	2465	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT		
SEARLE, PETER	4-B-18.2	2466	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE		
SHELDON, SPRING	7-N-4	2467	SP FOR FOOD SERVICE		
REED, DAVID	16-N-4	2468	FSP FOR ADDITION IN SHORE ZONE		
SAUTER, DAVID	26-B-20.2	2469	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE		
A2Z RESTAURANT	7-N-6	2470	EXTENSION OF SPECIAL PERMIT		
MASEDA, PRESTON	5-M-3.1	2471	VARIANCE FROM MINIMUM FRONTAGE		
COLE, KENNETH	59-B-9	2472	SP FOR ADDITION IN SHORE ZONE		
MV STONEGATE LLC	35-A-1.06	2473	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
WELCH, SHERYL	21-B-15	2474	SP TO RAISE FOWL		
MCCORMICK, CYBELE	35-A-1.11	2475	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
HOMANS, RICHARD	36-A-9.1	2476	SP FOR ADDITION IN SHORE ZONE		
HOBART, MATTHEW	4-H-2	2478	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT		
LEDDEN, WILLIAM & TARA, DMALDO	4-A-6.6	2479	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT		
PETRICONE MARC	53-A3.9	2479	SP TO STABLE HORSES		
JALISI,SHAHRUKH	35-B-1.2	2481	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
JOHNSON, BRODERICK	53-A-3.12	2482	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
GILPIN, ROBERT	29-D-2	2483	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE		
CONKLIN, J. HILLARY	27-A-31.12	2484	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT		
HALBY, ILA BRIGGS	30-B-2	2485	SP FOR HEIGHT MODIFICATION		
TAVARES, ALBERTINA	55-A-8.2	2486	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
HURD, KENNETH	52-A-7	2487	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE		
SIMPSON, ROBERT	24-A-24.2	2488	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL		
MILLER, NILZETE	24-D-8.1	2490	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE		

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CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Tisbury Representative – Kirk Metell

Cape Light Compact JPE is an intergovernmental organization consisting of the 21 towns on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard and Duke's County. The Compact's mission is to serve our 205,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, and renewable competitive electricity supply.

Effective July 1, 2017, the Cape Light Compact reorganized itself as a joint powers entity pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 4A1/2, becoming the first joint powers entity in Massachusetts. Reorganizing as a joint powers entity protects member towns from potential liabilities and mandates greater financial accountability through expanded reporting requirements to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and member Towns, and designation of Treasury functions to an independent entity.

POWER SUPPLY

During calendar year 2022 (CY22), the Compact's power supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in CY22 remained price-competitive with the utility's basic service residential price, while also being 100% renewable.

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact power supply customers' annual electricity usage above the mandated state requirements with voluntary renewable energy certificates (RECs) to provide a 100% renewable product. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod. In addition, NextEra deposits all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

The Compact received energy and RECs from a solar PV project, Farmington Solar, in Maine. The Compact entered into a long-term fixed price contract for energy and Class 1 RECS from just under 5 MW of this project as part of the Compact's commitment to renewable energy and price stability.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes during the winter months. Over the last fifteen years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production; however, natural gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. This creates a supply shortage of natural gas for electricity production during winter cold snaps, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England power supply customers. Until such time as this issue is resolved, either through additional natural gas or electric transmission infrastructure, demand reduction, or other targeted programs, the possibility of future high winter pricing remains, and as such, consumers should still expect seasonal pricing fluctuations for the foreseeable future.

This winter especially, consumers should expect to see a significant increase in electricity prices. These increases in prices reflect the increase in New England-wide wholesale electricity market prices which is largely driven by increased natural gas prices due to the war in Ukraine and a reduction of alternative sources of electricity generation (e.g., coal, nuclear). The Compact will continue to seek ways to help customers reduce their electricity costs through innovative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2022, the Compact had approximately 2,967 electric accounts in the Town of Tisbury on its power supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local and state level.

In CY22, the Compact focused on the following regulatory proceedings at the MassachusettsDepartmentofPublicUtilities(DPU):

- Grid modernization (DPU docket 21-80):
 - The Compact participated in this docket with a focus on ensuring that customers on the Cape and Vineyard are able to benefit from Eversource's proposed grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investments. The Compact's key concern is that municipal aggregations and their competitive suppliers be able to access the data available through smart meters in order to design and offer time varying electric rates to their customers.
- Electric vehicles (DPU docket 21-90):
 - The Compact participated in this docket with a focus on ensuring that Cape & Vineyard customers are able to benefit from the Make Ready incentives available to customers for installing electric vehicle supply equipment. The docket remains open.
- Eversource rate case (DPU docket 22-22):
 - This rate case determines the charges Eversource is allowed to impose on the distribution side of the electric bill, meaning that this rate case affects all residents and businesses on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.
 - The Compact focused on Eversource's rate design proposal to advocate for equitable allocation of costs between rate groups and rate classes.
 - The Compact also focused on the bill impacts of Eversource's proposed increase to the fixed customer charge.
- Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) (DPU docket 20-145):

• The Compact participated in this docket with a focus on allowing customers of municipal aggregations to benefit from the SMART program's Low-Income Community Shared Solar incentives. The docket remains open.

In the fall of CY22, the Compact redesigned its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) to align with legislation that passed as part of the Massachusetts Climate Act in the summer of 2022. The redesigned CVEO would serve 100 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. A limited number of customers would also receive battery storage. The Compact filed its redesigned CVEO with the DPU in November 2022 and awaits an order.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer "energy conservation" charge on each customers' electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$0.04053 for residential customers and \$0.01726 for commercial and industrial customers).

Jan – Dec 2022	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	9	\$0	-3,656	\$300,970.86
Residential	401	\$18,359.80	91,799	\$796,026.58
Commercial	29	\$22,843.80	114,219	\$39,787.18
Total	439	\$40,472.40	202,362	\$1,136,784.62

<u>Note:</u> In the Residential Retail Initiative, several measures may reduce energy use from one fuel source but may increase use of another fuel resulting in negative kWh savings. Strategic electrification for example is primarily focused on the adoption of Heat Pump technology which may reduce the use of oil or propane but increase the use of electricity and increase peak demand. The Program Administrators have determined that these measures are still cost effective, and provide benefits to customers in a more holistic, integrated approach that helps customers address their energy use and associated costs based on their individual needs and goals, while aligning with the broader Commonwealth energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & 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 to assist them in maintaining 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 22 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 42,079 meals on MV. 289 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 105 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 Senior Dining program has remained closed due to COVID19. We are hopeful to be able to reopen that program in 2023.

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 22, The Home Care Program served 285 elders on MV. There were 21,297 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services contracted through our vendors. In addition, 124 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

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 \$5,400. 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 \$12,000.

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 <u>www.escci.org</u>.

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 2022 were Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Chair; Jim Vercruysse of Aquinnah, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a permanent professional staff of twelve. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, <u>www.mvcommission.org</u>.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2022

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 2022, Commission staff completed a seventh year of extensive water quality testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Water samples are used to measure 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 2020 and will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2022, along with a trends analysis 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 2022 results when available. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible. A website focused specifically on the ponds was created to make all pond data available in one place.

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. Two years of monthly monitoring and testing for efficacity has been completed. Results from the testing have shown almost complete removal of nitrogen through the barrier.

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 continues to assist with the testing and monitoring of the pilot systems. Results have been promising and several of the installations were conditioned in MVC DRIs. Mass

DEP has proposed amendments to the Title 5; the MVC will work with Towns to meet these new proposed regulations.

Elderly Services

The MVC chaired an off-island transportation group focused on improving options for older adults seeking to reach their medical appointments on the mainland. This has led to the launch of a pilot program partnering with Sandwich-based ophthalmologists, Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard, and the VTA that will provide older adults and their escorts with roundtrip rides to the eye doctors on certain Tuesdays. The MVC also serves on the Executive Board of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard, while staff provided administrative support by taking minutes. The MVC also analyzed the 2022 street list data to document the recent growth of the Towns' older adult population segment: **Finances**

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Town	2015	2017	2018	2022	('15-'22)	Town	2015	2017	2018	2022	('15-'22)
Aquinnah	171	166	172	215	26%	Aquinnah	8	12	14	14	75%
Chilmark	485	546	541	601	24%	Chilmark	40	35	32	37	-8%
Edgartown	1582	1861	1854	2044	29%	Edgartown	100	137	129	128	28%
Oak Bluffs	1628	1724	1803	2051	26%	Oak Bluffs	177	167	178	177	0%
Tisbury	1374	1517	1569	1665	21%	Tisbury	163	124	119	97	-40%
West Tisbury	1094	1157	1183	1321	21%	West Tisbury	76	65	70	64	-16%
Grand Total	6334	6971	7122	7897	25%	Grand Total	564	540	542	517	-8%

The Commission's FY2022 income was \$2,426,430 and expenses totaled \$2,662,414 comprised of the following components:

FY2022					
Total Revenues	\$2,426,430	100%			
Town Assessments	\$1,257,878	51.84%			
Grants and Contracts	\$918,492	37.85%			
DRI Fees	\$60,432	2.49%			
Other Income	\$189,718	7.82%			

The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants continued to show fiscal soundness. The FY2023 budget and FY2021 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ISLAND-WIDE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Affordable Housing

The MVC continued to assist the Towns with various affordable housing planning initiatives.

Cartography/GIS Services

The year 2022 for the MVC's mapping department contained mostly regional projects. Either projects lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island.

The MVC's mapping department provides the following to all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees within Dukes County.

- 1. We make maps. Either delivered as static JPEG or PDF images or an interactive online maps.
- 2. We create digital spatial data, deliver data, and disseminate data.
 - a. Spatial data is complied through either GPS or extracted from authoritative basemap.
 - b. Deliver spatial/GIS data to Town's hired consultants via our ArcGIS OnLine data hub: <u>https://data-dukescountygis.opendata.arcgis.com/</u> and direct delivery for custom requests.
 - c. Dissemination of our GIS spatial data is done through our Gateway: <u>https://www.mvcommission.org/maps-0</u> The links on the Gateway lead one directly to the GIS data for download but also to online, interactive dashboards and story maps that engage and inform.
- 3. We *provide GIS software technical support* and guidance/mentorship to all the entities who participate in our Regional GIS software contract with ESRI.

<u>How to get mapping assistance</u>: Any Town Department, Board, or Committee may contact the MVC's mapping department at any time. For most projects, our work is considered pre-paid through the Town's annual assessment to the MVC. Email Chris Seidel (she/her): <u>seidel@mvcommission.org</u>

Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects:

1. Wastewater System Mapping & Dashboard

The **wastewater system mapping** project primarily benefits the Boards of Health with planning for the future and targeting areas for wastewater management strategies to help reduce the nutrient load in the Island's coastal ponds. The wastewater mapping indicates, Island-wide, if a developed parcel is connected to town sever or an on-site septic system. If connected to septic, the type is specified. These data are not shared with the public at this time. The Boards of Health may access the data and peruse a dashboard for interactive querying of the data.

