



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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: 4,647 (2021 CENSUS)

LAND AREA: APPROXIMATELY 7.5 SQUARE MILES

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: First Tuesday in April

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION: Second Tuesday after Town Meeting

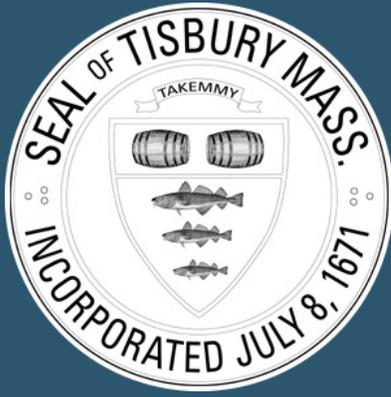
FY 2022 TAX RATE
Residential \$9.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation
Commercial \$8.58 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation

The Board of Selectmen voted in 2021 to continue the residential exemption for FY2022, maintaining the level of the residential exemption at 18%, as voted in 2013, for eligible residents meeting criteria established by the Department of Revenue and the Board of Assessors under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5C. The Selectmen also voted not to shift the tax burden to Commercial property and adopted a residential factor of 1, i.e., that there will not be a split tax rate in FY2022 from the Residential on to the Commercial property. The Board of Selectmen has voted a Residential Exemption since 1988.

ASSESSMENTS:	FY 2022 ASSESSED VALUATIONS
Residential Property:	\$3,075,197,958
Open Space:	-0-
Commercial Property:	\$258,350,823
Industrial Property:	\$5,248,100
Personal Property:	\$79,251,532
Exempt Property:	\$229,998,854
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS:	\$3,418,048,413

CREDITS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: On July 8th of this year the Town of Tisbury celebrated its 350th birthday. Unfortunately, due to the concern for public health and safety amidst ongoing Covid-19 pandemic a Town-wide celebration of this significant date was postponed. This Annual Town Report is dedicated to honoring Town's rich history. The cover photo is made up of prior Town Report covers dating all the way back to 1903 and photos used throughout the report capture various moments in Town's history. **All historic images courtesy of the Martha's Vineyard Museum.**

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VOLUNTEER TO SERVE YOUR TOWN

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

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

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

YOUR PARTICIPATION IN TOWN GOVERNMENT IS IMPORTANT.

.....

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

LIST ORDER OF PREFERENCE

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

IN MEMORIAM

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



Bruce Lewellyn, 82, of Vineyard Haven, passed away at his home on Sept. 14, 2021. He was the husband of Jean (Braddon) Lewellyn. He served on The Finance Committee and the Government Study Panel.

Clara Silva Rabbitt died peacefully on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at her home in Vineyard Haven, a few months shy of her 100th birthday on Sep. 13. She was the wife of Owen J. Rabbitt. Served as an Election worker for the Town of Tisbury.



Vera Shorter died at her home on Martha's Vineyard on Feb. 26, 2021, with her two daughters nearby. She was born in Huntington, Long Island, to Sue Hendrickson and Claude Groves in 1922. She received many awards, among them the M.V. NAACP's Humanitarian Award in 1996, and in 2009, the NAACP New England Chapter's Living Legend Award. She served on the Police Advisory Committee.

John Estrella of Vineyard Haven, died on Feb. 27, 2021 at home. Mr. Estrella served on the Board of Health.





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SELECT BOARD

The following report provides some insight into the variety of work activities and highlights the achievements the Town accomplished over the last year.

The Town successfully held Town Meeting and local elections in June, albeit late due to the persistence of the COVID 19 Pandemic. The preparations for Town Meeting involved the coordination of multiple departments and the setup of outdoor tents, audio equipment, and stage

so that the town's business could be conducted. The weather cooperated and the town's business was completed expeditiously over the weekend with strong attendance.



“View of Spring Street and Town Hall”

The Town continues to be mindful that we are still in a pandemic. Mask requirements are still in place. Staff, boards, and committees to avoid in-person meetings and conduct virtual meetings when proper social distancing cannot be achieved.

Following the election of Roy Cutrer to the Select Board, Jeff Kristal was elected Chairman, Larry Gomez was elected Vice-Chair, and Roy Cutrer 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 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. The Committee and Consultants completed the existing conditions report, evaluated several alternatives, progressed the preferred option and schematic plan, and developed preliminary cost estimates. 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. Both the School Committee and Select Board did not let the dust settle and began moving into the next phases of this project. The bid solicitation and contract for the demolition and removal of structures at 55 West William Street to establish an area to provide logistical support for the project. Town Staff and consultant, Tappe', have worked closely on the evaluation of alternative interim school layouts which are substantially complete.

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. The Town is also working with bond counsel on capital cash flow for the project and schedule for borrowing, bonds both short term and long term. All contract agreements for Architect, Owners Project Manager, and Construction Manager have been approved for the project.

Tisbury Master Plan

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 the calendar year 2022.

Special Legislation

With authorization from Town Meeting, the Select Board filed Special Legislation to eliminate the mandatory retirement age for fire personnel, which today is age 65. The purpose of the legislation is to retain personnel that has acquired so much knowledge and specialized certifications over the years and not lose this expertise, due to arbitrary age-mandated retirement. Replacing these individuals is difficult and unnecessary in most situations when the individual still has interest and the physical capacity to continue working. This legislation has been filed with our legislative delegation.

Following Town Meeting approval of a citizen petition to eliminate the food requirement under the town's All Alcohol Regulations, the Select Board submitted legislation to our state delegation to seek approval from the State Legislature.

This legislation is anticipated to be enacted in the calendar year 2022.

Tisbury 350th Anniversary Celebration

The Select Board has been working closely with the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District and Vineyard Haven Business Association to celebrate the Town's 350th anniversary. The celebration is planned to be incorporated within spring and summer events 2021. The scheduled birthday celebration at Veterans Park was scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2021, now postponed until 2022, "350th + 1 Celebration".

There was strong interest by the Select Board and businesses in donating to the Tisbury School Project for the 350th celebration. As part of the 350th, the plan is to permit businesses to sell 350th merchandise and the profits can be donated to the school project. This will continue into 2022. The Select Board also commissioned a 350th Tisbury Anniversary Coin with the proceeds going to the Tisbury School Project.

Marine Terminal

Following presentations on the Tisbury Marine Terminal's (TMT) project to the Tisbury, the Select Board strongly supports 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 project aims are as follows:

- 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 wants to acknowledge TMT's continuing leadership and investment in our town's marine industrial facilities to maintain 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 is greatly appreciated by us.

Martha's Vineyard Museum

Tisbury is proud and honored to be the host community for the island's museum. Important exhibits and events take place throughout the year that celebrates the island.

The Select Board executed a new three-year Memorandum of Agreement with the Martha's Vineyard Museum. This details communications, expectations and duties, and responsibilities of both the Museum and Town for future special events at the Museum. The Museum also makes a financial contribution to offset municipal services for these events. The Museum is hugely successful. The Select Board looks forward to the continued success of the museum.

Grants

At the close of the fiscal year, the town received state reimbursements and extensions on existing grants to complete ongoing work and new grant awards.

The Complete Street Grant extension request was approved. The Town has been reimbursed for expenditures for the completion of roadway improvements on Norton Lane and a new multi-purpose pathway between Veterans Park and Old Fire Station Lot, which connects the park to Beach Street.

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. This parking area should provide some relief to the parking shortage for downtown Vineyard Haven.

The Coastal Zone Management Grant extension request was approved. The Town has just 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 would just note that the partnership with the Vineyard Haven Business Association provides mutual support for both and results in a very effective team in promoting Vineyard Haven.

The Select Board also approved and submitted FY 22 CDBG grant application with the Town of Oak Bluffs for housing rehabilitation and childcare services.

The Select Board also works closely with Island Housing Trust in the production of affordable housing opportunities. We have worked collaboratively on several successful housing initiatives in Tisbury. The most recent collaboration resulted in the Select Board achieving two key objectives. 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 recently awarded Rural and Small-Town Grant in the amount of \$400,000 will provide funding for the installation of a 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 Lake Tashmoo Watershed

Finances

The Town continues to be in a strong fiscal position, which is the result of the new revenue streams created by the Select Board. The Select Board has enacted new revenue collections in the last few years assessing short-term rental income and marijuana sales. The Select Board has approved two host community agreements for marijuana sales. The Select Board passed new regulations to inspect short-term rentals to ensure rentals meet current health, building, and fire codes.

These revenue sources can now be assessed and managed through the Select Board's enactment of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64-N, Section 3 the local sales tax on the sale of recreational marijuana at a rate of 3% of the gross receipts and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts from these revenue sources to a stabilization fund. The Select Board's objective and strategy are to direct a portion of the above revenues to be set aside for the long-term capital building and infrastructure needs of the town. Specifically, the Select Board enacted the dedication of 50% of the local tax revenue from the sale of marijuana facilities operating in the town to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B. The Select Board also enacted under the same law 35% of all State receipts received from the State for Hotel, Meals and Short-term Rentals to the Capital Building and Infrastructure Stabilization Fund.

Short-term rental, embarkation, and other revenues are up. The first marijuana establishment, Patient-Centric, opened this last year on Mechanic Street.

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

exemption. The Select Board continues to also support a strong business community through initiatives to attract visitors that will continue to make the Vineyard a destination of choice for many.

Parks and Beaches

The Public Works Department oversaw the completion of park improvements for the upper portion of Owen Park. The new landscaping, pathway, and terrace area are wonderful. Community Preservation money funded these improvements installed by Public Works. Representatives and campers from Camp Jabberwocky joined town officials for a site visit to review the improvements and discuss the future improvements being considered for Owen Park. The objective is to make the park more accessible and remove architectural barriers.

Tisbury Police Department

The Tisbury Police Department transition plan was implemented with the change in leadership at the Tisbury Police Station. The Interim Police Chief Chris Habekost and Temporary Lieutenant Bill Brigham have settled into their new roles and have attended and participated in several meetings with residents and businesses. In addition, the three-year Police Union Collective Bargaining Agreement is signed and is now final. The department has a strategic vision for the future.

Human Resources

The transition of the Human Resources functions to the Human Resources Office and Personnel Board is essentially complete. However, at the next available Town Meeting, further changes to establish a separate Human Resources Department and Human Resources Director will be put forward for enactment.

Natural Resources

The Harbor Patrol Boat contract was awarded, and the boat is under construction. The Harbormaster is expecting delivery in Spring 2022.

The Harbormaster is also finalizing the construction drawings for the Owen Park Pier Replacement Project. The goal is to secure a grant to partially fund this project.

Natural Resources Staff and Town Administrator also met with Tisbury Waterways Inc. at which an outline for a future Lake Tashmoo Watershed Management Plan with goals and objectives were discussed.

Approximately two years ago, the EPA partnered with the University of New Hampshire, and collaborating with the Martha's Vineyard Commission undertook and completed an evaluation of stormwater drainage runoff in the Town of Tisbury. The study area was focused on the built area of the downtown, but the stormwater buildout analysis encompassed a much larger area. Several recommendations and new technologies came out of this work.

After the completion of the above study, the Select Board formed the Water Resources Committee. In addition to working on the Comprehensive Waste Management Plan, the

Committee was also charged to improve stormwater management town-wide in response to the EPA Study and the Massachusetts Estuary Project Reports for Lagoon Pond and Lake Tashmoo.

The Select Board adopted comprehensive aquaculture regulations in 2019. The Select Board has now approved three aquaculture businesses to cultivate oysters in town waterways.

The Wastewater Division continues to work with the Water Resources Committee on the Comprehensive Waste Management Plan with our consulting engineer Environmental Partners. The Wastewater Division is also finishing this year a series of improvements to the Treatment Facility in preparation for the extension of wastewater service on State Road which will reduce nitrogen entering the Lake Tashmoo Watershed.

MassDOT Beach Road Improvement Project

The Beach Road traffic improvements commenced in 2021. As part of the initial construction work, the Town completed an evaluation and assessment of the project impacts on town infrastructure. The Town reached an agreement with MassDOT on critical plan revisions. Utility work, sidewalk construction, and pavement leveling construction were completed Fall of 2021. The project is moving ahead of schedule with the anticipated date of completion for construction in the Fall of 2022 versus the calendar year 2023.