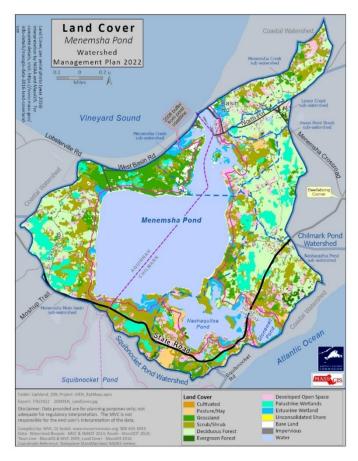


2. Up-Island Watershed Management Plans (aka Up-Island 208 Plans)

The Up-Island 208 study to produce **watershed management plans** for the 5 Up-Island coastal ponds plowed full steam ahead this year. Four complete reports were released to the public and the fifth has been released to the James Pond working group. Each report includes a series of 13 maps that range in topic from land use, to wetlands, to water quality sampling stations. Available reports may be accessed on the MVC website.

3. GIS data for Fire Department's software

Fire departments in four of the Islands towns (Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, & West Tisbury) have decided to purchase the <u>First Due</u> software. This software assists the departments with preplanning, responding, and post-event



analysis. The MVC mapping department provided basemap GIS spatial data for use in First Due.

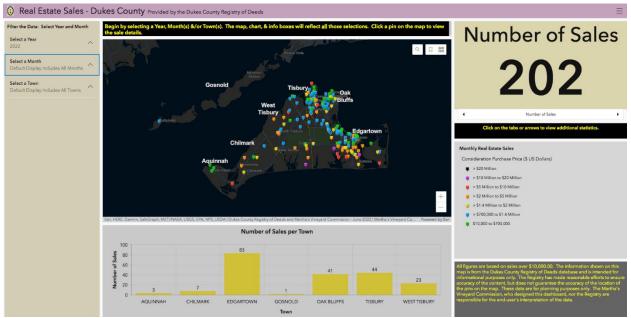
4. Trail and Open Space/Conservation Land Mapping

The MVC maintains a **trails and open space/conservation land database** for Dukes County. These data change frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. These data are shared with the public in our ArcGIS OnLine cloud space (<u>open space</u>, <u>trails</u>). From that portal, the data are pushed into the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's <u>TrailsMV App</u> as well as the <u>Martha's Vineyard Land Bank's online map</u>. These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also benefits the Towns for completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and planning of special ways, scenic ways, and expansion of the Island's Shared Use Paths and signed bike routes.

5. Dukes County Real Estate Sales

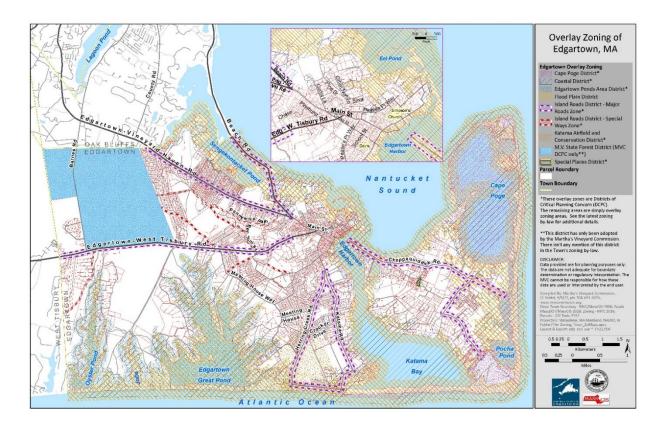
In collaboration with the Dukes County Registry of Deeds, the MVC's mapping department maintains on online interactive data dashboard with the **monthly real estate sales** that have occurred in Dukes County. The registry supplies the MVC with the monthly sales spreadsheet Visit the dashboard:

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/692eded23ec6473d9bae62cb1b7d2f81



6. Zoning Maps with Parcels

Zoning maps and overlay zoning maps with parcel lines were created for each Town's assessing office. These maps are required by the State when the Town undergoes the routine re-certification process. In addition to making the maps, the MVC also generates the zoning & overlay zoning spatial GIS data file for all seven towns within the County. All the maps can be found here: https://www.mvcommission.org/map-library



Coastal & Climate Change Planning

Climate Action Plan (CAP) www.thevineyardway.org

In a major accomplishment for the Island, The Vineyard Way was completed in 2022. It is a regional, 20-year Climate Action Plan that addresses the cause (greenhouse gas emissions) and the local impacts of climate change. It focuses on six thematic areas: Land Use, Natural Resources and Biodiversity, Transportation, Infrastructure and Waste, Public Health and Safety, Economic Resilience, Food Security, and Energy Transformation. The CAP is a locally designed plan. The consultant is an Island resident and over 100 residents with expertise in the thematic areas helped develop the plan. The CAP includes 191 actions with a lead organization responsible for implementing each action. The MVC will oversee overall implementation. The CAP facilitation team also worked with Gosnold to develop their CAP. Funding for both plans was provided by the MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. To ensure town participation, the CAP team met regularly with Island Select Boards as well as with 93 town staff and board members. A workshop was help with members of the Wampanoag Tribe. Climate change/CAP presentations were made to 15 community organizations, schools, and the public, and monthly presentations were held focusing on the six CAP thematic areas.

Climate Action Week - May 8 to 14, 2022

To encourage public education and action on local climate change issues, Climate Action Week was held in the second week of May. It included over forty presentations on climate change-related issues and a finale event at the Grange Hall that included an electric vehicle fleet, student presentations, and over a dozen climate information and activity booths representing local organizations. Funding for the Climate Action Week event came from a Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation grant.

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. MVC staff has provided staff support to the political working group and convened a series of meetings with Senator Markey's office. A dedicated meeting with Markey's team and the Steamship Authority was held to discuss funding pathways towards electrification. An island tour of staff from the offices of Senator Markey, Senator Warren and Congressman Keating was organized for Town representatives to introduce key resiliency sites in need of federal funding.

Martha's Vineyard Coastal Conference: The MVC was on the organizing team for the 2022 MV Coastal Conference, held in October. Presentations included the Vineyard Climate Action Plan, Storm Tide Pathways, and the Sengekontacket Salt Marsh Migration Study.

Carrying Capacity and Supply Chain Study: The US Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to address supply chain issues in light of climate-related transportation and infrastructure impacts as well as the overall capacity of the Island to manage increasing impacts related to climate change, development, and the sustainability of natural resources.

Regional Emergency Manager: The MVC onboarded a part-time Regional Emergency Manager who reports to the Dukes County Emergency Managers Directors Association. The MVC serves as the administrative entity to formally employ this position, and it meets bi-annually with the Chair of the Directors Association to review priorities for the position.

Storm Tide Pathways: Through a grant from MA Coastal Zone Management the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown has identified 716 Island sites where stormwater will flow inland as the sea rises and storm surges increase. Maps and data can be found at <u>www.stormtides.org</u>. This information will be valuable for DPWs and first responders and is a critical planning tool for the inevitable flooding that will occur in these areas. The study also included a low-lying roads assessment that identified 91 roads that will flood in a major storm event.

Sengekontacket Salt Marsh Migration Study: There is an ongoing study to determine how far inland the pond's salt marsh will migrate as the sea level rises. The goal is to determine the number and location of structures in the migration zone and to consider ways to remove them to allow the marsh to migrate inland to protect its many values. In 2022 funding was granted by the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation to identify septic systems in the marsh migration zone, since they are likely to fail as sea water and groundwater rise. This is a pilot project; the plan is to replicate it on all of the Island's salt marshes.

All-Island Conservation Commission: An All-Island Conservation Commission has been established to collaborate on climate change-related issues including updating the Towns' wetlands protection bylaws and regulations.

Flood Plain Zoning Bylaw updates: MVC staff assisted Shannon Hulst, Barnstable County Floodplain Specialist, with a coordinated effort to update the Island's Floodplain Bylaws to ensure that the regulations meet the minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation Monitoring: 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 Wampanoag Tribe Natural Resource staff continue to assist with and fund the meticulous data collection effort in Aquinnah.

Wildfire Protection Plan: With support from an extensive group of stakeholders across the fire departments and other entities, the <u>Community Wildfire Protection Plan</u> was completed. It is a comprehensive plan that assesses our land network for risk and identifies measures that can be taken to mitigate that vulnerability. Priority areas are spotlighted, along with corresponding actions to reduce our collective exposure to wildfire spread.

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 \$322,046 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) 2022.

Joint Transportation Committee (JTC): The MVC facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each Town, 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 2022, **\$769,690** in Federal funds were

obligated for Martha's Vineyard. The 2022 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects included the following:

Beach Road Shared-Use Path - #608142: Construction began in Fall 2022 of the Shared-Use Path along Beach Road, from Lagoon Pond Bridge northerly to the Eastville Avenue/County Road Intersection.

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 developed a one-page SMART tips for bicyclists which was published in the July-August visitor guide. BPAC also began evaluating route options for cyclists and is working with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation regarding adding bike routes to the popular TrailsMV app. Towards the end of the year, BPAC began discussions with town police chiefs about the growing popularity of electric bikes and the new state law recognizing e-bikes. The MVC was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Richard DeWitt, chair of the BPAC, in November. Rich was extraordinarily committed to improving cyclist and pedestrian safety. His listening skills and can-do energy made him a particularly great contributor to BPAC's efforts.

Trails Planning: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard.

Transportation Mangers 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 MVC offered all towns the opportunity to opt into the Island Transportation Engineering resource, managed by MVC staff. Three of the six towns dedicated funds to do this: Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury and Aquinnah. West Tisbury leveraged the engineering services to help secure a grant from Mass Trails for over \$80k. With input from the towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing arrangement where towns could secure these engineering services again in FY 2024.

Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC analyzed and presented data on the island's six permanent traffic counting stations. Data from 2022 has afforded a three-year retrospective, as the Island emerged from two consecutive summers of Covid advisories. Data on traffic volumes, speeds, and vehicle classes can be found on the <u>MS2 portal</u> on the MVC website.

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. In 2022, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior to and after the opening of the ponds. 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).

208 Equivalency Planning for the Up-Island Towns: The MVC received a grant from the DEP to develop a 208-management plan for the towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The up-island towns are more rural in nature and face different water resource protection planning challenges than the down-island towns, each of which have their own wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The MVC has compiled available data and created a summary of pond conditions. Traditional and non-traditional nitrogen management options will be listed, and these methods will be considered for use in evaluating a management plan.

Water Testing: In 2022, MVC staff again collected water samples from Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, 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 continued to meet over zoom. The MVC Water Resource Planner attended and presented at the meetings of all Island Pond Advisory committees. Staff presented their findings via zoom at pond association regular and 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. Staff is assisting USGS, in cooperation with Mass DEP, in a three-year study investigating the effects of sea-level rise and climate change on the groundwater resources of Martha's Vineyard.

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). Two years of testing and monitoring of the PRB installation was completed in 2022. Preliminary results are excellent.

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. The MVC received grants from the Edey Foundation and MV Community Foundation to continue this work. Sampling

continued 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 commenced. The Plan identified and documented locations of cyanobacteria to establish baseline conditions and monitor for blooms. Samples were tested for the toxins produced by cyanobacteria, Anatoxin, Mircosytin and β -methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA). This monitoring program, in conjunction with the Boards of Health, will create a mechanism to locate, monitor, and predict blooms. This year the research was expanded to identify cyanobacteria species through eDNA. The MVC will continue to partner with Island Pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria BloomWatch, and UNH in 2023.

Inter-Regional Collaboration

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 wellbeing of its rural residents. (The State defines "rural" communities as those having no more than 500 people per square mile - which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). The RPAC has targeted the creation of an Office of Rural Policy to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level. Much of its focus is on the limited local capacity among smaller communities to meet mandated standards or to apply for or manage existing assistance programs.

Massachusetts Rural Transportation Planning Organizations: The MVC partnered with Nantucket and Franklin Regional Council of Government to submit a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Application to the Federal Highway Administration. The three entities pitched developing individual plans, but working collaboratively to focus on transportation safety issues and metric from a rural perspective, both in terms of physical infrastructure and human capacity to implement safety measures. Grants will be awarded in 2023 and plans completed in 2024.

Commonwealth Socio-Economic Projections: MVC staff joined other regional planning agencies in reviewing and commenting on Mass DOT's multi-year effort to update population, employment, and housing forecasts for use in long-range transportation planning. Initial forecasts were released at the year's end.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2022, 64 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 17 projects reviewed this year were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, eight were approved with conditions, two were denied, two were withdrawn before a decision was made, and five remain under review at the end of the year. 13 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, three were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, three were withdrawn,

one was determined to require no action, five were accepted as full DRIs, three of which were approved with conditions and two were denied. and two remain under review at the end of the year. One concurrence review was determined to also trigger a mandatory review and remains under review at the end of the year. One discretionary referral was made, and remains under review at the end of the year. 25 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, 12 were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were sent back to their Towns for approval, one was withdrawn, eight were determined to have significant impact and public hearings were held: four of which were approved with conditions, one was denied, and three remain under review at the end of the year. One modification request is currently undergoing a pre-application review with staff. Five projects were previously approved DRIs returning for post-approval plan review. One project was granted an extension this year, and one extension request remains under review at the end of the year. A total of twelve projects remain under review at the end of the year.

DRI Procedures: The MVC revised the previously titled "DRI Regulations" document. The procedures outline the application process for DRIs, the procedures applicable to DRI review, the decision-making process and considerations. The document is intended to provide guidance to MVC staff, Commissioners and applicants.

DRI Historic Preservation Policy: MV Commissioners and staff drafted a new policy for reviewing the demolition of historic structures, with a focus on preservation. This policy provides guidance for Commissioners to evaluate proposals involving the demolition or alteration of historic and culturally significant structures. The MVC adopted the policy in May 2022.

2022 Attendance Sheet							
Martha's Vineyard Commission Meetings							
Representative	Town	Appointed/	Meetings	% of Mtgs			
Representative	TOWIT	Elected	Attended	Attended			
AGNOLI, Jeff	Edgartown	Elected	32	100%			
BARNES, Trip	Tisbury	Elected	30	94%			
BROWN, Christina	Edgartown	Elected	29	91%			
CONNELL, Peter	Governor	A (non-voting)	0	0%			
GRANDE, Jay	Tisbury	A (Jan-Feb)	1	50%			
GROSSMAN, Jay	Chilmark	Elected	30	94%			
HANCOCK, Fred J.	Oak Bluffs	Elected	32	100%			
KIM, Michael	Governor	Appointed	26	81%			
MALKIN, Joan Chair	Chilmark	Appointed	31	97%			
MARTINO, Greg	Tisbury	A (Mar-pres)	25	89%			
NEWMAN, Kathy	Aquinnah	Appointed	29	91%			
PUTNAM, Kate	Edgartown	Appointed	23	85%			
ROBINSON, Ben	Tisbury	Elected	32	100%			
SEDERHOLM, Doug E.	West Tisbury	Elected	32	100%			
SIBLEY, Linda	West Tisbury	Elected	27	84%			
SMITH, Brian	Oak Bluffs	Appointed	28	93%			
THOMAS, Ernest R. Treasurer	West Tisbury	Appointed	32	100%			
TODD, Christine	County	A (Jan-Aug)	14	82%			
VERCRUYSSE, James Vice-Chair	Aquinnah	Elected	31	97%			
WHARTON, Peter R.	County	A (Aug-pres)	15	100%			

<u>Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs)</u> The Commission designates DCPCs to afford protection to sensitive areas through town zoning, conservation, and health regulations the towns might otherwise not be legally empowered to enact.

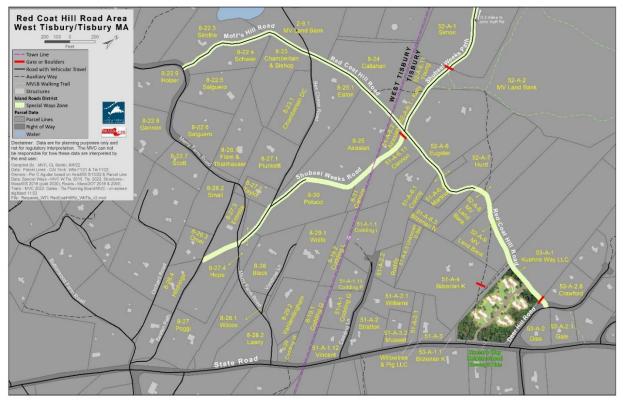
SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR TISBURY

Climate Change

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Listening Sessions were held with the Emergency Manager, Harbor Master, and Building Inspector. Climate change informational meetings were held with the Select Board and Conservation Commission. CAP update meetings continue with the Select Board, Town Administrator, and other Town Departments.

Geographic Information Systems

Red Coat Hill Road – To aid discussions about access in the Red Coat Hill Road are of Tisbury & West Tisbury, the MVC provided maps showing the various roads, special ways, properties, and trails in that area.



<u>Planning</u>

Tisbury Master Plan Preparation: MVC has provided project management capacity to the Town of Tisbury's Master Plan project. This will extend through the project duration and involves coordination between the Town, the Steering Committee, consultants and the Tisbury Planning Board.

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC conducted Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at several locations along the Edgartown-Vineyard Road and Beach Road Corridors, and several locations along the Shared-Use Paths. The current 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality as well as an update to the 2020-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Local Technical Assistance: Provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRI's: West Chop Club, Main Street Medicinals, EduComp, Old Stone Bank Condo's/Restaurant, Look Street Demolition, Safe Harbor Modifications, Daggett Avenue Demolition, Red Coat Hill, Hinckley's Development, Tisbury Marine Terminal, and Mansion House Parking.

Support of the 3C Process: Through the Martha's Vineyard Commission Hearing process and continued participation with the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), Town officials support the planning staff and their efforts to assist the municipality in making short- and long-term planning decisions, i.e., endorsement of the FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Appointed staff member to the Steamship Authority Nosie and Traffic Mitigation Working Group.

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. Monitoring and evaluation continued in 2021, and results are very positive. 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. In 2021, samples were taken for analysis 4 times in each system over the summer season.

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.

Cyanobacteria monitoring: Commission staff identified and documented locations of cyanobacteria to establish baseline conditions and monitor cyanobacteria in Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo. Samples were tested for the toxins produced by cyanobacteria, Anatoxin, Microsytin and β -methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA). This monitoring program, in conjunction with the Boards of Health, will create a mechanism to locate, monitor, and predict blooms. The MVC will continue to partner with Island Pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria BloomWatch, and UNH in 2022.

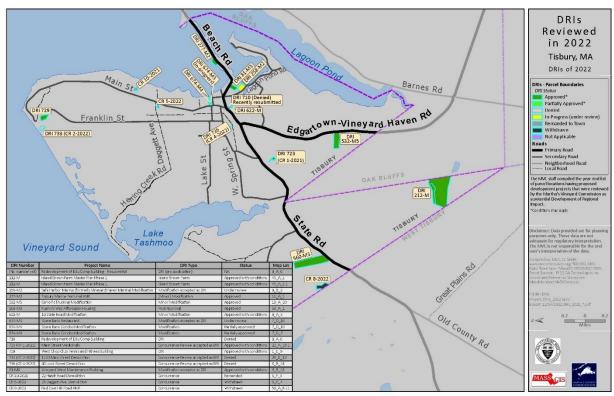
Community Involvement: The MVC Water Resources Planner participates in meetings with the Lagoon Pond Association and Tisbury Waterways Inc. The Water Resources Planner has provided technical support on storm water mitigation to the Town and to the Board of Health for use in changes to regulations. Staff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

Developments of Regional Impact

18 projects in Tisbury were reviewed by the MVC in 2022:

- ◆ 22 Hatch Road Demolition (C.R. 10-2021) Demolition of a house built in 1900. The MVC remanded the project back to the Town without a public hearing on February 3, 2022.
- Island Grown Farm Master Plan Phase One (DRI 212-M) Construction of a new education and innovation center and two new buildings for worker housing. The MVC approved the modification with conditions on March 17, 2022 after a public hearing.
- 10 State Road Modification (DRI 622-M) Ground disturbance within an archaeological resource area, including the removal of trees. The MVC approved the modification without a public hearing on April 12, 2022.
- Carroll's Trucking Minor Modification (DRI 532-M5) Modification to account for square footage discrepancy. The MVC approved the modification without a public hearing on April 15, 2022.
- Main Street Medicinals (C.R. 1-2021 & DRI 723) Proposal to convert the existing 4,900 sf building to a Registered Marijuana Dispensary and Recreational Marijuana Establishment with a 600 sf addition. The MVC accepted the concurrence review as a DRI, and then approved the project with conditions on June 23, 2022 after a public hearing.
- ✤ Old Stone Bank Condos (DRI 674-M2) *Modification of Condition 2.1*. The MVC approved the minor modification without a public hearing on June 29, 2022.
- Redevelopment of Edu Comp Building (DRI 710) Renovation and expansion of the former Edu Comp building, including residential and commercial uses. The MVC denied the application on August 4, 2022.
- Vineyard Wind Maintenance Building (DRI 81-M3) Construction of the Vineyard Wind maintenance building. The MVC approved the modification on September 1, 2022 after a public hearing.
- 1133 Main Street Demolition (C.R. 2-2022 & DRI 733) Demolition of a house on West Chop built in 1890. The MVC accepted the concurrence review as a DRI, and then denied the project on September 15, 2022 after a public hearing.
- Kuehn's Way Affordable Housing (DRI 560-M3) Construction of 40 bedrooms on 4 acres. The MVC approved the project in 2016. The post-approval plans were approved on November 28, 2022.
- West Chop Club Tennis & Fitness Building (DRI 729) Construction of a new tennis and fitness center. The MVC approved the application with conditions on December 1, 2022 after a public hearing.
- 43 Look Street Demolition (C.R. 4-2022 & DRI 736) Demolition of a house built in 1900. The MVC accepted the concurrence review and a DRI and then denied the application on December 15, 2022.
- Tisbury Marine Terminal ANR (DRI 277-M2) Proposal to divide one parcel into two. The MVC approved the application without a hearing on December 15, 2022.

- ✤ 26 Daggett Ave Demolition (C.R. 5-2022) Demolition of a house built around 1900. The application has been withdrawn.
- Red Coat Hill ANR (C.R. 8-2022) Two-lot division of land within the Island Roads District (Special Ways Zone). The application has been withdrawn.
- Redevelopment of Edu Comp Building Staff is working with the applicant in a pre-application process for the redesigned project.
- Safe Harbor Marina (DRI 258-M2) Removal of four existing buildings, construction of two new boat racks, relocation of existing boat racks, relocation of a fuel tank and wash shed, and construction of a boardwalk along the bulkhead. The project remains under review at the end of the year; a decision is anticipated in January 2023.
- Stone Bank Restaurant (DRI 674-M3) Modification to allow for a 70-seat outdoor restaurant with an indoor kitchen. The project remains under review at the end of the year.