Municipal Vulnerability Program

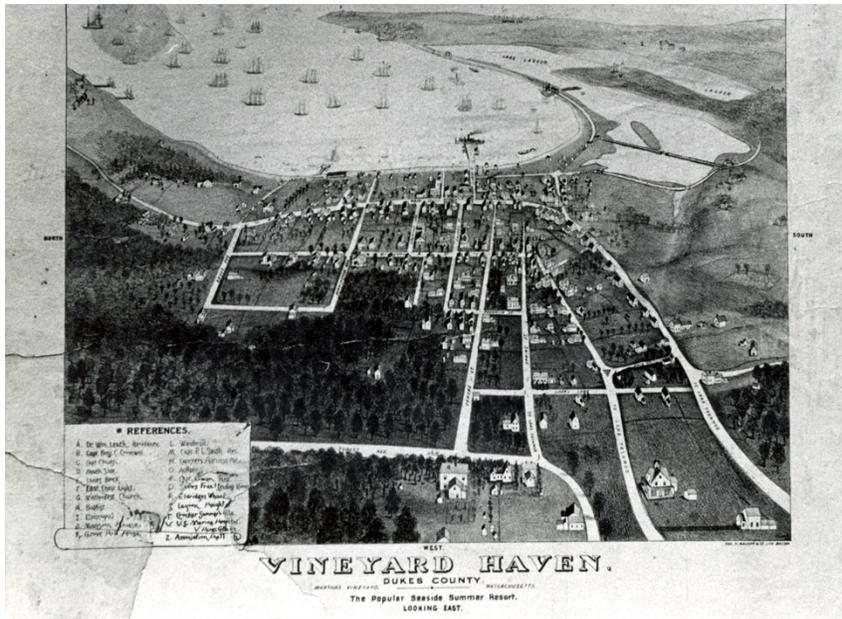
In 2018, the Town completed the prioritization steps to reduce risks and improve resilience to projected climate change impacts across the community.

In 2019, the completed “Evaluation of Coastal Processes and Storm Impacts to Support Resilient Planning and Mitigation Strategies for the Vineyard Haven Harbor Shoreline” with our consulting partner Applied Coastal Engineering. Public meetings were held in the last year to seek input on alternatives that can be taken to make our shoreline less vulnerable.

The above achievements are just a small sample of the Select Board’s activities over the calendar year.

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

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 unequalled 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 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Select Board

Jeff Kristal, Chairman
Larry Gomez, Vice-Chairman
Roy Cutrer, Clerk

John W. Grande, Town Administrator
Alex BenDavid, 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 Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Department of Public Works, the Finance and Advisory Committee, the Planning Board, The School Committee, The Town Clerk, Board of Assessors, The Water Commissioners, and the Library Trustees. In addition, the Town Administrator and the Finance director attend as non-voting, Ex Officio members.

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

Under the directive of James Rogers, meeting discussions have encompassed a wide range of topics this year including town wide goals, COVID-19, reviews of FY22 budget and warrant articles, the Tisbury School building project, and ways to address future needs and priorities of the Town.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James Rogers, Chairman-Select Board

Hillary Conklin, Town Clerk

John Grande, Town Administrator (Ex Officio)

Malcolm Boyd, Board of Health

David Schwab, Water Commissioner

Nancy Gilfoy, Finance & Advisory Committee

Amy Houghton, Tisbury School Committee

Elaine Miller, Planning Board

Jonathan Snyder, Finance Director (Ex Officio)

Cynthia Richards, Assessors

Archibald Smith, Library Board of Trustees

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
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Moderator	
Deborah Medders	2023
Selectmen	
James Rogers	2021
Jeff Kristal	2022
Larry Gomez	2023
Roy Cutrer	2024
Assessors	
Roy Cutrer, Jr.	Resigned
Cynthia Richards	2021
David Dandridge	2022
Fala Freeman	2022
James Norton	2022
Town Clerk	
J. Hillary Conklin	2023
Board of Health	
Jeffrey C. Pratt	2023
Malcolm Rich Boyd	2024
Michael D. Loberg	2022
School Committee	
Amy B. Houghton	2024
Michael Watts	2022
Jennifer Cutrer	2023
Water Commissioners	
David J. Schwab	2023
Roland M. Miller	2024
Elmer H. Silva, Jr.	2022
Planning Board	
Elaine T. Miller	2026
Dawn Bellante-Holand	2022
Benjamin Robinson	2023
Cheryl Doble	2024
Constance Alexander	2022
Paul Monafo	

Library Trustees

Carolyn Henderson	2023
Sandra Johnson Pratt	2023
George J. Balco	2024
Janet Hafler	2024
Pamela S. Street	2024
James H. K. Norton	2022
Myra Stark	2022
Archibald Alexander Smith	2022
Dennis Gene Agin	2023

Constables

Mark Campos	2024
Kenneth A. Barwick	2023
Michael Ciancio	2022

Finance & Advisory Committee

Jynell Kristal	2023
Mary Ellen Larsen	2023
Nancy B. Gilfoy	2024
Laura A. Rose	2021
Lesley Segal	2022
Sarah York	2023
India Rose	2021
Kelly Metell	2021
Allan Rogers	2024
Dan Seidman	2024
Rachel Orr	2022
Louise Clough	2022

Fish Committee

(Elected at Town Meeting)

Janet Messineo	2022
James T. Tilton	2022
John M. Wilbur, III	2022

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

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

Clarence A. Barnes, III	2022
Ben Robinson	2022

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Appointments Made by Board of Selectmen July 1- June 30

Town Administrator John W. Grande 03.12.2025	Local Inspector Justin Lucas 2024
Chief Procurement Officer John W. Grande 03.12.2025	Tree Warden Kirk Metell 2022
Information Technology Administrator Heidi Rydzewski Indefinite	Town Counsel Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
Director of Municipal Finance Jonathan V. Snyder 2023	Harbormaster John S. Crocker 2022 John Ryder, Assistant 2021
DPW Director Kirk Metell 2023	Animal Control Officer Kathleen Hoffman 2022
Police Chief Mark Saloio 2021 Chris Habekost, Interim 2022	Animal Inspector Catie Blake 4.30.2022 Kathleen Hoffman 4.30.2022
Treasurer & Tax Collector Jonathan V. Snyder 2023	Cape Light Compact John W. Grande 2021
Assistant Treasurer & Tax Collector Kimberly J. Serpa 2022	Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative John W. Grande 2021
Principle Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski Indefinite	Emergency Management Christina Colarusso, Director 2021 Greg Leland, Director 2022 Patrick Rolston, Assistant 2022
Town Accountant Suzanne E. Kennedy 2022	Shellfish Constable Danielle Ewart 2024 Fred Benson, Deputy 2022 Nelson Sigelman, Assistant 2022
Building Commissioner & Zoning Inspector Ross Seavey 2024	Elections Warden Mary Ellen Larsen 2022
Fence Viewer Ross Seavey 2022 Justin Lucas 2022	

Municipal Census Supervisor

J. Hillary Conklin 2022

Gas Inspector

Michael Ciancio 2022

Plumbing Inspector

Michael Ciancio 2022

Wiring Inspector

Raymond Gosselin 2022

Robert Mongillo 2022

Robert Perry 2022

Veterans Agent and Veterans Burial Officer

Jo Ann Murphy Indefinite

Veterans Grave Officer

Brian Montrose 2022

Board of Registrars

Leniston Daughtery 2022

J. Hillary Conklin 2023

Catherine M. Mayhew 2023

Elizabeth M. Call 2024

Beautification Committee

Jynell Kristal 2022

Dawn Braasch 2022

Kathy Rogers 2021

Caroline Gagliardi 2022

Council on Aging

Edward Sternick 2022

Sandra Johnson-Pratt 2022

Eleanor Morad 2023

Donald Rose 2023

Kenneth R. Gross 2024

Constance Teixeira 2024

Community Preservation Committee

Cheryl S. Doble 2022

John Best 2022

Abbe Burt 2022

Clarence Barnes 2023

John Bacheller 2022

Victor Cappoccia 2022

Paul Munafò 2024

David Ferraguzzi 2022

Carolyn Wallis 2022

Conservation Commission

Thomas M. Robinson 2024

Caroline Little 2024

John D. Best 2024

Lilian Robinson 2024

Nancy Weaver 2024

Sandra Demel 2024

Amelia Hambrecht 2024

Dukes County Advisory Board

Jeff Kristal 2022

Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust

Jonathan V. Snyder 2022

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority

Daniel Seidman 12.31.2023

Embarkation Advisory Committee

Peter Goodale 2022

Jynell Kristal 2022

Roy Cutrer 2022

Jonathan V. Snyder 2022

Mathew Hobart 2022

Energy Committee

William Straw 2021

Kirk Metell 2021

Bruce Stuart 2021

Nancy Gilfoy 2021

Dawn Bellante Holland 2021

Affordable Housing Committee

Laura L. Barbera 2022

Abbe Burt 2022

John W. Grande 2022

Daniel Jay Seidman 2022

Jean Hay	2022
Lesley Segal	2022
Victor Capoccia	2022

Housing Trust

Jeff Kristal	2022
Larry Gomez	2022
Roy Cutrer	2022
Abbe Burt	2022
Daniel Jay Seidman	2022
John Grande	2022
Jon Snyder	2022

Land Bank Advisory Board

Lillian Robinson	2022
Henry Neider	2022
Gerard Hokanson	2022
Elaine Miller	2022
David Dandridge	2022
David J. Schwab	2022
Malcolm Boyd	2022

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

Julia Kidd	2022
Suzanne Rosenberg	2022

Martha's Vineyard Commission

Josh Goldstein	12.31.2021
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Martha's Vineyard Community Television Board of Directors

Robert Tankard	2022
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Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority

Elaine Miller	2022
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Martha's Vineyard Region Transit Authority Disability Commuter Representative seat

Steve Soriano	2022
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Open Space and Recreation Committee

Cheryl Doble	2022
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Gerard Hokanson	2022
Henry Stephenson	2022
Carolyn Wallis	2022
James Burrows	2022

Parking Clerk

Beth Kaeka	2022
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Personnel Board

John Schilling	2023
Marilyn Wortman	2023
Christine Redfield	2023

RECC Finance Advisory Board

Jonathan Snyder	2022
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RECC Public Safety Advisory Board

Greg Leland	2022
Mark Saloio	2021
Chris Habekost, Interim	2022

Sewer Advisory Board

Jeff Pratt	2022
Dan Seidman	2022
Jeff Kristal	2022
Josh Goldstein	2021
John Best	2021
Christina Colarusso	2022
Tomar Waldman	2022
Chris Scott (Rate payer)	2022

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

Caroline Little	2022
Jeff Kristal	2022
Christine Redfield	2022
Benjamin Robinson	2022
Jeffrey Pratt	2022

Short Term Rental Task Force

James Rogers	2021
Elaine Miller	2021
Fredrick Rundlet	2021

Doris Clark	2021	Lorraine Wells	2022
Christine Redfield	2021		

Spring Building Management Committee

Harriet Barrow	2022
Patricia Carlet	2022
Lorraine Wells	2022

Steamship Authority Port Council

John Cahill	12.31.2022
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Steamship Long Range Task Force

John Cahill	2022
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Steamship Working Group

Steven Araujo	2022
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Town Cabinet

Archibald Smith	2022
J. Hillary Conklin	2022
John W. Grande	2022
James Rogers	2021
Jeffrey Kristal	2022
Nancy Gilfoy	2022
Malcolm Boyd	2021
Michael Loberg	2022
Amy Houghton	2022
David J. Schwab	2022
Elaine Miller	2021
Dawn Bellante Holland	2022
Jonathan V. Snyder	2022
Cynthia Richards	2021
David Dandridge	2022

Town Picnic Committee

Harriet Barrow	2022
Patricia Carlet	2022
Danielle Ewart	2022
Aase M. Jones	2022
Jonathan V. Snyder	2022
Henry Stephenson	2022

Vineyard Healthcare Access

Alan Hirshberg	2022
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Waterways Committee

Jeff Canha	2022
Greg Martino	2022
Roger Moffat	2022
John Packer	2022
Matthew Hobart	2022
Michael Baptiste	2022
Paul Manafo	2022

Water Resources Committee

Larry Gomez	2022
Nancy Gilfoy	2022
Michael Loberg	2022
Ben Robinson	2022
John Best	2021

William Street Historic District Commission and

Tisbury Historical Commission

Craig Whitaker	2023
John Bacheller	2024
Judith E. Federowicz	2024
Dana L. Hodsdon,	2024
Harold W. Chapdelaine	2024
Paul Lazes	2024
Polly Simpkins	2024
Christine Redfield	2024

Zoning Board of Appeals

Neal Stiller	2026
Jeffrey C. Kristal	2022
John Guadagno	2025
Anthony Holand	2024
Michael Ciancio	2023
Frank Piccione, Alternate	2022
Brandon Smith, Alternate	2022

Police Department

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

Special Officers

Patrick Souza	2022		
Mataya Trusty	2021	Dwayne Koohy	2021
Carla Gomes	2021	Washington Ives	2021
Savannah Barnes	2022	Savannah Barnes	2022

Traffic Officers

Andrew St. Pierre	Traffic Officer
Carla Gomes	Traffic Officer

Crossing Guards

Christina Whitney		2022
Stephen Nichols		2022
John Rollins		2022
Cheryl Pinkham		2022
Rita Reynolds		2022

Special Traffic Officers

Mataya Trusty	2021
Christina Whitney	2022

Fire Department

Gregory Leland, Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden	2023
Patrick Rolston, Assistant Deputy Fire Chief	2022

Fire Captains

Kenneth Maciel	Glenn Pinkham
James Rolston	Gary Sylvia

Fire Lieutenants

Jacob Levett	Jason Robinson	Darren Welch
Patrick Murphy	Justin Lucas	

Chaplin

Stephen Harding	Fire Police	Richard Roy	James McMann
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**Engine #1 (Haz-Mat Team)
2007 Pumper**

James Rolston, Captain
Julius Middleton, Firefighter
Jamilyn Joseph, Firefighter
Sheldon EBanks, Firefighter

Justin Lucas, Lieutenant
Derek Nagengast, Firefighter
Jessica VonMehren, Firefighter

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

Glenn Pinkham, Captain
Jason Robinson, Lieutenant
James McMann, Lieutenant
James Cleary, Firefighter
Jason Davey, Firefighter
Connor Chisholm, Firefighter

Daniel Martino, Firefighter
Sean Duarte, Firefighter
George R. Medeiros, Firefighter
Jacob Maciel, Firefighter
Greg Martino, Firefighter

**Engine #3 (Legion Pumper)
1997 Pumper**

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

Michael G Silvia, Firefighter
James Stinemire, Firefighter
Michael Wilson, Firefighter

**Ladder Truck (Bronto)
2006 RLP**

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

Jared Meader, Firefighter
Joshua Robertson, Firefighter
Ryan Welty, Firefighter

Technical Rescue Team

Patrick Rolston
Justin Lucas
Julius Middleton

Gregory Leland
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Dear Tisbury Friends,

Whether a blessing or a curse, we are certainly living in interesting times.

As the global pandemic continues to unfold, unprecedented crisis has created unparalleled opportunities. The \$5 billion funding allocated to the state from the American Rescue Plan Act is the largest amount of money the Commonwealth has received from the federal government since the Great Depression. As we took up the initial installment of the relief package, I secured \$300,000 in funding for Harbor Homes of MV which, along with generous support from the towns, will establish the first year-round homeless shelter for women here. Additionally, \$400,000 we advocated for was released to the town of Tisbury in partnership with Island Housing Trust for a denitrification system for the Kuehn's Way housing project - the largest workforce housing project on island.

Along with pushing for local projects, we took up nation-leading legislation this past year on climate action and women's rights. Increasing temperature change, sea level rise, and catastrophic weather events underscore the need for bold climate action. We voted to pass the largest climate bill in Massachusetts history. The state is now on a pathway to net zero emissions by 2050 that will expand deep-water offshore wind and improve energy efficiency in buildings.

Every woman, regardless of zip code, deserves the right to safe and affordable abortion access. Yet the fate of Roe v. Wade has been threatened like never before. In Massachusetts, we enacted the ROE Act, which codifies the right to choose and removes outdated language that breaks down barriers to access. This past fall, we rallied alongside islanders at five corners to call for greater access for island women.

We kicked off 2021 filing 44 bills and cosponsoring 194 pieces of legislation. So far, we have passed 5 bills, including legislation allowing you and fellow Tisbury residents to decide whether or not to allow liquor to be served without food. This year, we have helped with over 650 constituent cases from across the district, including helping 166 families secure the unemployment benefits they deserve. If you need help, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

As always, my team and I are working for you on-island and at the State House and we will always be here to serve you. I encourage you to reach out to me anytime at dylan.fernandes@mahouse.gov, or 508-257-1174.

Yours,

Dylan



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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

TISBURY SCHOOL, 40 WEST WILLIAM STREET

VOTERS

As of December 31, 2021

VOTERS	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Democratic (D)	1349	1329	1338	1283	1280	1281	1230
Republican (R)	219	229	262	265	276	282	316
Unenrolled (U)	2109	1924	1932	1901	1932	1844	1791
Green-Rainbow (J)	3	2	3	3	14	9	12
United Independent	3	5	9	11	14	17	6
Libertarian (L)	3	3	6	5	5	3	8
Totals	3689	3471	3493	3447	3440	3437	3306

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TISBURY

BIRTHS	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	53	44	46	40	37	47	28

DOG LICENSES

Type	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Male/Female	104	140	115	99	70	99	104
Neutered/Spayed	577	634	685	675	594	626	602
Totals	681	774	800	774	664	725	706
Kennel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN TISBURY 2021

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
1/19/2021	CLEIDOMAR O. GUIMARAES	2/5/1984	Tisbury, MA
	ROSELI DEAZEVEDO	2/12/1992	Tisbury, MA
2/11/2021	DARKO PAVLOVIC	4/3/1987	Tisbury, MA
	SOFIA-MARIE MAE CAMPOS	3/6/1992	Tisbury, MA
2/11/2021	EDILMA SANTOS de SANTANA	9/10/1956	Oak Bluffs, MA
	VILSON PIRES de FARIA	6/1/1971	Oak Bluffs, MA
2/13/2021	TAYLOR NICOLE ARMER	7/9/1990	Tisbury, MA
	ANTHONY JOSEPH BRETH	1/10/1996	Tisbury, MA
2/20/2021	LOURENS MACDUFF FOURIE	6/16/1992	Tisbury, MA
	GRETA ELISE LLOYD KINDSTRAND	9/19/1980	Tisbury, MA
2/20/2021	MATTHEW GAMACHE	10/3/1977	Tisbury, MA
	JANUCE FERREIRA de SOUZA	6/20/1980	Tisbury, MA
2/22/2021	ALCIONE B. de OLIVEIRA	9/6/1988	Tisbury, MA
	RONNYE M. de SOUZA	11/8/1978	Tisbury, MA
3/6/2021	GABRIELLE SOARES SILVA	7/20/1995	Oak Bluffs, MA
	GUSTAVO GABRIEL BOTTCHER	6/16/1993	West Tisbury, MA
3/20/2021	ANIC GOMES CHAVES	12/22/1973	Tisbury, MA
	OTALIVIO FRANCISCO ALVES	9/20/1992	Tisbury, MA
4/24/2021	ASSA DEBORAH CHANGOO	9/13/1975	Tisbury, MA
	DERVAL GLENTON JONES	1/23/1984	Tisbury, MA
4/24/2021	RACHELL BEATRIZ ASSIS SILVA	8/22/1997	Tisbury, MA
	STEFAN ERDEI	8/23/1995	Tisbury, MA
5/21/2021	ANDREZA da SILVA CABRAL	10/17/1987	Tisbury, MA
	BOLIVAR de ALMEIDA MUNIZ	1/6/1989	Tisbury, MA
5/22/2021	REUBER MAGALHAES PEREIRA	7/26/1979	Oak Bluffs, MA
	MILENE CRISTINE RIBEIRO	4/17/1995	Oak Bluffs, MA

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
6/12/2021	JULIA HAMILTON CLARK	12/22/1988	New York, NY
	TAGGERT EMERSON MARTIN III	2/5/1991	New York, NY
6/19/2021	AVERY MEREDITH STERN	3/27/1992	Philadelphia, PA
	CHRISTOPHER R. SHAFER	5/7/1987	Philadelphia, PA
6/29/2021	ALTAIR JUSTINO BUZETTE OLIVEIRA	1/10/1998	Tisbury, MA
	RAIENE ALVES PEREIRA	10/17/1995	Tisbury, MA
6/30/2021	PATRICIA C.D. OLIVEIRA	6/1/1998	Tisbury, MA
	KAIQUE BRUNO O. SILVA	6/14/1997	Tisbury, MA
7/16/2021	PATRYCK MARQUES S. NASCIMENTO	7/13/1996	Tisbury, MA
	PIETTRA MARQUES PIERRE	12/29/1997	Tisbury, MA
7/24/2021	SIMEON J. DENHART-HOLZER	2/17/1944	Tisbury, MA
	JEREMY T. GOODALE	7/25/1943	Tisbury, MA
8/6/2021	SARAH ELIZABETH MIDBOE	5/22/1980	Hawthorne, NJ
	JAMES THOMAS ROCKFORD	10/6/1990	Hawthorne, NJ
8/8/2021	JOYCE MATOS DE OLIVEIRA	1/8/1996	Tisbury, MA
	EMANUEL FRANCISCO ALVES	2/11/1995	Tisbury, MA
8/9/2021	MARYANNE WAMAITHA MBIU	11/19/1993	Mankato, MN
	MICHAEL PATRICK PRONSCHINSKE	5/3/1995	Hastings, MN
8/26/2021	SARAH LYNN SHORT	10/1/1990	New Orleans, LA
	JOHN HUXLEY LEO	9/12/1974	New Orleans, LA
8/28/2021	MELISSA ELIZABETH WOOD	5/24/1994	Tisbury, MA
	AARON MICHAEL GUZMÁN	11/15/1989	Tisbury, MA
8/31/2021	KAWE K DOERFLER	5/11/1970	Marlboro, NY
	PELLE VICTOR BERENSON	10/15/1941	Marlboro, NY
9/12/2021	SARAH CROSS DOEBLER	11/25/1961	Tisbury, MA
	PATRICK OWEN COYNE	10/26/1959	Tisbury, MA

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAMES	DATE OF BIRTH	RESIDENCE
9/16/2021	MILICA ARIZANKOSKI	10/11/1996	Edgartown, MA
	BRANDON ROGELIO CUELLAR	6/1/1995	Edgartown, MA
9/18/2021	ALEXANDRA CUTLER FLAKE	5/15/1992	Boston, MA
	BRIAN CHRISTOPHER AYERS	2/24/1992	Southborough, MA
9/18/2021	ALICE JEAN BITZER	8/25/1989	Pittsburgh, MA
	JULIAN HARRIS BROAD	5/25/1990	Pittsburgh, MA
9/20/2021	TIMOTHY JOSEPH LAURSEN	4/22/1979	Tisbury, MA
	ANN KHOAN	9/19/1985	Tisbury, MA
9/20/2021	CLAUDE ARTHUR ROBINSON III	10/18/1977	North Reading, MA
	WILLIAM EDWARD NEY	10/21/1972	North Reading, MA
9/24/2021	STEVAN DURIC	4/10/1996	Tisbury, MA
	SHAKIMA VANESSA PEGUES	1/17/2000	Lincoln University, PA
9/27/2021	MORGAN SUERIG HOLLERAN	9/2/1993	New York, NY
	JUSTIN MORGAN SHAW	8/13/1992	New York, NY
10/1/2021	JOSEPH WILLIAM LEFEBVRE Jr	11/5/1967	Tisbury, MA
	KIMBERLY ANNE MAVEETY	6/13/1973	Tisbury, MA
10/2/2021	PHILIP HUMBERTO PATINO	11/25/1981	Tisbury, MA
	DIANE MARIE REED	4/15/1993	Tisbury, MA
10/9/2021	MARJORIE POTTS ADAMS	2/20/1990	New York, NY
	SAMUEL GRENVILLE MOTT	8/27/1989	New York, NY
10/10/2021	RALPH FABIAN DOSTAL Jr.	4/3/1964	Tisbury, MA
	JULIANA APARECIDA de FARIA	7/22/1985	Tisbury, MA
10/17/2021	CHANTHA JOY CHAISUA	8/4/1980	Boston, MA
	JEFFREY FRANKLIN PETERS	4/15/1965	Tisbury, MA
11/13/2021	VERA LUCIA PEDRO CACIQUE	6/25/1965	Tisbury, MA
	JOAO MATEUS GREIS NUNES	8/6/1996	Tisbury, MA
11/24/2021	KYLE RYBA FISCHER	6/26/1985	Austin, TX
	BRITTANY FAYE MARIE BLACK	12/18/1988	Austin, TX