COMMISSIONERS	
Jeff Agnoli	Edgartown, elected at-large
Trip Barnes	Tisbury, elected at-large
Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected at-large
Peter Connell	Governor's Appointee, non-voting
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
Fred Hancock	Oak Bluffs, elected at-large
Michael Kim	Governor's Appointee, voting
Joan Malkin	Chair, Chilmark appointed by the Select Board
Greg Martino	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
Kathy Newman	Aquinnah, appointed by the Select Board

Kate Putnam	Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Brian Smith	Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board
Ernie Thomas	Clerk-Treasurer, West Tisbury appointed by the Select Board
Christine Todd	County Appointee (January - August)
Jim Vercruysse	Vice-Chair, Aquinnah elected at-large
Peter Wharton	County Appointee (August - December)

STAFF (including part-time and other funded positions)

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Adam Turner	Executive Director
Kevin Brennan	Emergency Manager
Sheri Caseau	Water Resources Planner
Dan Doyle	Special Projects Planner
Liz Durkee	Climate Change Planner
Alex Elvin	DRI Coordinator
Mike Mauro	Transportation Program Manager
Lucy Morrison	Executive Assistant
Curt Schroeder	Administrator
Chris Seidel	GIS Coordinator
Laura Silber	Housing Planner
Bill Veno	Senior Planner
Kate Warner	Energy Planner, Vision Fellow

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

4050 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

So many goals were attained with the creation of the **Quenomica Preserve**. Scenic and ecological: an exceptional 21-acre peninsula, projecting into the Edgartown Great Pond with two-thirds of a mile of shoreline, was purchased from John O'Keefe for \$8,000,000. Scenic, ecological and pragmatic: 14 acres of fields abutting existing conservation land were purchased for \$9,500,000 from Edwin and Ellen Harley. The latter was pragmatic because the land bank had been facing a number of expensive building construction projects across the island — for land management workshops and for affordable housing for its staff — and never, in its planning, allowed itself to envision the existence anywhere on the island of a single property with several practical pre-existing buildings clustered around a core, using space so efficiently ... and then this remarkable opportunity arose. As a bonus, one of the buildings will serve as the land bank's office, allowing it to sell its current office in Edgartown center.

The Tisbury Great Pond benefits from the land bank's purchase of 26 acres along the Mill Brook, its primary source. Six vacant building lots, long ago platted hard against the stream, were conserved, sparing the watershed the impact of their septic systems and development runoff. The \$2,500,000 price was softened by a \$325,000 donation from the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation's Land Protection Fund, which the land bank gratefully accepted. The seller was Claudia Miller; the land has been incorporated into the **Priester's Pond Preserve**.

Likewise the Squibnocket Pond benefits from the land bank's new **Black Brook Preserve**. The 6-acre parcel is the spring from which most of the freshwater feeding the pond arises. It's a good example of how conservation builds on itself, as this headwater became a land bank priority directly following the 2020 and 2021 creation of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation. Some \$150,000 has or will be spent to protect this land, purchased via a number of partial interests.

Merry Farm LLC sold 18 grassy hilltop acres into conservation, as an accretion to the **Wompesket Preserve**. The preserve is now double its initial size. The price was \$2,500,000.

The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and the land bank teamed to purchase, from David Ames, Jr., a \$677,625 three-acre lot off the Chappaquiddick Road. Two lobes of conserved land straddle the lot and its conservation will not only keep the inholding green but will allow the installation of a long-distance trail spanning the lobes. It is part of the **Three Ponds Reservation**.

Mary Robin Ravitch sold to the land bank, for \$2,020,000, her 4.5-acre property abutting the Ice House Pond, for renaturalization. She retained a life-estate, which allows sellers to remain on their properties for the rest of their lives; the price to the land bank is reciprocally reduced. Ice House Pond is a rarity on the Vineyard — a freshwater great-pond — and will benefit from the reduced development around its margin. **Pepperbush Preserve**'s name nods to the widespread paludal shrub.

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Arrowhead Farm, Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Christiantown Woods Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Priester's Pond Preserve, Quammox Preserve, Quenomica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation, Wilfrid's Pond Preserve and Wompesket Preserve.

Review by the commonwealth of the James Pond Preserve and Squibnocket Pond Reservation management plans is still underway; such imprimatur is required, by statute, before land bank properties can be opened for public enjoyment.

Morainal erosion requires constant vigilance. The land bank field crew rebuilt trails at the popular Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve and Waskosim's Rock Reservation — and at quieter properties such as the preserves at Ramble Trail, Tisbury Meadow and Weahtaqua Springs. Hikers are using the new path linking the spine trail at the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve with the Radar Hill Road, which leads to the Peaked Hill Reservation, as well as a new loop on an addition to the John Presbury Norton Farm.

Infrastructure too requires vigilance. Slumping ate away the bluff at the North Neck Highlands Preserve, so new — and adjustable — beach-stairs were installed. The stairs leading down to the Ice House Pond at the Manaquayak Preserve were completely rebuilt, using milled locust. A viewing platform was erected at the Little Duarte's Pond Preserve and deteriorated kayak racks at the Quammox Preserve were replaced.

In a profuse place like the Vineyard overgrowth swiftly occurs, which has both ecological and scenic impacts. Uprooting — pitch pines at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve; autumn olive at the Short Cove Preserve; and japanese knotweed at the Farm Pond, Norton Fields and Sweetened Water Preserves — maintains good ecological health, while view corridors were revived by mowing at Allen Farm, Blue Barque Preserve, Eachpoquassit Hill Preserve and the Waskosim's Rock Reservation. But development is profuse here too; buildings were removed at the James Pond and Tashmoo Preserves in order to renaturalize these areas and make them more welcoming to visitors. The Beatrice Barrett Planet Earth Fund, administered via the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation and the Nature Conservancy, generously donated \$186,500 for these undevelopment projects.

Useful buildings are always prized. Cottages at James Pond and Quenomica, renovated, have been established as staff housing for caretakers who provide overnight supervision of these preserves.

The land bank's grassland restoration program expanded in 2022: acreage managed via grazing increased by 25%, and the herd itself is regularly replenished via annual planned kidding.

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

<u>XIH</u>

After a two-year hiatus the XIH resumed in 2022 for a 18.9-mile trek from State Beach at Big Bridge in Edgartown to the Long Point Reservation in West Tisbury. Over eighty hikers participated; forty completed the entire cross-island hike. The route passed through ten conservation properties and used eleven established ancient ways.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synopsizes the land bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to review the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is encouraged to read it on the land bank website:

	Fiscal year 2022	Fiscal year 2022 actual	Fiscal year 2023
	budgeted cash amount	cash amount and	budgeted cash amount
	and percentage of total	percentage of total	and percentage of total
Revenues	\$20,000,000	\$22,291,003	\$17,000,000 *
Administrative	(\$645,407)	(\$606,695)	(\$736,988)
Expenses	3%	3%	4%
Land Management	(\$ 3,014,382)	(\$1,623,619)	(\$3,302,764)
Expenses	15%	7%	19%
Debt Service	(\$ 6,357,202)	(\$ 6,532,349)	(\$ 7,156,137)
Expenses	32%	29%	42%
Reserve Expenses	(\$ 1,050,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$100,000)
	5%	5%	1%
Unencumbered	\$ 8,933,009	\$ 12,528,340	\$ 5,704,111
Receipts	45%	56%	34%

The expenditure in the 2022 reserve category serves as the land bank's allocation in the county's OPEB (other post-employment benefits) trust fund; public employers in the commonwealth are required to plan for this purpose.

As of December 1, 2022 the land bank treasury contained some \$9,393,000 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 \$715,000; in 2023 the threshold will be \$800,000. This is called the "m" exemption and 34 transactions qualified for it in 2022.

<u>Gifts</u>

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Monica Finch, \$100, in memory of Dagmar Dockery; and (2.) Tammy Kallman, \$100, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2022 transfer fee revenues were:

Revenues received July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

		Percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 119,058	1%
Chilmark Fund	\$ 1,461,110	7 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 4,896,849	22 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,689,069	8 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,505,907	7 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,473,510	7 %
central fund	\$ 11,145,502	50%
	\$ 22,291,005	100%

This represented a 17% decrease over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

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: Janette Andrews, fiscal officer; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Antone Lima, crew manager; Julie Russell, ecologist; Timothy Sheran, conservation land assistant; and Blake Wasson, conservation land assistant.

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 FY2022, board members were Risë Terney, President; Shirley Dewing, Treasurer; Jacque Cage; Jane Keenan, Clerk; James Klingensmith; Sandy Joyce; Christine Burke; Martina Thornton (Dukes County).

In 2022, MV Center for Living focused on outreach and expansion of our Supportive Day Program. Two years from the pandemic, we continued to take very seriously the health and wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers, modifying but continuing basic protocols such as mask wearing, hand washing. As a result, we successfully and safely increased our census with minimal disruption to our schedule or services.

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. The SDP is open Monday-Friday from 9am to 2pm.

The Center for Living is a place where older adults, 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. A morning snack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style.

Caregiver respite is a critical aspect of the service provided by the Supportive Day program. Many of our clients have multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's and other dementias. Despite the challenges of long-term caregiving, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home rather than place in a long-term care facility. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, as well as decreased levels of self-care and immune responses. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical and often financial hardship. The respite and support they receive by sending their loved one to the Supportive Day Program is critical to their overall well-being and that of their loved one. In FY2022, 30 clients with the average daily attendance 15-18 clients. were enrolled in the Supportive Day program. The fee is \$60 per day and an additional \$10 per day for transportation. These fees are either paid privately, or for low to moderate income elders, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (the regional Home Care Agency) covers some or all of the cost. MVCL also offers a modest donation supported scholarship program.

Transportation

In October 2022, MVCL acquired a Lift Van from the Vineyard Transit Authority and hired a driver to provide daily transportation to and from the Center for approximately two thirds of our SDP clients. We continue to partner with the VTA, as they provide transportation for some of our clients, as well as the training and testing required of Lift drivers.

Shopping Shuttle: With this Lift Van at our disposal, we plan to develop a program focused on assisting community members who are unable to drive, to get out to do their own shopping and errands. For many older adults, this will reduce isolation, promote independence, and provide an opportunity to enjoy the social aspects of being out in the community.

Memory and Music Café:

FY2022, we incorporated the Memory and Music Café into an "open house" format, along with our regular SDP programming on Friday mornings. SDP clients enjoy the Café as part of their SDP schedule, and community members with cognitive loss or other disability join us every week for live music and companionship. There are over 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts and are a community engagement model for those experiencing mild to moderate memory loss and/or cognitive impairment and their caregivers.

Dementia Family Support Services:

Dementia Family Support Services is fully funded by grants and donations outside of the town funded MVCL operating budget. It is available to families and caregivers caring for a loved one with memory issues and cognitive decline due to Alzheimer's or other dementias. Services include a weekly Dementia Caregiver Support Group (on Zoom) and individual family and caregiver counseling.

In 2022 we added Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy) to our service model. Habilitation Therapy supports caregivers to create and maintain a positive experience for a person experiencing the effects of a dementia related illness. The objective is to provide education and support to the caregiver and to provide suggestions to modify elements of the environment that may exacerbate the disabilities of the disease. Habilitation Therapists provide knowledge and expertise to caregivers (and the person with the disease when appropriate) in understanding the disease process and pitfalls to avoid, as well as techniques of communication, behavior management, structuring the environment, creating therapeutic activities, and planning for future care needs.