TISBURY DEATHS RECORDED 2021

Date	Name	Age	Town of Death	Burial
January 2, 2021	Mikolaj G. Wojonowski	76	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
January 3, 2021	Osmana Bianchi	86	Oak Bluffs, MA	Holy Cross Cem. Malden
January 4, 2021	Marcia B. Merrill	85	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
February 1, 2021	Selma Frank	103	Tisbury, MA	M.V. Hebrew Cemetery
February 26, 2021	Vera T. Shorter	98	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
February 27, 2021	John Estrella	69	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
March 19, 2021	Kenneth M. Beebe	76	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
April 4, 2021	Clara T. Rabbitt	99	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 2, 2021	Joyce L. Rickson	82	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
May 12, 2021	Fonnie M. Austin	103	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
June 4, 2021	Douglas S. Cramer, Jr.	89	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
June 17, 2021	Paul F. Coughlin	70	Boston, MA	Mt. Auburn Cem. Camb.
July 7, 2021	Clayton A. Friis	95	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 9, 2021	Dorothy E. White	100	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 10, 2021	John R. Jahries	91	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
July 15, 2021	Thomas T. Green III	78	Boston, MA	Duxbury Crematory
August 1, 2021	Sheila P. DeMarco	74	Tisbury, MA	Oak Grove Cem. Medford
August 22, 20	Joseph P. Kenney Jr.	68	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
August 27, 2021	Rosemary E. Gambino	68	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
September 2, 2021	David B. Butchman	68	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
September 14, 2021	Bruce Lewellyn	82	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
September 24, 2021	Frederick G. Burgess	81	Tisbury, MA	M.V. Hebrew Cemetery
September 27, 2021	Madeleine Carroll	80	Oak Bluffs, MA	Oak Grove Cemetery
October 1, 2021	Rita P. Gale	77	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
October 3, 2021	April Cimeno	36	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
October 3, 2021	Rebecca J. Gonsalves	69	Boston, MA	Rural Cem. Worcester
October 4, 2021	Arnold L. Reisman	79	Oak Bluffs, MA	Abel's Hill Cemetery
October 12, 2021	Francis J. Welch	90	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
October 18, 2021	William J. Taus	90	Tisbury, MA	St. Michael Crematory
November 8, 2021	Winifred E. Tate	99	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
November 10, 2021	Carol Stevens Eno	75	Tisbury, MA	Mt. Laurel Crem. Conn.
November 13, 2021	Christine W. Swansey	65	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
November 28, 2021	John T. Hughes	99	Barnstable, MA	Harvard Medical School
November 30, 2021	Richard J. Gleason	84	Tisbury, MA	MA Ntl. Cem. Bourne
November 30, 2021	Jane M. Puetthoff	74	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 2, 2021	Carla M. Furtaw	57	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 18, 2021	Pierre Bonneau	57	Tisbury, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 20, 2021	Mansfield C. Neal Jr.	82	Falmouth, MA	Duxbury Crematory
December 29, 2021	Darren C. Lobdell	92	Oak Bluffs, MA	Duxbury Crematory



TOWN OF TISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 1:26 PM at the Tisbury School Playground due to concerns of public health and safety from COVID-19 with a quorum of 136+ voters. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM to proceed with the business of the Annual Town Meeting.

Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, David Schwab, Maura Valley, Roland Miller, Alice Robinson and Carole Early

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 FY2022 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.

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 Years 2022, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F, of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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

Acting on article 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 2022, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 4 TO ELECT A FISH COMMITTEE

Acting on article the Town voted unanimously in favor to elect Janet Messineo, James T. Tilton and John M. Wilbur as a Fish Committee, in FY2022, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40 of the Special Acts of 1847 as it relates to the regulation of herring fishing at Chappaquonsett Pond and Creek and access thereto.

ARTICLE 5 PAYMENT PLANS FOR TAX LIENS BYLAW

This Bylaw was disapproved by the Attorney General. Following the guidance issued in the determination of January 11, 2022, there will be a revision made and this article will be taken up again at Town Meeting in the Spring of 2022.

This Acting on article 5, 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 maximum 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 met and all payments are made on time, the Treasurer may, at his discretion, waive up to 25% of the interest that has accrued on the tax title account.

Section2. 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.

ARTICLE 6 TO AMEND THE VACANT BUILDINGS/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BYLAW

Acting on article 6, the Town voted unanimously in favor to TAKE NO ACTION to amend the Vacant Buildings/property maintenance bylaw to establish minimum maintenance requirements for all buildings and properties by deleting the text shown below in and inserting the text shown below in **bold and underlined**:

Minimum Maintenance of Properties

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to help protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens by preventing blight, protecting property values and neighborhood integrity, protecting the Town's resources, avoiding the creation and maintenance of nuisances and ensuring the safe and sanitary maintenance of all buildings and structures. Inadequately maintained residential or commercial/business buildings are at an increased risk for fire, unlawful entry, and other public health and safety hazards. This bylaw will help secure the welfare of the Town's residents and neighborhoods by requiring all property owners, including lenders, trustees, and service companies and alike, to properly maintain their respective properties.

(b) Definitions

Owner

Every person, entity, service company, property manager or real estate broker, who alone or severally with others:

- 1) has legal or equitable title to any building, structure or parcel of land, vacant or otherwise; or
- 2) has care, charge or control of any building or structure, parcel of land, vacant or otherwise, in any capacity including but not limited to agent, executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or
- 3) is a mortgagee in possession of any such property; or
- 4) is an agent trustee or other person appointed by the courts and vested with possession or control; or
- 5) is a trustee who holds, owns or controls mortgage loans for mortgage backed securities transactions and has initiated a foreclosure process.

Property

Any real property, or portion thereof, located in the Town of Tisbury, including buildings or structures situated on the property, whether occupied or vacant.

(c) Requirements for adequate maintenance

Owners of properties, as defined in section (b), must fulfill the following minimum adequate maintenance requirements for any such property they own:

- 1) Maintain properties subject to this bylaw in accordance with the relevant sanitary, building, and fire codes.
- 2) Secure properties subject to this bylaw to prevent unauthorized entry and exposure to the elements.
- 3) Maintain properties subject to this bylaw in a manner that ensures their external/visible maintenance, including but not limited to the maintenance of major systems, the removal of trash and debris, and the upkeep of lawns, shrubbery, and other landscape features.
- 4) Repair or replace broken windows or doors within thirty (30) days. Boarding up any doors or windows is prohibited except as a temporary measure for no longer than thirty (30) days.
- 5) For properties vacant for six months or more, the utilities for which have been shut off, remove or cut and cap such utilities to prevent accidents.
- 6) Compliance with this section shall not relieve the owner of any applicable obligations set forth in any other codes, regulations, covenant conditions or restrictions, and/or homeowner or condominium association rules and regulations.

(d) Notice of failure to adequately maintain property

Upon identifying a property as failing to meet the minimum maintenance requirements set out in section (c), the Building and Zoning Department, Board of Health, Police Department and/or Fire Department may notify the owner in writing of maintenance deficiencies at the owner's last known address. If any maintenance deficiency is not corrected within 30 days of said notice, or if a maintenance plan is not approved by the Building and Zoning Department within 30 days of said notice, the Building and Zoning Department may impose a penalty in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.

(e) Inspections

The Building and Zoning Department, the Board of Health, the chief of the Police Department and the chief of the Fire Department or their designees shall have the authority to periodically inspect any property subject to this bylaw for compliance. The Building and Zoning Department shall have the discretion to determine when and how such inspections are to be made, provided that the time and manner of such inspections are reasonably calculated to ensure that this bylaw is enforced.

(f) Penalties

Violations of any portion of this bylaw, including violations of any regulation promulgated hereunder, or failure to comply with a maintenance plan approved by the Building and Zoning Department, shall be punishable by a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each day during which the violation continues. This bylaw may also be enforced by the non-criminal disposition method, pursuant to the authority granted by G.L. c. 40, sec. 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw.

(g) Enforcement

The Building and Zoning Department or its designee, the Board of Health, Fire Department and/or the Police Department or their designees(s) shall enforce all provisions of this bylaw; including any regulation promulgated hereunder, and shall institute all necessary administrative or legal action to assure compliance.

(h) Regulatory Authority

The Board of Selectmen is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce this bylaw.

(i) Severability

If any provision of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction then such provision shall be considered separate and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 7 TO ADOPT ISLAND WIDE GOALS IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS

Acting on article the 7, Town voted majority in favor to adopt the following Island-wide goals in response to the developing climate change crisis:

Reduce fossil fuel use on the Island (from a 2018 baseline):

- 50% by 2030
- 100% by 2040

Increase the fraction of our electricity use that is renewable:

- To 50% by 2030
- To 100% by 2040

Foster biosphere carbon capture through:

- Adoption of regenerative agriculture and landscaping
- Protection and expansion of wetlands
- Preservation of woodland resources.

and further, to request that the Town Energy Committee annually monitor progress toward the achievement of these goals.

ARTICLE 8 TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION ENTITLED “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TISBURY TO CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO MANDATORY RETIREMENT”

Acting on article 8, the Town voted majority in favor to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for the enactment of special legislation entitled “An Act Authorizing the Town of Tisbury to Continue the Employment of Fire Department Employees Subject to Mandatory Retirement” as set forth below, provided however, that the General Court shall be authorized to make ministerial, clerical, and editorial changes of form only to said bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and to authorize the Select Board to approve such amendments.

An Act authorizing the Town of Tisbury to Continue the Employment of Fire Department Employees Subject to Mandatory Retirement

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, call firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and fire engineers for the Town of Tisbury who would be subject to mandatory retirement on the last day of the month in which they turn 65 years old may serve in such position until the age of 70, or until the date of retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however that no deductions from regular compensation shall be made under chapter 32 of the General Laws subsequent to reaching the age of 65 in connection with service to the Town for retirement or pension purposes; and provided that the employee is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the position. The Town may, at the employee’s own expense, require that the employees be examined by an impartial physician acceptable to the town.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 9 TO AMEND SECTION 04.03.10 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on amended article 9, the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend Section 04.03.10 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws entitled Uses Requiring a Permit from the Board of Appeals

Section 04.03.10

.10 One (1) swimming pool, provided that:

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- the minimum setback requirements specified in Schedule A under Accessory Structures are met;
- equipment noise shall not travel past the property line.

The Board of Appeals may impose conditions and restrictions in addition to those required above.

ARTICLE 10 TO AMEND SECTION 04.03.13 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on article 10, the Town voted majority opposed to amend the existing text in Section 04.03.13 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws entitled Uses Requiring a Permit from the Board of Appeals – Accessory Apartments by adding the bold language as shown below.

Conditions:

Only one accessory dwelling unit is permitted in a single-family residential dwelling pursuant to a special permit issued under the provisions of Section 04.03.13 and provided that:

- (a) The lot on which the accessory apartment is situated is not in either the R3A or the Coastal District.
- (b) The requirements of Schedule A (section 13.00) are met;
- (c) No more than one (1) accessory apartment shall exist on a lot. If a guesthouse or accessory apartment exists on the lot, no additional accessory apartment shall be allowed.
- (d) The accessory apartment shall measure no more than forty (40) percent of the existing habitable area not to exceed six-hundred (600) square feet in all residential districts. At no time shall either dwelling unit be made a condominium and held in separate ownership. The appearance of the building shall remain that of a single-family residence in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.
- (e) The owner of the lot, who must be a resident of the Town, shall occupy either the accessory apartment or principal residence.
- (f) The accessory apartment and the principal residence shall each have two separate means of egress to grade and meet all other applicable regulatory requirements.
- (g) The owner is subject to the Department of Public Health's State Sanitary Code II, 105 CMR 410.000, entitled, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation.
- (h) The owner must comply with the Tisbury Board of Health's Wastewater Regulations for subsurface sewage disposal systems

- (i) The accessory apartment shall be provided with a minimum of one parking space, so arranged as to permit turning vehicles around, and precluding the necessity of backing onto a public way. The space(s) shall also be screened to minimize the visual impact from the street or abutting properties.
- (j) No construction or business materials shall be kept on the premises;
- (k) No commercial vehicles, other than one (1) pickup truck or van per dwelling unit, shall be kept on the premises;
- (l) No inoperative or unregistered vehicle shall be kept on the premises
- (m) The accessory apartment shall not have direct access to the primary dwelling.

ARTICLE 11 TO AMEND SECTION 07.06 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on amended article 11, the Town voted with a 2/3 majority in favor to amend Section 07.06 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws entitled Sign Regulations by adding a new section (07.06.10)

07.06.10 – One (1) temporary appurtenant or non-appurtenant sign per lot may be erected in any district for a maximum of 30 days. The sign shall not exceed 20 square feet, shall not be lighted, and shall not pose a safety hazard. Non-appurtenant signs erected in the B1, B2, and Waterfront Commercial District shall require approval of the Tisbury Select Board. All signs shall require a Sign Permit from the Tisbury Building Department and the Building Inspector may grant one 14-day extension to address event postponements.

ARTICLE 12 TO AMEND SECTION 04.02.05 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on article 12 the Town did not vote with a 2/3 majority in favor to replace the existing text in Section 04.02.05 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws, Uses Permitted –Accessory Uses, with the following language as shown below.

Existing:

Accessory uses normally incidental to a permitted use, including one (1) only garage, but otherwise not including additional structures unless specifically stated in this Bylaw.

Proposed:

One non-habitable detached accessory structure and one detached non-habitable garage. The structure shall comply with the Accessory Use definition of Tisbury Zoning By-Law Section 02.02 and shall not contain plumbing or other sanitary facilities.

ARTICLE 13 TO AMEND SECTION 04.02.10 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on amended article 13 the Town did not vote with a 2/3 majority in favor to replace the existing text in Section 04.02.10 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws entitled Uses Permitted as shown below.:

Original:

A non-permanent pool less than two (2) feet deep and with surface area not in excess of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet.

Proposed:

A non-permanent pool or spa less than five (5) feet deep and with surface area not in excess of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet. Such structure and all equipment shall comply with accessory structure setbacks. Equipment noise shall not travel past the property line.

ARTICLE 14 TO AMEND SECTION 05.12.06 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on article the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend Section 05.12.06 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws

Section 05.12.06

One (1) only swimming pool per lot, or contiguous lots in common ownership, provided the pool is located indoors

ARTICLE 15 TO AMEND SECTION 07.07.04 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on article 15 the Town voted unanimously in favor to amend Section 07.07.04 (a) of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws, Parking Regulations-Residential Districts.

Section 07.07.04 (a)

Parking requirements for roadside stands, customary home occupations, and rented rooms shall be provided as required in Section 07.07.03 of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE 16 TO AMEND SECTION 07.07.04 OF THE TISBURY ZONING BY-LAWS

Acting on amended article 16 the Town voted with a 2/3 majority in favor to amend Section 07.09 of the Tisbury Zoning By-Laws, Noise, Illumination and Odors.

Section 07.09

In Residential Districts and Business Districts, it shall be considered a violation of the uses permitted under this Bylaw

Sunday through Thursday, no later than 10:00pm, Friday and Saturday, no later than 11:00pm, Monday through Friday, no earlier than 7:00am, Saturday and Sunday, no earlier than 8:00am

If a property owner, a member of the property owner's family, an employee, agent, or lessee of the property owner shall cause or allow excessive noise, unnecessary bright outside illumination, or offensive odors and the effects thereof are not wholly contained within the owner's property.

Attest

J. Hillary Conklin

Town Clerk



**TOWN OF TISBURY
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 1:13 PM at the Tisbury School Playground due to concerns of public health and safety from COVID-19 with a quorum of 180+ voters. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM with 277 names checked on the voters list. Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, David Schwab, Geneva Corwin, Laura Noonan, David Drew, Donald Brown, Roy Cutrer and Katherine Kavanaugh

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. All amendments must be made in writing. Supplies are available at the checkers' tables
6. If you are not a Registered Voter please sit in the marked area to the right
7. The Water Works and Emergency Services have provided drinking water in another tent.
8. Porta Potties are provided by the entrance to the main tent

ARTICLE 1 TO FUND RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF TISBURY SCHOOL

Acting on Article 1, the Town voted in the majority, 237 in favor to 5 against, to borrow the sum of Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000) for design, engineering, and construction to 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 applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes may be applied to the payment 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; provided, however, that no sums shall be appropriated or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted affirmatively by ballot at the Town election on June 22, 2021 to exempt all amounts required to pay for any bonds or notes issued hereunder from the limitations of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21(Proposition 2½ so-called).

A two thirds majority was achieved.

A True Copy,
Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Town Clerk



TOWN OF TISBURY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was called to order by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 1:18 PM at the Tisbury School Playground due to concerns of public health and safety from COVID-19 with a quorum of 136+ voters.

1. The Moderator thanked the Select Board and staff, Board of Health, agent and staff, Department of Public Works Director and staff and the School Principal for their combined effort to accomplish another Town Meeting “under the big top”.
2. All of the school property is smoke free.
3. All cell phones except those used by emergency personnel must be quieted.
4. If you are not a Registered Voter please sit in the marked area to the right.
5. The Water Works and Emergency Services have provided drinking water in another tent.
6. Porta Potties are provided by the entrance to the main tent.
7. There was a moment of silence for the in memoria.
8. 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. Please sanitize the microphone.
9. Amendments may be verbal unless lengthy. Writing supplies available at the checkers’ tables.
10. After reading the call of the warrant and the return of service, the Moderator declared them to be in order.
11. It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting and proceed to the business of the Special Town Meeting at 1:26pm.
12. The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Tisbury was reconvened by Moderator, Deborah Medders at 3:13 PM, with a quorum of 175 voters. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm with 178 names checked on the voter list.

Counters for this meeting were John Schilling, David Schwab, Maura Valley, Roland Miller, Alice Robinson and Carole Early

ARTICLE 1 TO HEAR OR RECEIVE REPORTS

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

ARTICLE 2 TO PAY BILLS OF PRIOR YEAR

Acting on Article 2, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from designated sources the sum of seven Thousand Twenty Nine Dollars and twenty Seven Cents (\$7,029.27) 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
Selectmen	Unreserved Fund Balance	Tisbury Water Works	\$5875.00
Ambulance	Unreserved Fund Balance	Safe Life Defense	\$557.10
	Water Works Enterprise		
Water Department	Funds	Duluth Trading	\$41.92
DPW	Unreserved Fund Balance	Town of Aquinnah	\$440.00
Harbor Department	Unreserved Fund Balance	Napa Auto Parts	\$115.25

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

Acting on Article 3, the Town voted unanimously to transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Town Sick and Vacation Trust Fund, and appropriate and transfer from Wastewater Available Surplus the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to Wastewater Sick & Vacation Trust Fund, and to appropriate and transfer from Water Available Surplus the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Water Department Sick & Vacation Trust Fund to pay for accrued sick and vacation time owed to employees leaving their employment with the Town.

ARTICLE 4 EMBARKATION FUND EXPENDITURES

Acting on Article 4, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate in FY2022 the sum of Two Hundred Forty Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$243,744) 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) Twenty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$23,519) to be expended by the Fire Department to pay 50% of the annual cost to finance the replacement of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment.
- b) 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..
- c) Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be expended jointly by the Select Board and Dredge Committee for permitting, surveying, hiring consultants, and dredging of the harbor and for future dredge projects.
- d) Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be expended by the Department of Public Works to replace a 150' section of sidewalk adjacent to the Steamship Authority building and to place four removable planters on that sidewalk.
- e) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be expended by the Police Department for salaries, equipment, and clothing for seasonal traffic safety officers.
- f) Five Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,225) to be expended by the Police Department to pay the annual membership costs for the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Tactical Team for FY2022.
- g) Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be expended by the Planning Board to fund part of the traffic and transportation study as part of the town's master plan.

ARTICLE 5 TO FUND VARIOUS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT PROJECTS

Acting on amended Article 5, (except sub article h which was voted Take No Action), the Town voted in the majority to appropriate and transfer from FY 2022 reserved and unreserved Community Preservation

Fund revenues, unless otherwise specified, the following sums to be expended in FY 2022 for the following purposes, each project to be considered a separate appropriation:

- a) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the permanent preservation of Town Clerk's Town Hall historic records.
- b) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three dollars (\$76,323) and One Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Seven dollars (\$123,677), from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000), towards the Martha's Vineyard Campground Meeting Association Tabernacle Roof Replacement Project, located at 80 Trinity Park, Oak Bluffs.
- c) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) towards the building and placement of the Kayak Racks located at Owen Park Landing, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #6-C-35; Tashmoo Landing Lake Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #37-B-1; and Lagoon Pond Landing, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #13- D-3.
- d) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund, Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred One dollars and Twenty Six cents (\$82,601.26) and Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight dollars and Seventy Four cents (\$17,398.74) from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, for a total of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) toward grading, landscaping, plantings and play structures, of Tisbury School playground, at 40 West William Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors Maps as Parcel #8-A-1.
- e) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the removal of the current clay courts, construction of two new Har-Tru clay tennis courts, the installation of fencing and court sprinkler system, for the Church Street Tennis Courts, at 50 Church Street, between William and Franklin Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #7-H-2.
- f) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to realign the public parking lot that adjoins the Church Street Tennis Court facility, and to remove the existing half-circle lawn area (retaining the large tree), create one ADA van/unloading space plus sixteen (16) parking spaces, add new landscaping and a parking sign 50 Church Street, create one-way in and exit out and to identify the parking lot, at Church Street between William and Franklin Street, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #7-H-2.
- g) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) towards the improvement and upgrading of the Lake Street tennis court recreational facility thereby creating three new permanent pickle ball courts and upgrading one tennis court. The project is to include installing pickle ball court nets and a net separator for the two play areas, repairing cracks, adding binder, seal and paint coats, and resurfacing to both the pickle ball court area and the tennis court area, as well as repairing the fence and two gates, as shown on Tisbury Assessors' Maps as Parcel #37-B-1.
- h) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$38,500) towards the replacement of seawater lines at the Hughes Hatchery on Lagoon Pond, conditional on the State's renewal of the lease on the property, located at 57 Shirley Avenue, Oak Bluffs. TAKE NO ACTION
- i) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$94,250) towards the development of the Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard Affordable Housing project at 111 New York Avenue Oak Bluffs, to fund the

acquisition and development of future housing for homeless residents earning less than 30% of the County median income. The funds shall not be released until the closing on the selected property and all financing is in place. An appropriate homeless housing permanent deed restriction shall also be filed with the deed to the property.

- j) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Forty-Three Thousand dollars (\$43,000) for the Island Autism Center and Neighborhood project's pre-development funding of an affordable housing project which will house twelve to eighteen adult autistic Island residents. The development of this affordable housing will be permanently deed restricted as affordable housing for eligible Island autistic residents, located at 515 Lamberts Cove Road in West Tisbury, as shown on West Tisbury Assessor's Maps as Parcel #11-2.
- k) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund the sum of Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty dollars (\$73,250) and Twenty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$26,750) from the Unreserved Fund, for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), toward the development of twenty affordable housing rental apartments at Kuehn's Way, as shown on Tisbury Assessor's Maps as Parcel #53-1.
- l) To appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund the sum of Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand dollars (\$124,000) to fund the annual cost of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority's Rental Assistance Program.
- m) To appropriate and transfer from the current year CPA revenues the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for FY 2022 administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, including wages, dues and advertising.

ARTICLE 6 TO ESTABLISH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FY2022 BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNTS

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

FY2022 Community Preservation Committee Budget Reserve Account:

- \$ 74,120 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;
- \$ 74,120 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund;
- \$ 74,120 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve Fund;
- \$ 518,845 to the Community Preservation Budget Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 7 TO FUND WATERWAYS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Acting on Article 7 (except sub article c which was voted Take No Action), the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Waterways Fund in FY2022 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) Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the maintenance of Town owned moorings.
- b) Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for future dredge projects including surveying, engineering, and permitting.
- c) Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the surveying of eelgrass in Lake Tashmoo. TAKE NO ACTION
- d) Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200) to be expended by the Harbor Department for the purchase of a boat trailer for the second Tashmoo Skiff.

ARTICLE 8 TO ESTABLISH AND FUND THE NATURAL RESOURCES ASSISTANT POSITION

Acting on Article 8, the Town voted in the majority to establish the position of Natural Resources

Assistant, Grade 4, Step 1 and to further raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$27,557) and to transfer from the existing FY 2022 Shellfish Department budget line item part time seasonal the sum of Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$7,164) and to transfer from the existing FY 2022 Harbor Department Budget line item Part Time Seasonal Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$15,600), for a total sum of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$50,321) to fund the position.

ARTICLE 9 TO FUND LOCAL SHARE FOR MASSACHUSETTS COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT GRANT

Acting on Article 9 , the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for the purpose of contributing a share of local matching funds for the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management's coastal resiliency grant to the Martha's Vineyard Commission and lead town Oak Bluffs for an Island wide Storm Tide Pathways mapping project.