The "Caregiver Tips" page on 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:

Begun in 2020, TV for Living is a weekly half hour informational program aired on MV TV Channel 13. Episodes include interviews with Center for Living staff, clients, family members, and community members such as local librarians with information on areas of interest and services available to elders and caregivers on the island. 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 and much more. There are over 100 episodes archived and a new one produced every month and aired at 11am Wednesday mornings.

MV Community Foundation Utility Support Program 2021-2022

As a response to the pandemic and the resulting widespread loss of income and resources, the MV Community Foundation, with a combination of state funding and generous local philanthropic support, was able to provide significant relief to islanders by funding a Utility and Rental relief assistance program. To administer and distribute these funds the MVCF sought to partner with other island non-profit organizations with experience in these areas. MV Center for Living stepped forward to take applications and distribute the utility portion of this funding. We received referrals from Dukes County Social Services, Councils on Aging, the MVCS CORE program, Morgan Woods, MV Hospital Social Worker for island families in need of assistance with utility bills

FEMA/Emergency Food and Shelter Program 2021-2011

Phase 37 & CARES Act: MV Center for Living received a total of \$11,744 to assist islanders with utility and rent relief.

Phase 38: MV Center for Living received \$5285 for rent and utility relief

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 Emergency Food distribution centers including the Edgartown, Tisbury, and Up-Island Senior Centers as well as 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 or-ganization for their community foundation give back programs. Cronig's Market regularly donates food directly to the Emergency Food Program.

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:

Post pandemic, we were finally able to resume this program in the 2021-2022 school year. Once a month between 25 and 40 folks enjoy a delicious meal prepared and served by the MVRHS Culinary Arts department with Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell at the helm. It is a wonderful experience for all, diners and students included.

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.

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 FY2022, 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, as well as our non-profit partners and the community at large. This support and generosity make 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 Select Board:

In April 2022, the *Martha's Vineyard Times* published an article titled: "Shellfish Doulas Nurture Island's Watery Ecosystems," and in a weird and wonderful way, that's exactly what Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. (MVSG) does. Through continued programs, MVSG fulfills its mission of enhancing shellfish resources for the wellbeing of the entire Island community. We focus on things like habitat restoration, including reducing nitrogen levels in the salt ponds, replanting depleted eelgrass beds, growing seed so the towns can sustain recreational shellfishing, and working with community partners and stakeholders to identify long term goals for how commercial aquaculture, recreational permitting and resource conservation can intersect to preserve our ponds, our bivalves and our island culture.

In 2022, MVSG received funding from all six Island towns in the form of a membership to the Group which includes an equal share of the shellfish seed produced by MVSG. The Group 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. Each site serves a different role to maximize the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2022, these 3 facilities produced millions of seed for the towns. The seed is grown to an average of 1mm before it is evenly distributed to each town's Shellfish Departments. 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, these larger seeds are released to good shellfish habitat where they improve water clarity and ecosystem functioning and may be



harvested by recreational and commercial harvesters. We also released millions of quahog, scallop and oyster eggs and larvae to help supplement the wild populations.

The natural resources in each town offer a multitude of different habitats and we cater to each one. West Tisbury, for instance, receives only oyster seed because there is no quahog or scallop habitat in that town. The Tisbury Great Pond supports a wild, commercial oyster harvest, though

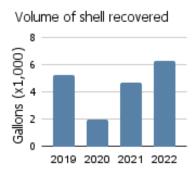


it is constantly challenged by an oyster disease (which does not affect humans) and environmental stressors. The remaining five towns only receive quahog and scallop seed for municipal purposes. Since Edgartown Great Pond's wild oyster population is also challenged by disease, it is host to an oyster restoration project which is funded by a private grant, and therefore receives oyster seed as well. We monitor and study the oyster disease levels in the Great Ponds to maximize the effectiveness of our programs. MVSG has managed **oyster restoration projects** in Tisbury Great Pond for 30+ years (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and in Edgartown Great Pond for 14 years (funded by a private grant). The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose



shell. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond, so that oysters aren't suffocated when they sink into soft mud. It also helps to provide calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on and acts like a natural antacid by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. These processes depend on shell and only recently have we been able to save shells from the trash to repurpose them in a natural way.

Since 2011 **the Shell Recovery Partnership** has committed to rescuing shells from the waste stream by collecting it from Island restaurants, letting it age for at least a year, then returning it to the Great Ponds. After a reduced collection resulting from the pandemic, the 2022 volume surpassed prepandemic levels by working with restaurants including Beach Road, the Clambulance Rescue Raw Bar, Edgartown Yacht Club, l'etoile, Lookout Tavern, Outermost Inn, Port Hunter, Net Result and Larsen's Fish Market. *Want to participate?* We always need more Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce



their waste and help restore oyster populations! Not affiliated with a restaurant? Not a problem! Anyone can recycle their shells at the Hughes Hatchery (former Lobster Hatchery) on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs.

SOAR – Sustaining Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration: Through partnerships with the Pew Charitable Trust, the Nature Conservancy and the Edgartown Shellfish Department, MVSG planted 165,000, 5-inch, farmed oysters into Slough Cove of Edgartown Great Pond, a designated oyster sanctuary, in 2021. The project benefited oyster farmers by purchasing their over-sized product resulting from the pandemic, to then fortify the pond's ecosystem services. These oysters will filter over 8.2 million gallons of water per day and provide habitat to crabs, fish, eels and other animals. The MVSG team went out to monitor this project in Dec 2022 and was pleased to find plentiful spat (baby oysters) growing on oysters, shells and rocks. Data collection will continue through 2023.

In September, a fourth seeding of spat-on-shell was planted into Sengekontacket Pond, to help **promote a healthy ecosystem.** The oysters were spawned in 2021 and kept safe from predators in bags and cages for about 15 months. The oysters were planted onto small beds of shells and oysters which were established in 2018. While doing this, we found very large oysters that have persisted in the experimental sites, which means this area of the pond is healthy enough to sustain old oysters. We will spawn a new cohort to grow in 2023 which will be planted in 2024. This project is funded by the Friends of Sengekontacket.

Eelgrass restoration in Lagoon Pond is growing, as the Shellfish Group and volunteers work together to gather and replant close to 2,000 shoots this year. Over a thousand eelgrass seeds

from various locations have been planted in the hatchery over winter to germinate into seedlings. We hope to have opportunities for the community to lend a hand on this project in the near future.

For the first time in 2022, **an early scallop propagation pilot** was carried out to provide scallop seed for shellfish farmers wishing to diversify their marketable products. The response from oyster farmers in Lagoon Pond was very positive, and so this project will continue and expand in 2023. Look for farmed bay scallops in the markets this fall!



MVSG was tasked with increasing food security as part of the 2022 Climate Action Plan – The Vineyard Way. The three goals are to build partnerships between technical organizations and local growers, conduct an island-wide analysis to help the towns identify suitable sites for aquaculture, and to develop fishing clubs and mentorships to inspire the next generation in shellfishing. We are excited to find new

ways to advocate for well-planned aquaculture and the persistence of shellfish harvest traditions.

MVSG also received contracts, grants or donations to fund research and other projects from the MA Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head - Aquinnah, Friends of Sengekontacket, Lagoon Pond Association, Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Vineyard Vision Fellowship, Proud Pour, the Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), and more than 300 other donors, including individuals. By receiving outside funding beyond our municipal partners, we are able to spearhead locally inspired biological research and apply it to improve and protect the waters around us.

A few things we are **looking forward to in 2023** are: the return of our annual *Clamily* Reunion fundraiser at the Chilmark Community Center in April (on Earth Day), updating and repairing our three hatcheries, increasing our outreach and education with our new team member, Nina Ferry Montanile, continued eelgrass propagation and habitat restoration in Lagoon Pond and growing shellfish seed in order to *Bivalvify the Vineyard*. Making sure bivalves are available to filter the water to improve the health of our salt ponds, and provide a climate-friendly protein source



that can be farmed or harvested from the wild, are just some of the big impacts this small organization makes.

For more information or to schedule a tour of the shellfish hatchery, call (508) 693-0391, visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com.

		Pay Scallons	Quahaga	
		Bay Scallops	<u>Quahogs</u>	
	Edgartown	3,340,000	1,950,000	
	Oak Bluffs		1,950,000	
	Chilmark		1,950,000	
	Tisbury	3,340,000	1,950,000	
	Aquinnah	3,340,000	1,950,000	
	Gosnold ¹	40,600		
Wampanoa	g Tribe-Aquinnah ²	184,500		
	Private growers ²	60,000		
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	Total	16,986,300	9,800,000	
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Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GREEN-BEACH Executive Director and Biologist emma.greenbeach@mvshellfishgroup.org







Dylan Fernandes State Representative Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket **District Liaison** Kaylea Moore kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov

Dear Tisbury Friends,

Every citizen deserves equal access to the ballot box. When the pandemic began, we quickly implemented new policies to allow voting by mail and early voting for all residents, which we codified in the legislature with the passage of the Votes Act.

We passed the ROE Act, expanding access to abortion and safeguarding women's rights in our state. This law protects healthcare professionals who provide abortions, expands emergency contraception, and requires insurance companies to cover abortion care without deductibles or copays.

In 2022, our office passed 6 bills through the House of Representatives to support island towns. Legislation includes a bill expanding equity by ensuring the Tribe has a voice in regional planning and legislation allowing land transfers that encourage safe pedestrian and bicycle accessibility and facilitate affordable housing development. We also passed legislation supporting staff retention at the Tisbury Fire Department and ensuring that Tisbury's democratic process was uninterrupted during Town Meeting.

During the budget process, we negotiated several Vineyard specific amendments including \$30,000 for island veterans, \$50,000 to provide off-island medical transit, and \$20,000 for facility upgrades at the Boys & Girls Club. We advocated for \$330,000 in funding to protect and preserve the Vineyard's environment, including \$150,000 for shellfish propagation and \$30,000 for dune stabilization at State Beach. Included in an economic development bill passed this fall, we secured \$250,000 to combat food insecurity and expand access to primary and dental care on the Vineyard. Over \$20 million in state grants came to the district that we pushed for which included funding for housing and coastal resiliency.

As always, my office is here for you should you need assistance or if you have questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out any time at <u>dylan.fernandes@mahouse.gov</u> or 508-257-1174.

Dylan Fernandes

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EDUCATION AND CULTURE

VINEYARD HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Vineyard Haven Library is open Monday through Saturday, with Sunday afternoon hours from September through June. In addition to lending books, magazines, eBooks, and other materials, providing access to computers and technology, and offering a comfortable and welcoming place to spend time, library service highlights include:

- Passes for reduced admission at the Martha's Vineyard Museum, Museum of Fine Art Boston, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and for Trustees properties in Massachusetts.
- Notary services available by appointment (please be advised that we are unable to notarize real estate closing documents that must be notarized by an attorney).
- Live online tutoring and homework help daily from 2 PM to 11 PM, through our partner Brainfuse, a national online education company.
- Take-home technology including Wifi hotspots for home internet access, preloaded Kindle eReaders, and Chromebook Computers.
- 24-hour Digital Library with free online resources including eBooks, audiobooks, streaming video, career and test prep, tech classes, and language learning.
- Free subscription-level access to Consumer Reports, the New York Times and the Washington Post online.
- The Vineyard History Room can be reserved for individual study, small group meetings, and to access the Vineyard Gazette archive on microfilm.
- Programs for all ages including children's storytime, STEM & craft activities, and adult programs offered online, in-person, hybrid or on-demand.