ARTICLE 10 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT

Acting on Article 10, (except sub article e which was voted Take No Action), the Town voted in favor to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY2022, the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed and deemed to be capital expenditures:

- a) Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the preservation of historical records per state statute.
- b) One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to be expended by the Library Board of Trustees for design, engineering, and implementation of heating ventilation air-conditioning and cooling (HVAC) systems for the Library Building at 200 Main Street, including upgrade, repair, replacement, expansion, installation, and any other related improvements.
- c) Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$23,518.28) for a 50% share of the second year of the 5-year financing payment plan of the previously approved and purchased SCBA equipment.
- d) Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to upgrade the Fire Alarm control system at the Town Hall.
- e) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to upgrade existing locks at the Council on Aging with a new Keyless Fob locking system. TAKE NO ACTION
- f) Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$55,720) to purchase a 2020 or newer truck 4x4 Regular Cab utility bed, with a lift gate system, snowplow with towing capability.
- g) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to purchase repair/replace damaged sidewalks included changing asphalt sidewalks to concrete.

ARTICLE 11 TO FUND VARIOUS PURCHASES FROM FIRE STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 11, the Town voted with a two thirds majority to appropriate and transfer from the Fire Stabilization Fund

- a) Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) for the purchase of (1) Command Vehicle 4x4 HD Pickup, to be used by the Duty Chief in the daily discharge of his/her duties, both in emergency response and daily inspectional services provided by this department.
- b) One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) for the purchase of (1) Bulldog Model: Stewart Stevens Custom 4x4 High Water/ Wildland Fire Rescue Vehicle with a portion of the price to be paid by a trade-in of the Fire Department's 2013 F-450 utility vehicle.

ARTICLE 12 TO FUND STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 12, the Town voted unanimously 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.

ARTICLE 13 TO FUND CAPITAL BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE STABILIZATION FUND

Acting on Article 13, the Town voted unanimously 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.

ARTICLE 14 TO APPROVE THE WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT FY2022 BUDGET

Acting on Article 14, the Town voted unanimously to approve the proposed Water Works Department Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2022, 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 FY2022, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of One Million Six Hundred Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Forty One Cents (\$1,660,277.41) from Estimated Revenues for said purpose.

Salaries and Wages	\$509,389.00
Operating Expenses	\$450,250.00
Benefits/Fixed Expenses	\$375,256.41
<u>Debt/Interest</u>	<u>\$325,382.00</u>
Total Operations, Debt Service	\$1,660,277.41
Total Estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses	\$1,660,277.41 Water Related Earnings

ARTICLE 15 TO FUND VARIOUS WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES

Acting on Article 15, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Water Enterprise Fund Available Surplus in FY 2022 the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$715,000), to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners, for the purposes listed below and deemed to be capital expenses.

a) Vehicle Replacement	\$90,000
b) Water Meter Replacement Program	\$45,000
c) Well Rehabilitation Sanborn	\$70,000
d) Backhoe Replacement	\$110,000
e) <u>Water Main Replacement Program</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
Total Capital Projects	\$715,000

ARTICLE 16 TO FUND A WATER WORKS MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND

Acting on Article 16, the Town voted unanimously to accept the provisions of section 13 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and establish a Water Works Municipal Insurance Trust Fund to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners, for the purposes of paying Water Works insurance claim deductibles; and to appropriate and transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Available Surplus in FY2022 the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), to such fund.

ARTICLE 17 TO ADOPT FY2022 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET

Acting on Article 17, the Town voted unanimously to approve the proposed Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget for FY2022 of Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$920,730), 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 FY2022, and

appropriate from user fees, Wastewater Available Surplus and Sewer Bond Premiums Reserved for Sewer Debt the following sums thereof.

Salaries and Wages	\$274,671
Benefits/ Fixed Expenses	\$161,431
Operating Expenses	\$246,700
Debt/Interest	\$237,928
TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET	\$920,730

Total estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses

Sewer User Fees (17,560,975.61 Gal @ .041	\$720,000
Septage Fees	\$9,000
Quarterly Base Charges	\$27,200
Labor Charges	\$3,500
Sewer Flow Fees	\$800
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Wastewater Related Earnings	\$760,500
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Wastewater Surplus to Balance Budget	\$157,774
Premiums on Bonds Reserved for Wastewater Debt	\$2,456
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Total Estimated Revenue to Offset Expenses	\$920,730
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ARTICLE 18 TO FUND VARIOUS SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND CAPITAL EXPENSES

Acting on Article 18, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Available Surplus the sums of money listed below, to be expended by Wastewater Department for the purposes listed and deemed to be Sewer Enterprise Fund capital expenses:

- a) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$43,000) to purchase and outfit a new 4WD compact truck with necessary accessories including emergency lighting and town lettering.
- b) Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) to purchase four E-One Extreme Duplex Grinder pump packages and one E-One Extreme Simplex package.
- c) Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to refit and repurpose wastewater vehicles with an overhead crane, Utility Bodies and Tailgate lift.

ARTICLE 19 TO FUND REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Acting on Article 19, the Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money listed below, to be expended by the indicated Departments for the purposes listed below.

- a) Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$8,176) to support the Dukes County Social Services in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- b) Ten Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Six Dollars (\$10,126) to support the Homelessness Prevention Program on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- c) Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-Two Dollars (\$18,542) 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.

- d) One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$1,698) 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.
- e) Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and One Dollars (\$19,401) to support the planning, advocacy and education for healthy aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- f) Ten Thousand (\$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 2022.

ARTICLE 20 TO FUND LOCAL LANDFILL OPERATION

Acting on Article 20, the Town voted unanimously To see if the Town of Tisbury will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the total sum of One Hundred Fifty thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be expended for operation of local drop off area and ancillary curbside recycling and refuse services and residential hazardous waste disposal for FY2022.

ARTICLE 21 TO FUND QUINQUENNIAL CERTIFICATION OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Acting on Article 2, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the quinquennial certification of all real estate and personal property in the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56.

ARTICLE 22 TO FUND DEVELOPMENT COSTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Acting on Article 22, the Town voted majority in favor to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance in FY 2022 the sum of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) to fund all costs (incidental and related) toward developing a comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Tisbury, and recodify the Town of Tisbury's Zoning Bylaws under the direct supervision of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 23 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF MAINTENANCE COST OF THE DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER AND RADIO SYSTEM

Acting on Article 23, the Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Five Thousand and Seventy Six Dollars (\$55,076) to fund Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System, such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide maintenance costs of \$250,282 plus 27.34%-variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for an average share of 22.01% for the annual payment of such costs under the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such maintenance costs in Fiscal Year 2022 according to their agreed upon proportionate shares.

ARTICLE 24 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUSES

Acting on Article 24, the Town voted majority in favor to appropriate and transfer from unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Nine Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$72,009.33) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's

capital project for the purchase of two electric school buses and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, including, if costs and funding permit, associated equipment and fueling infrastructure costs, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs.

ARTICLE 25 TO FUND MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) LIABILITY

Acting on Article 25, the Town voted unanimously to POSTPONE INDEFINATELY AND NOT appropriate and transfer from unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Seven Cents (\$83,285.07) for the purpose of further reducing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, such sum to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the total cost of this supplemental OPEB liability payment; if approved, these funds will be placed in, and result in an increase to, the budget line item Education--Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District #357 of the District's fiscal year 2022 budget for this purpose; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total supplemental OPEB liability payment of Three Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred One Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$302,501.72).

ARTICLE 26 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL COST TO REPLACE EXTERIOR SHINGLES AT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE BUILDING

Acting on Article 26, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Sixty three Cents (\$8,259.63) as the Town's share of the costs of a capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, and materials related to replacing exterior shingling at the Superintendent's Office Building located at 4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, such sum to be paid to and used by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District for such purpose; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs.

ARTICLE 27 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL COST RELATED TO UPGRADING AND REPLACING THE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN OR ON THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Acting on Article 27, the Town voted in the majority to appropriate and transfer from unreserved Fund Balance the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Two Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$180,762.78) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, machinery, equipment and materials related to upgrading and replacing the technology infrastructure in or on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School buildings, including without limitation, network, wiring and wireless infrastructure, voice infrastructure, physical security infrastructure, server and backup infrastructure, data cabling infrastructure, design, engineering, and installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs.

ARTICLE 28 TO FUND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Acting on amended Article 28, the Town voted unanimously to borrow the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) to repair and/or replace Roadway Surfaces, Sidewalks and Drainage on Town owned roads

and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that any premium received by the town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by the vote under this article, less any premium applied to the payment of the 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; provided however, that no sums shall be appropriated or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted by ballot at the Town election on June 22, 2021 to exempt all amounts required to pay for any bonds or notes issued hereunder from the limitations of Proposition 2½ so-called.

ARTICLE 29 TO FUND TOWN'S SHARE OF THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT GRANT

Acting on Article 29, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2022 the sum of Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$62,500) for the Town's cost share of Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management grant funded project for engineering and investigative services related to design development and public outreach associated with coastal resiliency efforts for Tisbury's harbor and waterways.

ARTICLE 30 TO FUND SHARED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CONSULTANT ISLANDWIDE

Acting on Article 30, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2022 the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the Town's cost share of funding an Island-wide Traffic Engineering Consultant for the Martha's Vineyard Commission to provide traffic design and engineering services for transportation projects in order to advance these projects to a level of engineering that is eligible for state and federal transportation funds.

ARTICLE 31 TO AMEND THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Acting on Article 31, the Town voted unanimously to approve the following amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan for full-time managerial and professional employees, effective July 1, 2021.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>M-1</u> No Positions Assigned	\$53,557	\$55,311	\$57,086	\$58,923	\$60,782	\$62,744	\$64,770	\$66,816	\$68,967	\$71,138
<u>M-2</u> No Positions Assigned	\$57,650	\$59,445	\$61,366	\$63,329	\$65,334	\$67,463	\$69,593	\$71,806	\$74,103	\$76,483
<u>M-3</u> No Positions Assigned	\$63,392	\$65,459	\$67,547	\$69,697	\$71,932	\$74,187	\$76,588	\$79,031	\$81,557	\$84,209
<u>M-4</u> Harbormaster Shellfish Const. Asst. Fire Chief	\$69,155	\$71,410	\$73,686	\$76,024	\$78,488	\$80,994	\$83,562	\$86,276	\$88,991	\$91,830
<u>M-5</u> Facilities Mgr. Asst. Water Supt. Adm. Assist. - BOS/ Personnel Director Ex. Asst. to Town Adm. Local Bldg. Inspector	\$78,384	\$80,847	\$83,457	\$86,172	\$88,865	\$91,726	\$94,670	\$97,677	\$100,788	\$104,066
<u>M-6</u> IT Adm. Library Director WW Supt. / Lab Dir.	\$82,998	\$85,671	\$88,406	\$91,246	\$94,148	\$97,155	\$100,266	\$103,460	\$106,801	\$110,205
<u>M-7</u> Water Supt. Bldg. Inspector Health Agent Town Acct	\$90,410	\$93,313	\$96,299	\$99,347	\$102,521	\$105,820	\$109,202	\$112,710	\$116,281	\$119,976
<u>M-8</u> Finance Dir. Fire Chief DPW Director EMS Director	\$98,240	\$101,372	\$104,588	\$107,950	\$111,416	\$114,986	\$118,682	\$122,503	\$126,449	\$130,479
<u>M-9</u> Police Chief	\$116,448	\$119,935	\$123,547	\$127,243	\$131,064	\$134,989	\$139,040	\$143,216	\$147,517	\$151,923
<u>M-10</u> Town Adm.	\$127,034	\$130,855	\$134,760	\$138,810	\$142,986	\$147,267	\$151,693	\$156,245	\$160,922	\$165,766

ARTICLE 32 TO AMEND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-UNION PART-TIME, SEASONAL AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Acting on Article 32, the Town voted unanimously to amend the Classification and Compensation Plan for Non-Union Part-Time, Seasonal and Temporary Employees to become effective July 1, 2021, and to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the additional cost of this plan.

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Casual Labor	\$14.25	\$14.64	\$15.04	\$15.45	\$15.87	\$16.30
DPW Laborer Election Officer Harbor Attendant Lifeguard Tennis Attendant Comfort Station Attendant	\$17.29	\$ 17.78	\$18.28	\$18.79	\$19.32	\$19.86
Board or Committee Secretary Crossing Guard, Harbor Assistant, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor Shellfish Assistant Special Traffic Officer Comfort Station Leader	\$19.31	\$19.87	\$20.44	\$21.03	\$21.64	\$22.27
Library Aide/Part-Time Substitute Asst. Animal Control Officer Asst. Harbormaster Asst. Shellfish Constable Special Police Officer	\$22.35	\$23.00	\$23.67	\$24.36	\$25.07	\$25.80
EMT	\$25.00	\$26.10	\$27.25	\$28.45	\$29.70	\$31.01
Paramedic	\$28.00	\$29.28	\$30.62	\$32.02	\$33.48	\$35.01

ARTICLE 33 FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

Acting on amended Article 33, the Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Million One Hundred Forty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$30,146,930) to transfer from Reserve for Betterments the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000); and to transfer from the Waterways Fund the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) for a total FY2022 operating budget of Thirty Million Three Hundred forty Four thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$30,344,930); to defray Town charges as set out in Appendix A of this warrant for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (FY2022); and to set the FY2022 expenditure limit for the Tashmoo Spring Building Revolving Fund.

ARTICLE 34 TO TRANSFER FROM UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE TAX RATE

Acting on Article 34, the Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) to meet the limitations of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, (Proposition Two and One-Half, so called), as amended, or to reduce the tax rate.

A true copy,

Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Tisbury Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

June 22, 2021

Pursuant to the warrant for the Annual Town Election, the polls were declared open by Mary Ellen Larsen, the Election Warden, at the Tisbury Emergency Services Facility at 215 Spring Street, on Tuesday June 22, 2021 at twelve noon.

The ballot box was checked by the Election Warden and inspected by the Constable Kenneth A. Barwick and found to be in order, with the register set at zero at 11:30 a.m. The box was then locked by the Warden and the polls were declared open at twelve noon for the reception of votes. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. by the Warden with the ballot box registering 1,045 ballots cast. There were 10 hand counted ballots. The checked voter's list and count of ballots showed 1,054 names checked and ballots counted.

The declaration of the vote was as follows:

For CONSTABLE (1 for 3 years)	
Mark J. Campos	754
All Others	5
BLANKS	295
For SELECT BD (1 for 3 years)	
James J. Rogers	347
Roy Cutrer Jr.	647
All Others	1
BLANKS	59
For ASSESSOR (1 for 3 years)	
Write In	
All Others	27
BLANKS	1027
For BOARD OF HEALTH (1 for 3 years)	
Malcolm Boyd	784
All Others	0
BLANKS	270
For SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 for 3 years)	
Amy B. Houghton	782
All Others	1
Blanks	271

For WATER COMMISSIONER (1 for 3 years)	
Roland Miller	725
All Others	2
Blanks	327
For PLANNING BOARD (1 for 5 years)	
Elaine T. Miller	736
All Others	6
Blanks	312
For LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 for 3 years)	
George J. Balco	663
Pamela S. Street	703
Janet K. Hefler	684
All Others	2
Blanks	1110
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 for 3 years)	
Nancy B. Gilfoy	696
Allan Vincent Rogers	600
Write In Daniel J. Seidman	41
All Others	7
FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2 for 1 year)	
Rachel F. Orr	680
All Others	51
Blanks	1377

Question #1:

- 1. Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two-and-One-Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued to repair, renovate and enlarge the existing Tisbury School and construct additions to the School on the parcel of land at 40 West William Street?

YES	-	821
NO	-	224
BLANKS	-	9

Question #2:

- 1. Shall the Town of Tisbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two-and-One-Half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued to repair, and replace Roadway Surfaces, Sidewalks and Drainage on Town roads?

YES	-	893
NO	-	135
BLANKS	-	26

A True Copy,
Attest:

J. Hillary Conklin
Tisbury Town Clerk



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Tisbury:

This year, the Emergency Management Department has undertaken so much and continued to evolve as we faced continued difficult and challenging issues. As we all still struggle with Covid-19 and all its variants, and ever-changing guidance from the local, State and Federal levels the TEMD is prepared for the upcoming challenges. As the needs of the town have grown, the TEMD has evolved in response, developing plans, and providing new services to the Town.

Deputy Fire Chief, Patrick Rolston was appointed and sworn in in July as the Assistant Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief, Gregory Leland was appointed and sworn in, in December. Together they have provided a solid foundation for the TEMD. They have worked tirelessly in storm preparation guidance, working closely with MEMA and Eversource to track and update power outages as well as potential problem areas.



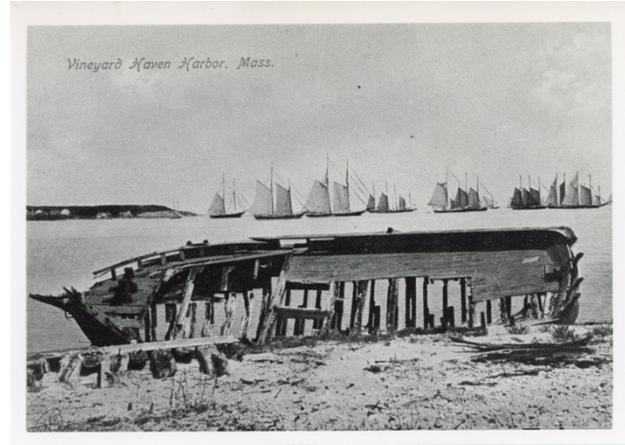
“Beach St. Tisbury, 1938 Hurricane”

During the Power Outages in October the TEMD opened the training room of the Tisbury Emergency Services Building for a warming shelter and location for freshwater pickup. Tisbury Police and Fire under the direction of the TEMD conducted welfare checks for its at most risk senior population.

As an active member of the Martha’s Vineyard Emergency Management Directors Association Tisbury has continued to work with our

surrounding communities to facilitate large scale operational plans to better serve our communities. Tisbury’s EMD department has been working tirelessly to facilitate the creation of the part time county Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Tisbury’s contribution to this position was voted on at the town meeting last year. To date the position has yet to be filled but is anticipated to be filled during FY23.

Throughout 2021 the Tisbury EMD's have continued our commitment to training and professional development by attending training both locally and virtually through the ICS system. We have coordinated with the All Departments in the Town of Tisbury to keep them informed of upcoming storms and foreseeable issues as they arise. The Tisbury EMD is currently working on a Storm response plan that adequately meets the needs of our aging community.



I would like to thank Tracey Jones, Chris Habekost, Chris Cassidy, Kirk Metell, and their respective departments for all the assistance and guidance they have provided to me as we work together to plan for and respond to emergencies.

Most importantly I would like to thank the taxpayers of Tisbury for there 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. In the year 2021, the Tisbury Ambulance Service has had the following calls for service:

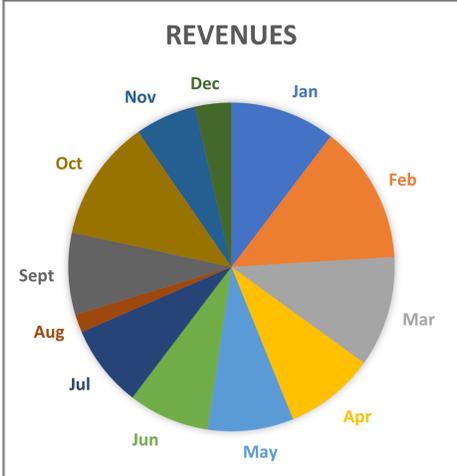
- Total Calls for Service: 640
- Priority One Responses (DOA, Cardiac arrest): 10
- Priority Two Responses (Advanced life support): 239
- Priority Three Responses (Basic life support): 269
- Priority Four Responses (Basic life support, Refusals, Public Assist): 147
- Mutual aid to another town: 116
- Cancelled Calls: 15
- Fire / Police Standby: 10

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

The department continuously seeks to reduce overall costs and in 2021 the Service revenues from ambulance calls have generated \$201,989.00 into the general fund.

Our growth and success depend largely on the support that we receive from both the community and our fellow emergency responders. Many thanks to the dedicated individuals of the Tisbury's Police and Fire departments for their continued support.

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



Tisbury's EMT's & Paramedics

Kyle Gatchell, Benjamin Stevens, Krystle Rose, Lindsay Hopkins, Jason Davey, Yuliya Bilzerian, Belinda Booker, Bradley Carroll, Sheri Caseau, Ben Davey, Jim Davin, Dawn Gompert, Joao Goncalves, Amanda Gonsalves, Em Kraak, David Marinelli, Greg Martino, Matthew Montanile, Tad Medeiros, Gleyzielle Rodrigues, Patrick Rolston, Trulayna Rose, David Smith, Ashley Wood.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey A. Jones
Emergency Medical Services Director

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 2021, the Tisbury Fire Department responded to 356 calls for service. Once again, we are happy to report there were no significant property losses that occurred to citizen’s homes or business.

Throughout 2021 our members continued their commitment to training and professional development attending training both locally and through the State Fire Academy. Some of their most valuable training has been utilizing the State’s fire simulation trailers. These training sessions give firefighters real smoke, heat, and fire experience in a controlled environment. In addition to their regular fire training, 8 members of our department completed the required training as part of the Dukes County Training Council.



“New Yellow Firetruck on Main Street, 1979”

During the calendar year 2021 the Tisbury Fire Department applied the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 as well as the 2021 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA) from the Massachusetts DCR, Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry matching funds grant for \$3000.00.

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



“Vineyard Haven Fire Department Posing with Truck”

On behalf of the members of the Tisbury Fire Department, thank you to the taxpayers of Tisbury for their continued support of our mission. We are committed to providing you with an effective and professional response whenever called upon. To the employers and

families of our members, thank you for your support in allowing our members to serve. Without your support and understanding, our volunteer system could not effectively serve our communities' emergency needs.

2021 YEAR END DATA

In 2021 the Fire Department conducted 694 fire safety inspection.

Common Victuals Inspections	30	Propane and Fuel Oil	241
Short Term Rental	171	Alcohol, Tents, and Special Events	74
Building Permits	46	Sales and Transfers Real estate	132

Tisbury Fire Departments Calls for service: 356

Automatic Alarms	123
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	15
Cooking Fires	60
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Public Safety Assistance	22
Building Fires	9
Rescue/EMS Assistance	29
Brush Fires and Wires Down	23
Haz-Mat	14
Misc. Fire Response	53

Respectfully submitted.

Gregory K Leland
Fire Chief/Forest Warden

Patrick B Rolston
Deputy Fire Chief



"The 1922 Fire at the Methodist Church"

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Select Board and the Citizens of Tisbury,

2021 was a year of transition for the Tisbury Police Department. In July, Chief Mark Saloio retired from his position and Christopher Habekost was appointed as the Interim Chief for the remainder of the year, William Brigham was also appointed as the Police Lieutenant. The Police Department faced some challenges and accomplished some important goals.



“Construction of the Tisbury Police Station”

We rebuilt the command structure of the department and also welcomed a new Administrative Assistant as well as a new full-time Patrol Officer. We provided a safe environment for patrons of the Beach Road Weekend music festival and several First Friday events during the Summer and Fall. We continued the process of Accreditation initiated by the former Chief and achieved Certification with the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in September.

We assigned a new Police Detective and provided him with the support, guidance, and training necessary to perform comprehensive investigations. Most notable of these investigations are the Narcotics Investigations which have culminated in the arrest and prosecution of several suspected drug dealers.

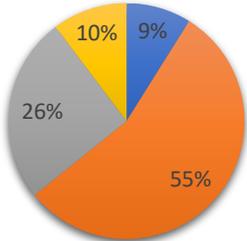
The Police Department handled 13,832 total calls for service in 2021, a breakdown of which is provided in the chart below. This rate of productivity exceeds that of any other police department on Martha’s Vineyard. We have continued our tradition of Community Policing including regular foot patrols in 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 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher P. Habekost
Chief of Police

William P. Brigham
Lieutenant

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2021 - 13,832



- Motor Vehicle Accidents-196
- Alarm/911 Calls-1216
- Medical Emergencies-561
- Cases Resulting in Criminal Charges-226



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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 2020, our office reviewed and analyzed the sales data from the calendar year 2019 of real property. Depending on the market conditions and property value trends, adjustments may increase, decrease, or leave values unchanged.

Total town expenditures increased 1% from fiscal year 2020 (\$26,404,187) to fiscal year 2021 (\$26,798,977). The residential tax rate is \$9.17 per thousand and the commercial tax rate is \$8.58 for the fiscal year 2021. 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 89.47% of the town budget, decreased from \$9.33 to \$9.17.

The fiscal year 2021 assessed values of all town real estate is \$3,123,641,800, an increase from the fiscal year 2020.