The Vineyard Haven Public Library Building Fund has made significant progress towards the \$2 million dollar Capital Campaign goal to fund the construction of the planned multipurpose meeting room, but additional donations are needed. An open, spacious, and well-ventilated space is more important than ever as the COVID pandemic made clear. The expanded and redesigned interior and exterior spaces will provide the flexibility the library requires to provide future services with greater safety and comfort. Pledge forms and more detailed information about the capital campaign and building project are available at www.vhlibrarybuildingfund.org.

Respectfully submitted, Arch Smith, Chair Pamela Street, Vice-Chair Janet Hefler, Secretary Dennis Agin Elizabeth Bates Christine Burke Virginia Crisman Carolyn Henderson Myra Stark

Key Statistics, Fiscal Year 2022						
Collection size	108,202	Circulation	67,757			
Books & Magazines	46,541	Electronic Collections Use	21,013			
Audio CDs	2,971	In-person visits	25,596			
DVD, VHS & Blu-Ray	6,597	Program participation*	7,631			
Downloadable books	51,683	Registered borrowers	4,247			
*Includes in-person, h	ybrid, virtu	ial, and "take & make" prog	grams			

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

It is my pleasure to present to you a summary of the accomplishments of our departmental staff at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in the service of our students and community. There are many things to be proud of. As an all-island school, we strive to represent the best of this unique community through our high-performing academic core, our hands-on career and technical programs, our abundantly talented performing and visual arts departments, and our very competitive sports teams. It is through the dedication and support of the towns, school committee, staff, students, community partnerships, and parents that all of this is made possible on a daily basis.

Art, Design & Technology

The Art, Design & Technology department continues to offer a rich variety of creative electives, including three levels each of Drawing & Painting, Crafts & Sculpture, Photo/Graphics, and Design & Architecture; AP Art Studio and AP Computer Science Principles; Cartoon Design, 3D Digital Design, Fashion & Sewing, Sound Design, Invention & Technology, Animation, Game Design, Video Production, Web Multimedia, and Programming (including a new Programming and Robotics for ELL course for newcomers with limited English.) We resumed public art exhibitions in 2022, including our annual showcase "Evening of the Arts" in May, including two exhibits at Featherstone, a Vineyard Conservation Society exhibit at the Film Center and Mocha Mott's, a senior showcase at the Old Sculpin gallery, and an "Empty Bowls" ceramics charity fundraiser at the Ag Hall. One student raised funds for the Food Bank selling pottery for his Capstone senior project. We also partnered with the Martha's Vineyard Times in February to produce the 12-page "Art Class" newspaper supplement showcasing student art. Sixteen MVRHS student artists won a total of 23 awards in the 2022 Massachusetts Scholastic Art Awards; three students won Gold Keys and went on to national competition, and three seniors won art portfolio awards. Students were brought to Portfolio Day in Boston, where their portfolios were critiqued by school admissions professionals. When our school photo company dropped our contract, photography students stepped in to photograph some 600 students. Our digital laser cutter has been put to heavy use this year; students digitally design everything from working lamps to jewelry to eyeglasses fashion, and cut and assemble them from wood. Students also utilize 3D printers, including a new resin printer. After-school club attendance has been at recordhigh levels; students produced a successful 2022 yearbook and our art & literary magazine, SEABREEZES, and students in the Innovation Club built a makerspace in the Oak Bluffs Library and facilitated a series of hands-on public technology workshops.

Athletics

The Athletic Department continues to develop student-athletes using athletics as a medium to develop life skills, offering a wide variety of opportunities with 38 programs at the varsity and sub-varsity levels. 2021-22 season recap: The boys hockey and basketball programs qualified for tournaments with the boys hockey team winning the Lighthouse League championship for the Cape and Islands. MVRHS won its first ever National Championship at the Nike Outdoor National Championship where the boys 4x800 meter relay team took home the title. The boys and girls tennis programs went deep into the tournament, both taking league titles and the baseball qualified for the state tournament. The girls soccer team qualified for

the state tournament for the first time in 20 years and won its first tournament game. The boys soccer team shared the Cape and Islands Atlantic League Cape and Islands title. The golf team won the Cape and Islands Willow Bend Cup and then qualified for the Division 3 championship where they were state runnerup. The football team brought home the Island Cup with an exciting game vs Nantucket. For the first time MVRHS hosted, what may become, the *Battle of the Islands*. On this day the field hockey teams, the boys and girls soccer teams, and the football teams all played Nantucket on the same day, with the culmination of the Island Cup. It was an exciting day where the varsity teams went 3-0-1. As we move into 2023, with the help of a very talented coaching staff, we will continue to give our student-athletes opportunities that will provide lasting memories and skills of a lifetime.

Career and Technical Education

<u>Auto Tech</u>: In the Auto tech program students are training on the new alignment equipment and a state of the art vehicle brake lathe machine. The auto tech students have begun their OSHA certification.

<u>Medical Assisting</u> welcomed instructor Melinda McCarron, who brings experience in several clinical areas including most recently as a registered nurse at MV Hospital. Her knowledge of the healthcare industry and her love of students have made her special addition to the department. The students in the Medical Assisting program have completed their first blood pressure clinic. The clinic, held during school lunches, spurred excitement within the class and the students are excitedly planning other similar events to help educate the student body.

<u>Horticulture</u> recently completed upgrades to the front of their building. Mr. Crossland and his students have installed drip irrigation and have begun installing cobblestone aprons. Horticulture has begun planting spring bulbs, finalized landscape plans for the front of the school and begun propagation of plants for the annual spring plant sale.

<u>Culinary Art</u> students have been busy preparing for Servsafe Certification. This certification is nationally recognized, a valuable asset for any young culinarian. Additionally students have continued to host various events for local groups, always with an eye towards including produce grown in our horticulture program and our local school garden. The school garden is supported by Island Grown Schools and provides produce to the Culinary program and the School Cafeteria.

<u>Building Trades</u> program has been involved with several projects around the school. The students installed split rail fencing around some of the building's perimeter. A project to improve storage and material handling was designed and built by building trades.

<u>Early Childhood Education</u> has begun the programmatic approval process. Last year they completed Part A of our application. This year they have 9 students taking the class and look forward to completing the second part of the application and ultimately getting approval and adding an additional chapter 74 program to their course offerings.

<u>Maritime Studies</u> continues to expand their presence. This is the fifteenth year they have offered the course with the continued support of Sail MV. The maritime studies program has had several students

attend Maritime colleges or with the credentials obtained through the program enter into the maritime industry.

The CTE program continues to benefit from our biannual advisory meetings. Advisory groups made up of industry professionals provide valuable oversight of our programs. We rely on them for our curriculum and equipment and budgetary needs

English

The English Department continues to thrive. Several teachers engaged in rigorous and meaningful professional development this past year, namely Rachel Schubert who was selected from a significant number of candidates nationwide to be awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to attend a two week institute at Boston University in July 2022 on Friendship and Identity in Literature, Film and Adolescence along with 24 other teachers from around the country. Additionally, members of the English and History departments attended a five day Harkness training at Phillips Exeter Academy in June 2022. Teachers are implementing what they learned in order to better facilitate student-led discussions. We are also thrilled that this fall English teacher Danielle Charbonneau was selected from a pool of candidates to become Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, the first teacher from MVRHS to be given such an honor. Lastly, Seabreezes Literary Magazine co-led by English teacher, Jessica Russell, and art teacher, Chris Baer, published its 42nd edition and our school newspaper, The High School View, led by English teachers Kate Hennigan and Rachel Schubert, received the Highest Achievement Award from the New England Scholastic Press Association this past June. Another development in the English Department is the offering of a Dual Enrollment course through Bristol Community College, a course taught by returning English teacher Maria Thibodeau. Overall, our state and national exam scores reflect excellent achievement by English students at MVRHS and are a testament to the hard work and commitment of its teachers.

ESL

The close of 2022 finds the ESL (English as a Second Language) Department in the midst of change. The number of Newcomers enrolling at the high school has slowed to a more manageable number. Consequently, the department is able to attend to issues in a timely manner, Cheri Cluff successfully completed her MS in Mental Health Counseling last spring and is now working with the Student Affairs Office as a bilingual Adjustment Counselor. She is still a member of the ESL department and is ready to take on classroom duties when the need arises. Her work with ESL students, many of whom have experienced past trauma, has been incredibly helpful to both the students and the teachers who work with them. Jonah Kaplan-Woolner and Lizzy Schule have settled into their second year of teaching. Lizzy teaches all sections of ESL 2, while Jonah takes charge of the ESL 3 & 4 sections. Dianne Norton, Department Chair, is teaching those ESL students in the Navigator program, as well as ESL 1 and Sheltered American Studies. Dianne is also working with the Health teachers to make the new health curriculum more accessible to Newcomers and ESL 2 students. In addition to our teaching responsibilities, the entire department is working diligently to update our curriculum to include the new WIDA 2020 Standards. With

the support of on-going professional development provided from WIDA webinars and MVYPS consultant Kelly Cooney, ESL teachers are writing curriculum units, learning how to better support ESL SPED students, and implementing strategies to more effectively address Student Success Plans for students not meeting improvement goals for the yearly state-mandated ACCESS test.

Guidance

The Guidance Department continued to serve the academic and social emotional needs of the students. We were lucky enough to welcome aboard Sheila McHugh (MVRHS Class of 2012) as a guidance counselor to work with 10-12 graders. To help better serve our ESL population, Cheri Cluff, an ESL teacher, worked part time as an Adjustment Counselor as she completed the hours necessary to become a licensed Adjustment Counselor. Luiza Mouzina, a licensed therapist, was also hired as a half time school therapist. Luiza, who is from Brazil, was able to meet individually and in groups with many students from Brazil to help them with the social/emotional transition to schooling in the US. Guidance counselors continue to work with all the Island sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming ninth graders as well as to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Students continue to meet with their counselors in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options. We also continue to partner with many island agencies to offer alternatives to the traditional four-year college path. ACE MV, MV Youth, and many other groups and organizations are resources for students who wish to pursue two-year college degrees, vocational and trade opportunities, and various other post-secondary opportunities. The guidance department was able to develop transitional plans for the nearly 150 graduates. As a result, the Class of 2022 had about 75% of its graduates attend a two or four year college or university or technical or trade school. Many of the remaining 25% had concrete work plans after they graduated. The scholarship program again was hugely successful, and the generous donors provided scholarships, grants and additional items such as electronics and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,391,644. Every student in the 2022 graduating class that was attending a post-secondary program received multiple awards totaling \$1,216,593. Postgraduates and other Island students received \$1,175,051. Moreover, not calculated in the total amount (per donor request) included an additional seven awarded for seniors and 26 awards for post-graduates. The scholarship program's list of contributing donors and financial assistance continues to grow yearly. This demonstrates the value our community places on our students to receive a post-secondary education. Each and every scholarship awarded is an investment that creates an opportunity for a student.

History

The History Department continues to expand our curriculum in order to provide courses that all students can access throughout their four years at MVRHS. We have been redesigning the sequencing of our curriculum over the past two years and are now currently offering World History in 9th grade, American Studies in 10th, Global Studies in 11th, and Civics in 12th. Additionally, we are privileged to be one of 60 schools across the country chosen to participate in the newly created AP African American pilot program. This innovative curriculum is an exciting opportunity for our students to grow their understanding of American history and culture through a new lens. In 12th grade Civics, all of the students are exploring

the history of Voting Rights in the United States by exploring a case study of Martin Luther King, his SCLC organization and the events on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The students have been reflecting on how our country got to that point. As part of a collective effort with the ELL program, the SAO and Student Government, the several history teachers hosted Kyle Williams in training approximately 100 students in the CPR protocol of A Long Talk training. The students were enthusiastic about the opportunity and love working with Kyle. Finally, several teachers went to New Hampshire this past year to study the Harkness program and have brought back an enthusiasm for student-led discussions in their classrooms, which is quickly becoming the foundational principles for the Humanities programs in the 10th and 11th grades.

Library

The Library Department continued in 2022 to serve the school community through lending, access to resources, and instruction. The school librarian co-teaches the senior Capstone course and teaches a minicourse as part of the CTE rotation in which most freshmen are enrolled. Called Navigating Digital Information, it introduces foundational research skills using library databases, how to distinguish news from other types of information, and how to stop the spread of misinformation. Both classes meet in the library, where individual students and classes often visit to research and select books. Circulation of library materials continues to rise. To date in 2022, nearly 1,400 books have been checked out, roughly two books for every student at MVRHS. That is a 22% increase over the same timespan in 2019, when we were last continually in the building over those months. The library continues to provide access to Turnitin (for plagiarism-prevention), WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform), accounts for *The New York Times* for all students and staff, and access to state-funded research databases. The librarian provides research instruction to classes across grades and departments.

Math

This past year for the Math Department has been one of "getting back to normal" not only with respect to classroom routine, but also in terms of raising the rigor of our curriculum. Many of our department members spent time over the summer engaging in work to support this endeavor. Carole Flanders attended the AP Summer Institute for AP Calculus (BC); Michael Innes and Kelly Magnuson worked on the scope and sequence of our AP Calculus (AB) and Honors Calculus curriculum; Jerry Kadien worked on a platform called *Edulastic* to address the question/assessment bank issues that had been identified the previous school year; Dawne Nelson worked on writing the curriculum for the new semester Statistics class that is now offered as a Dual Enrollment through Bristol Community College; and Marylee Carlomagno is running a new semester elective entitled Explorations in Engineering. We have partnered with a program called *Engineering Tomorrow* and its founder Bill Woodburn to connect our students with real Engineers in the field and college students who are currently studying to become Engineers, which has proven to be quite inspirational for the students. Our State Test and National Exam Scores were impressive and we are continuing to implement extra support to ensure we see sustained improvement.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Department had 11 students accepted into the South East music festival, and 3 received All-State audition recommendations. We sent 2 students (Jack Crawford and Emmett Favreau) to the All State Festival, where they performed at Symphony Hall in Boston. The MV Big Band went to the MAJE competition in March, earning a Bronze medal. We had to adjust our schedule in early spring due to a COVID surge, but triumphed with a four-day run of Les Miserables, a collaboration between 50 high school students, dozens of community members, and two elementary schools. The Minnesingers had a successful 10-day tour to Ireland. We had a May department concert with all of our performing groups, and the Minnesingers performed their annual Mother's Day concerts in style. Finally, the band and choruses performed at graduation. Our new drama teacher, Nate Punches, brings a whole new skill set to our department, focusing on technical theater, set design and build, and production. We are looking forward to some new course offerings in the spring of 2023, and more for the 2023-24 school year in theater. We have added percussion ensemble as well as a hand-drumming rotational (CTE) to the instrumental offerings and a choral ensemble for the first time singers in our school. We had 19 students audition for the South East Music Festival this year, with 12 accepted and 5 receiving All State audition recommendations (Annabelle Brothers, Jack Crawford, Samuel Hines, Linus Munn and Katie Ogden). We have our first department concert on December 1 where we will have 7 groups performing - Orchestra, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, MV Big Band, First Year Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and the Minnesingers. The annual Whaling Church show for the Minnesingers is December 9 - 10. Our students are hard at work rehearsing Chicago for a February 9th opening night, and a smaller group is choosing a play to rehearse and perform at the METG competition in the spring. Lastly, we have received another donation from the Kathryn Goodman foundation, in support of the music offerings at the school. We are studying, rehearsing, performing and competing a lot this year, with more students than we've seen in years. Things are looking up for the PAD at the high school!

Physical Education

Building on a successful pilot last year, our 10th grade students are engaged in a full year of health and PE, covering health topics such Teen Mental Health First Aid, education around substance usage and deferment, "Get Real" sexual health education, as well as individual and team sports and recreation. All other grades continue to engage in Physical Education for a semester. Our five teachers, Gary Simmons, Liane Dixon, Ryan Kent, TJ Reap and new staff member Tony Mottola work hard to instill healthy habits in mind and body through our coursework. The PE department is also supported by the Sound Foundation, which financially supports three yoga courses each semester. This partnership allows our 11th and 12th graders the choice to take Yoga or the traditional PE program, and this helps support improved student engagement.

A highlight of our program continues to be the Adaptive PE program taught by Ryan Kent. This course allows students in our Special Education Navigator program the opportunity to engage in modified physical and health coursework.

Project Vine

Project Vine has had a great year in 2022! After welcoming 13 new members as our class of 2025 at the end of January, we took the entire program of 45 students to the Cape Cod Mall to participate in various team building challenges at 10 Pin, including laser tag, escape rooms and virtual reality games. We held another successful "Chopped for Charity" event in March, raising over \$300 for the Island Food Pantry (through IGI.) In April, we visited the city of Boston for a photo scavenger hunt, and in June we held a fantastic end of the year party where three graduating seniors were awarded the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial scholarship: the most awards we have given in a single year thanks to the generosity of Al & Jill Woollacott. Over the summer, staff met to design a new character education curriculum based around shared movies representing our school's core values. In September, Project Vine traveled back to Penikese Island for our annual retreat, but not before celebrating Dani Charbonneau, our program chair, being named the 2023 Massachusetts State Teacher of the Year! In October, seniors continued our tradition of working with staff at the MV Museum to research, write and perform historical fiction at our 6th annual Island Lore Night. Project Vine also hosted the Navigator and Explorer programs on Halloween for a classroom Trick-or-Treat. We held our fall work day in November, where students cleaned, painted and personalized our space, this time working with MVRHS Art Teacher Tiffany Shoquist to design and make a beautiful group art tapestry. In December, seniors will screen their new micro-documentary about the program for potential incoming members of the class of 2026.

Science

In the past 12 months the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and Ap curriculum design. The department has worked with several local groups (on- Island and off-Island), including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, Mink Meadows Conservation group and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. We now offer two dual enrollment classes through local community colleges. Students can earn college credit in Marine Biology and Anatomy and Physiology this year. We have also expanded our elective offerings to upperclassmen with the return Island Natural History and Environmental Biology and two lab skills courses offered in conjunction with the CTE department. We are looking forward to a robust science fair in the second week of January and continued success in AP and MCAS testing results by our students.

Special Education

The Special Education Department continues to provide support to meet the individualized needs of our students. Programming can be found in the general education setting, co-teaching classrooms, as well as, the Navigator, Voyager and Compass programs. Our staff has spent time over the last year increasing their strategies and instructional methods through a variety of conferences in the areas of executive functioning, reading, therapeutic, and transition skills. As a team of teachers this year we are placing an emphasis on programming and skill development at the intersection of executive functioning and social emotional learning. Our students are educated throughout the island community in places of employment

and places of enjoyment. MVRHS students are developing their work skills at Felix Neck, Trustees of the Reservation, Thimble Farm, Farm Institute, MSPCA. We also have students participating in the work study program in a variety of employment settings. The Voyager continues with the Purple Paws business, where the students make, package, sell and deliver packages of dog treats. The Voyager program is also collaborating with a local business around the opening of a local cafe. The Navigator students continue their work with the Coffee Clipper Cart, practicing interacting with customers and managing money. Our students are excited to be in action again with Unified Sports participating in Basketball in the Fall and Track and Field in the Spring. At all grades, our students are using Naviance to develop skills that help them to reach their goals related to their post-secondary plans. Some seniors took a trip to Cape Cod Community College in the Fall as they are making plans to meet their vision.

Wellness

In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer to peer programming. *NAMI Peer Outreach* is a club that meets to educate and destigmatize mental health challenges within our school community. This is a collaboration with NAMI of MV; the *SWEAR (Stand with Everyone Against Rape)* program held its first overnight retreat in June 2022; 30 students and 6 staff traveled to Camp Hale in NH. The retreat focused on deconstructing toxic masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender based violence. Our annual assembly is scheduled for December 2022. Our team is in the second year of *TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid)* teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work collaborating with *A Long Talk* for both students and staff, weekly *WOC (Women of Color)* and *BSA (Black Student Alliance)* meetings. We have implemented the 10 week *STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group)* curriculum for newcomers to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States. As always we continue to support the social emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support (in both English and Portuguese) for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing. We continue to collaborate with CONNECT to end violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC Recovery Coaches and private clinicians to offer support to our students.

World Language

This past year the World Language Department continued to work to further develop our understanding of proficiency and the various means to teach and assess in order to ensure that our students and teachers thoroughly understand where students are in their journey through the various levels of proficiency. We spent the winter and spring meeting with a consultant from the Avant testing company in order to be able to measure our students' proficiency levels in line with the American Council of Foreign Language and DESE. We also explored the newly released World Language Standards by participating in collaborative online modules. In the classroom, we continue to focus on the three modes of communication; Interpretive, Interpretion skills. We are proud to announce that our students demonstrated their advanced language skills with 13 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy and one student earning the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction, as well as a very successful showing for students

that took the AP Spanish exam. We are now offering American Sign Language online through the Bristol Community College and American School for the deaf. Amy Crawford joined our department to teach Latin and Dr. Daniel Soares and Carlos Trindade joined our department from Brazil to develop our Heritage Portuguese and our Portuguese Language Arts program. We are so excited to welcome them to the department. In addition, this fall our AP students volunteered their time and language skills to help with 47 Venezuelan and Colombian immigrants that arrived on Martha's Vineyard unannounced. Three College Board Executives visited the school in October to commend these students for their help. They spoke of the enormous value of using their acquired language skills to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you for allowing me to share this information with you, and your continued support of MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are committed to engaging students with challenging academics, additional support and resources to better prepare them for their journey after high school. It is through the dedication of our teachers, our administrators, the school committee, community partnerships, parents, and of course our students, that all of this is made possible. Without these groups working together as a team we would not be able to accomplish all that we have on a daily basis.

Respectfully,

Sara Dingledy, Principal

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2022 annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS).

I believe good school systems embrace a culture in which everyone who is invested in some manner with our schools, becomes a steward of our schools, establishing a guiding principle in which a genuine positive and caring regard for all children pervades our buildings. As a steward of MVYPS for over 20 years, and as the new superintendent, I understand the privilege and honor that has been bestowed on me and I embrace and appreciate being entrusted with our schools. Being a part of this talented staff who supports our Island's children is very special for me.

My education philosophy is grounded in the belief that the relationships among the educators in a school define that school's culture. Renowned Harvard Educator, Roland Barth once said, "the nature of relationships among the adults within a school has a greater influence on the character and quality of that school and on student accomplishment than anything else". Teachers and administrators have the capacity to enrich one another's lives and thereby enrich our school children's lives. Our efforts as educators must serve that end for all children, by continuing to embrace the following core beliefs in informing the work we do:

1) Our work will always reflect the best interest of our students, all students. Their care is the most sustainable work that we do. During my time in MVYPS, I have seen our educators embrace caring as a primary responsibility of our schools. At the same time, promoting the social-emotional welfare of children is a responsibility that must be emphasized to the same degree as instructional measures. As our learners become intelligent problem-solvers, the skills of learning to listen with understanding and empathy become paramount.

2) Effective collegial and congenial relationships will highlight our collaborative work in support of our children. The establishment and maintenance of strong and supportive relationships among adults, students, and their families in our community are vital to student learning.

3) Trust and effective communication, nurtured by consistent collaboration, strengthens our work with our students, supporting their resilience and achievement. The internal accountability that is fostered through our collaborative practices, promotes the collective efficacy of our students and staff.

Despite the incredible challenges that our children have faced over the past three years, our students in all schools maintained strong growth in their composite scaled scores and student growth indicators as evidenced by our Spring, 2022 MCAS results. As a result of the hardships experienced by our students over the pandemic years, MVYPS continues to enact measures to recapture their learning and strengthen their social-emotional welfare.

Our schools must constantly look to the cultures in our buildings and understand our schools' impact on the culture of our entire Island community. We will work over this year to listen to our children, our families, our staff, and our community as to the priorities they wish to see emphasized in the context of the incredible opportunities presented through multiple and significant capital projects and program and practice initiatives. It is exciting that MVYPS administration and school committees, in concert with our towns, continue to move forward to ensure that meaningful progress is made on critical system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children.

These critical goals include:

- A clear focus on our students' academic achievement, their academic resilience, and their social emotional health.
- The Tisbury School Building Project.
- Regional Agreement work with all Island towns and school committees.
- Executing plans for our towns and high school that run parallel to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) 270 day timeline that will ultimately result in securing funding for a comprehensive building project feasibility study for MVRHS.
- The completion of contract negotiations with our five MVYPS bargaining units during a particularly challenging negotiation year. I am pleased and grateful for the work of key town leaders, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators to reach these agreements.
- The continued work with our health and safety committee to ensure for the safety and fidelity of the learning environment through school planning and implementation regarding Covid 19, RSV, and Flu with necessary alternate responses. I am grateful to our town board of health agents, school physician, and school nurses for their endeavors to keep our children safe.
- The continued exploration of alternative and creative methods to address staffing shortages in our school buildings and in transportation.
- The continued work to better support our children with culturally responsive curriculum and practices.
- The continued need to improve the culture and climate of our schools and the manner in which MVYPS responds in working with our community.
- The continued support of our children and staff with improved behavioral health interventions, resources, and practices.

I recently read an article in the Vineyard Gazette, written by Julia Wells titled *Finding a Rhythm on the Rollercoaster That Was 2022*. I believe it sums up perfectly our school year to date. Not only the challenges of this current school year, but the wonderful opportunities that have come our way as well.

As we maintain the necessary momentum in moving forward with initiatives and challenges regarding many areas of change and growth, we will also balance identifying areas in need of further development, through the input of our multiple stakeholders including our students, their families, our staff, and our community leaders and agencies.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the many individuals, departments, boards, and offices of our six Island towns and our Island organizations, as well as our school committee members, our parents, and our staff. I see your commitment in your continued support of our children and I want to thank our entire Island community for prioritizing the work of our schools.

We have much to be proud of regarding our schools. We have made great strides in the numerous opportunities and challenges before us. There is a lot of good going on in the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. Thank you for your support as we move our schools forward together in partnership.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D. Superintendent, Martha's Vineyard Public Schools



SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOOL CALENDAR

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS **REVISED 2.14.23**



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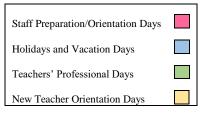
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August 29 & 30	New Teacher Orientation	January	2	New Year's Day (observed)
August 31	Full Professional Development Day	January	3	Schools Re-Open
September 1 & 2	Staff Preparation/Orientation Days	January	11	Professional Development Day – ½ day
September 5	Labor Day	January	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
September 6	All Schools Open	February	15	Professional Development Day – ¹ / ₂ day
October 7	Full Professional Development Day	February	20	Presidents' Day
October 10	Indigenous Peoples' Day	Feb. 27-M	larch 3	February Vacation
November TBD	Teacher CoP (after school)	March	8	Professional Development Day – ½ day
November 11	Veterans Day	April	17	Patriots' Day Observed
November 23-25	School Closed/Thanksgiving	April	18-21	April Vacation
December 23	MVRHS Closes at 11:00/December Recess	May	29	Memorial Day
	Elemen. Schools Close at Noon/December Recess	June	5	Professional Development Day – ½ day
Dec. 26-January 2	School Closed/December Recess	June	19	Juneteenth Independence Day
		June	20	Last Day of School $-\frac{1}{2}$ day
		June	27	Last Day of School with 5 Snow Days *

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*CALENDAR INCLUDES 185 SCHEDULED SCHOOL DAYS, INCLUDING 5 SNOW/EMERGENCY DAYS. IF THESE DAYS ARE NOT USED, THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL IN JUNE WILL BE ADJUSTED IN ORDER FOR THE CALENDAR TO CARRY A TOTAL OF 180 STUDENT SCHOOL DAYS.

ADDITIONAL	DATE	<u>s</u>	High School Events
September	26	Rosh Hashanah	September 2 Freshman Orientation
October	5	Yom Kippur	June 11 Graduation
October	11	Cranberry Day	Elementary Schools Graduation Dates
April	6	Passover	Oak Bluffs-June 13; Tisbury-June 14; West Tisbury-June 15; EDG & CH-June 16
April	7	Good Friday	
April	9	Easter	PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS (EARLY DISMISSAL)
April	22	Eid al-Fitr	Elementary Schools:
Approved by	the A	ISC 5.13.21	Spring dates: Apr 25,26,27 Edg.OB Gr 5-8 only: May 1
II			MV Regional High School: November 7-10, 2022 Early Dismissal
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TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

It is my privilege to share this report, on behalf of the Tisbury School community.

As we began the 2022-23 school year, our staff and students acknowledged that our time together in the school building would likely be brief, as we anticipated our eventual move into the temporary school. This move was something our school had expected for many months. However, in September, as we welcomed students back after summer vacation, we realized that the move was finally in front of us. The strong support from voters at the September 20 Special Town Meeting provided assurance that the school building project was happening, and we then began to fully focus on the November move.

As I write this report in December, reflecting on the move and our first few weeks occupying the temporary school campus, the gratitude I feel towards the Tisbury School staff is immense. The collective efforts of our staff to fully recreate classrooms and all spaces in the modular buildings demonstrated their sincere care for children. This effort happened quickly and efficiently, during the Thanksgiving vacation, as we looked to students' first day in the temporary school on November 28. We were more prepared to receive students that day than most had expected. Again, this was due to our staff and their desire to welcome students to safe, supportive, and comfortable rooms. While the temporary school offers limited space, we understand that it is temporary, and that it allows the comprehensive renovation and addition building project to take place. Over the coming months, we look forward to watching the progress of this project, with hope and optimism.

The past few years have presented significant challenges to schools and education, due to the pandemic. The Tisbury School experienced added challenges because of our facility. Despite these obstacles, our students have continued to achieve highly. Evidence of their learning can certainly be found in standardized assessment results, but more importantly in their regular classroom work in all subjects and programs. I see the creativity of our teachers and the resiliency of our students every day, and this is incredibly rewarding and reassuring.

Parents of Tisbury School students deserve special acknowledgement and appreciation. I do not believe they can be thanked enough for their collective support, patience, and understanding. Their backing strengthens our school community, and is never taken for granted. Our small but mighty Parent-Teacher Organization continues to persevere, leading efforts to celebrate our school.

Sincere thanks to the many individuals, organizations, and departments that support our school's ongoing work. In particular, we are grateful for the support from all Town of Tisbury departments, boards, and offices, the Tisbury School Committee, the Tisbury School Advisory Council, the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools and Superintendent's Office, the MV Camp Meeting Association, and American Legion Post #257.

Voters and residents of Tisbury, thank you as well, for your commitment to ensuring that our community has a strong school that provides meaningful, enriching opportunities for students. Sincerely,

John Custer

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VOLUNTEER TO SERVE YOUR TOWN

The Select Board 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 Select Board** Attn: Volunteers Tisbury Town Hall PO Box 1239 Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 pbennett@tisburyma.gov

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KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

Boards, Committees and Commissions Affordable Housing Beautification Board of Registrars Climate Committee Council on Aging Community Preservation Conservation Commission Embarkation Land Bank MV Cultural Council

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Picnic Committee Sewer Advisory Municipal Housing trust Vineyard Healthcare Access Waterways Zoning Board of Appeals

*For a full list see town website. www.tisburyma.gov

TISBURY MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

ANADIM ANCE SEDVICES 21 Water Street	
AMBULANCE SERVICES 31 Water Street	508-696-4264
ANIMAL CONTROL 66 High Point Lane - (Dog Pound)	508-696-4209
ASSESSORS 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4206
BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4280
CONSERVATION 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	580-696-4260
COUNCIL ON AGING 34 Pine Tree Road	508-696-4205
COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER (Non-Emergency)	508-696-1212
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4220
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 215 Spring Street	508-696 4250
FINANCE DEPARTMENT 51 Spring Street (Town Hall)	508-696-4205
FIRE DEPARTMENT To Report A Fire	911
FIRE DEPARTMENT, 215 Spring Street (Office- Non-emergency)	508-696-4246
HARBORMASTER 19 Owen Park Way	508-696-4249
HEALTH DEPARTMENT 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4290
IT DEPARTMENT 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-684-8303
LIBRARY MAIN NUMBER 200 Main Street	508-696-4210
PLANNING BOARD 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4270
POLICE DEPARTMENT 31 Water Street	
To Report An Emergency	911
Headquarters	508-696-4240
RECREATION/PARKS 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4220
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 40 West William Street	
SELECT BOARD 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4202
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT 19 Owen Park Way	508-696-4201
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4250
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4203
TOWN CLERK 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4215
TOWN ACCOUNTANT 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4255
TOWN HALL General Information 51 Spring Street	508-696-4201
WATER DEPARTMENT 400 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

John Minnehan Jennifer Rapuano Ray Tattersall Tracey Jones Brian Gibson

Audrey Tilton Catie Fuller Blake

15 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Amy Ryan Amy Maciel David Lopes Patrick Murphy Jason Robinson Marie Ann Maciel John Crocker Jakob Levett Sean Duarte

Alycelee Pigman Chris Habekost Darren Welch Troy Maciel

Laura Barbera Rhonda DeBettencourt Sandra Whitworth Ken Maciel

20 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Kim Serpa Scott Norbury Joanna Jernegan Ann Marie Cywinski Scott Ogden Hillary Conklin Maura Valley Donald Fraser

30 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Pat Harris Glenn Pinkham Brian Flanders Joyce Stiles Tucker Gary Sylvia Suzanne Kennedy George Medeiros

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

LICENSES & PERMITS ARE NOW ONLINE