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

2923	Residential Parcels	\$2,794,895,550
344	Commercial Parcels	\$257,938,554
16	Industrial Parcels	\$5,268,700
1664	Personal Property Accounts	\$65,538,996
221	Exempt Parcels	\$225,030,000

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

In fiscal year 2021 the board of assessors granted the following exemptions:

Residential	57
Personal Property	37
17D Surviving spouse, minors, or persons 70 years or over	2
Veterans	10
Veterans and surviving spouses	8
Blind	1
Elderly	21

What is the Residential Exemption?

The residential exemption applies a discount to the assessed value of every residential property that is the principal residence of a taxpayer, it does not apply to accessory land incidental to a residential use, summer homes, or residential property not occupied by its owner. It effectively shifts some of the tax burden from residential properties worth less than the average, to more expensive residential properties and/or those owned by nonresidents.

The exemption requires an application to be filed with the Board of Assessors no later than April 1st of the calendar year of the tax bill. Applicants must be domiciled at the property by January 1st prior to the calendar year of the tax bill.

In example, the average assessed value for fiscal year 2021 is \$956,174 at 18%, the exemption amount is \$172,111. Using the average assessed value in the example, you would subtract the exemption amount of \$172,111 leaving an assessed value of \$784,063, at the tax rate of \$9.17 the taxes would be \$7,189.86.

The decision to apply a residential exemption is made annually during the classification hearing held and voted on by the Select Board. They vote the continuance of the exemption and the percentage to be applied to the average assessed residential class value. Which was voted as 18% for fiscal year 2021.

Since the residential class of property is 89.47% of the overall assessed values the class must raise the same amount as if it would have raised without the shift, the result is a higher residential tax rate. Properties worth less pay lower taxes, but properties above the average pay more in taxes than they would have otherwise.

As you can see on the table below in column (d) Valuation by class \$2,794,895,550 is the original amount of the residential class to be assessed on. Once the residential exemption credit also

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA5)	(c) lc above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	89.4755	23,978,518.93	2,794,895,550.00		
Net of Exempt			2,614,867,444.00	9.17	23,978,334.46
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	8.2576	2,212,952.35	257,938,554.00	8.58	2,213,112.79
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	0.1687	45,209.87	5,268,700.00	8.58	45,205.45
SUBTOTAL	97.9018		3,058,102,804.00		26,236,652.70
Personal	2.0982	562,296.14	65,538,996.00	8.58	562,324.59
TOTAL	100.0000		3,123,641,800.00		26,798,977.29

known as Net of Exempt \$180,028,106 leaving a residential class value of \$2,614,867,444 to allocate the budget over, resulting in a tax rate of \$9.17 versus \$8.58. Additional burden on the other classes of assessed value would have to be voted on by the Select Board at the classification hearing, which the Board voted no for fiscal year 2021.

The tax bill is derived by subtracting the residential exemption from the assessed value before applying the tax rate.

The board of assessors would like to thank the staff, Principal Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski, Data Collector Alycelee Pigman.

Fiscal year 2021 we saw many of changes in the office, we said goodbye to Cynthia Richard who came out of retirement and served on the board for four years. Roy Cutrer sought another office in town as a member of the Select Board. Roy served on the board of assessors for 19 years. We wish to thank both members for their tenure on the Board of Assessors.

Elena De Foe moved onto become the Contract Specialist for the town. We wish her the best in her new position.

The Select Board appointed Fala Freeman and James Norton to the Board of Assessors the end of calendar year 2021. We look forward to working with them going forward. Welcome Jamie and Fala.

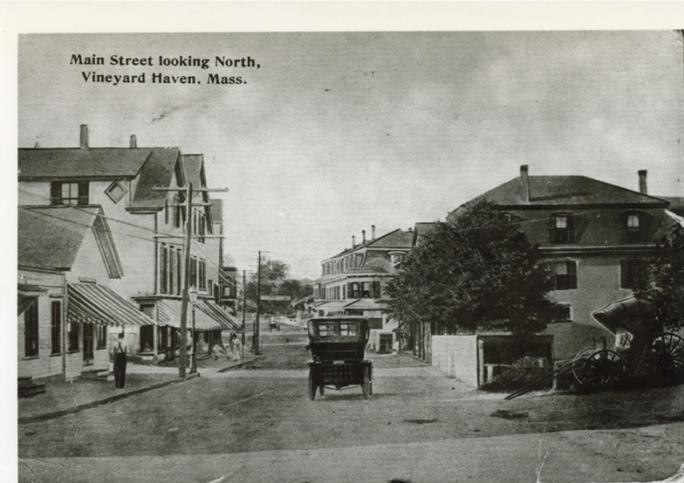
Please come to the assessor's office to discuss any issues with the assessed value of your property and the Principal Assessor is happy to review the assessment with you. There are several statutory exemptions that taxpayers may qualify for based on their age, income, and veteran status.

Respectfully submitted,

David Dandridge, Chair
Fala Freeman, Member
James Norton, Member

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Finance and Advisory Committee is a volunteer board of Tisbury residents elected (or, if vacancies occur – appointed by joint action of the committee and the Select Board) to recommend the town budget and to review and make recommendations on all articles brought to the citizens for a vote at the annual and special town meetings. “The Voter Guide” shows how the committee’s members voted on each article and it summarizes the arguments on each side when the committee vote is not unanimous.



The current members believe that the voters rely on them to do a thorough assessment of the financial aspects of all items brought to town meeting. In the case of non-money articles, we serve as an advisory committee, considering the benefits of the proposal to the town and the taxpayers and voting whether to recommend it. The majority of the committee’s work is done in the months before town meeting. Much time is spent with town departments and others

proposing warrant articles, as we work with them to establish realistic operating budgets, capital expenditures and funding requests.

Sometimes, the Finance and Advisory Committee recommends a vote against a particular warrant article. That is because, after careful consideration, a majority of committee members have agreed that the requested expenditure or request is not in the town’s or the taxpayers’ best interest. Our determination not to recommend, however, does not prevent a proposal from being submitted to town meeting where the voters make the final decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

In fiscal year 2021, the town’s annual budget grew 4.6%, driven by salaries and wages and increasing needs at the Tisbury School and in other departments. In addition to funding the town budget; we must address infrastructure, with the school and the town hall as two important needs. The challenge will be to protect core services while funding infrastructure improvements.

Our stabilization or “rainy day” fund is a reserve to cover unexpected financial crises, and it now stands at just over \$1.7 million. We also have several special purpose stabilization funds with a total value of over \$1.5 million.

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

Scanlon & Associates is completing the fiscal 2021 audit, examining all aspects of town finances. Copies of the audit report and management letter are available for anyone interested in reviewing the results of the audit and the comments from the auditors.



"Swift Bros.'s Store at Vineyard Haven."

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 any time. We will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Financial Highlights

Statement of Activities Highlights

	Governmental Activities		
	2021	2020	Change
Program Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 2,335,395	\$ 1,297,023	\$ 1,038,372
Operating grants and contributions	3,985,634	3,907,364	78,270
Capital grants and contributions	353,366	156,160	197,206
General Revenues:			
Property taxes	27,300,730	26,887,578	413,152
Motor vehicle excise and other taxes	1,234,004	1,196,664	37,340
Hotel room occupancy and meal taxes	1,046,600	728,075	318,525
Penalties and interest on taxes	363,232	235,245	127,987
Nonrestricted grants	492,672	531,658	(38,986)
Unrestricted investment income	206,321	116,506	89,815
Miscellaneous	7,340	4,269	3,071
Total revenues	37,325,294	35,060,542	2,264,752
Expenses:			
General government	4,585,194	4,509,301	75,893
Public safety	4,698,115	4,233,368	464,747
Public works	2,748,345	1,357,427	1,390,918
Education	12,723,507	13,177,776	(454,269)
Health and human services	530,782	838,474	(307,692)
Culture and recreation	799,027	812,848	(13,821)
Employee benefits and insurance	9,290,492	8,244,993	1,045,499
State assessments	1,550,880	1,611,902	(61,022)
Interest	108,681	132,296	(23,615)
Total expenses	37,035,023	34,918,385	2,116,638
Contributions to permanent funds	6,750	5,563	1,187
Transfers	(119,740)	(214,921)	95,181
Change in net position	177,281	(67,201)	244,482
Net position - beginning of year	6,420,097	6,487,298	(67,201)
Net position - end of year	\$ 6,597,378	\$ 6,420,097	\$ 177,281

**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 16,160,193	\$ 2,937,787	\$ 5,499,794	\$ 24,597,774
Investments	2,962,218	-	645,658	3,607,876
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
Property Taxes	819,576	23,694	-	843,270
Tax Liens	719,039	19,346	-	738,385
Excise Taxes	207,437	-	-	207,437
Departmental	47,657	-	139,546	187,203
Due from Other Governments	12,512	-	1,349,000	1,361,512
Total Assets	\$ 20,928,632	\$ 2,980,827	\$ 7,633,998	\$ 31,543,457
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	\$ 871,914	\$ -	\$ 132,895	\$ 1,004,809
Accrued Payroll	766,509	-	629	767,138
Payroll Withholdings	323,992	-	-	323,992
Other	21,601	-	-	21,601
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	-	-	350,000	350,000
Total Liabilities	1,984,016	-	483,524	2,467,540
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Unavailable Revenue	1,594,221	43,040	897,966	2,535,227
Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable	-	-	649,545	649,545
Restricted	-	2,937,787	3,141,366	6,079,153
Committed	-	-	2,811,597	2,811,597
Assigned	7,310,085	-	-	7,310,085
Unassigned	10,040,310	-	(350,000)	9,690,310
Total Fund Balance	17,350,395	2,937,787	6,252,508	26,540,690
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 20,928,632	\$ 2,980,827	\$ 7,633,998	\$ 31,543,457

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

**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	General Fund	Community Preservation Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 26,803,938	\$ 717,754	\$ -	\$ 27,521,692
Intergovernmental	1,129,914	288,002	1,146,502	2,564,418
Excise and Other Taxes	1,125,745	-	159,903	1,285,648
Hotel Room Occupancy and Meal Taxes	1,046,600	-	-	1,046,600
Licenses, Permits, Fees	1,273,630	-	-	1,273,630
Charges for Services	-	-	1,262,822	1,262,822
Gifts and Donations	-	-	10,660	10,660
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	356,762	6,470	-	363,232
Investment Income	206,321	-	53,103	259,424
Other	-	-	149,283	149,283
Intergovernmental - "On-behalf" Payments	1,865,746	-	-	1,865,746
Total Revenues	33,808,656	1,012,226	2,782,273	37,603,155
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	2,686,280	1,462,158	321,170	4,469,608
Public Safety	4,155,608	-	435,574	4,591,182
Public Works	2,168,812	-	1,063,016	3,231,828
Education	12,438,369	-	329,349	12,767,718
Health and Human Services	619,303	-	3,463	622,766
Culture and Recreation	573,788	41,352	82,653	697,793
Employee Benefits and Insurance	6,829,685	-	108,494	6,938,179
Intergovernmental Assessments	1,550,880	-	-	1,550,880
Debt Service:				
Principal	734,939	-	-	734,939
Interest	110,589	-	7,648	118,237
Total Expenditures	31,868,253	1,503,510	2,351,367	35,723,130
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,940,403	(491,284)	430,906	1,880,025
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	514,145	-	410,000	924,145
Operating Transfers Out	(531,440)	(50,000)	(462,445)	(1,043,885)
Capital Lease	-	-	223,180	223,180
Proceeds from the issuance of bonds and notes	-	-	50,000	50,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(17,295)	(50,000)	220,735	153,440
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,923,108	(541,284)	651,641	2,033,465
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year (as restated)	15,427,287	3,479,071	5,600,867	24,507,225
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 17,350,395	\$ 2,937,787	\$ 6,252,508	\$ 26,540,690

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, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual Budgetary Basis	Amounts Carried Forward to Next Year	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Amounts Carried		Final Budget			
	Forward from Prior Year	Original Budget				
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 26,559,414	\$ 26,559,414	\$ 27,295,938	\$ -	\$ 736,524
Intergovernmental	-	1,081,556	1,081,556	1,129,914	-	48,358
Excise and Other Taxes	-	925,000	925,000	1,125,745	-	200,745
Hotel Room Occupancy and Meal Taxes	-	415,000	415,000	1,044,645	-	629,645
Licenses, Permits, Fees	-	960,000	960,000	1,273,630	-	313,630
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	-	175,000	175,000	356,762	-	181,762
Investment Income	-	25,000	25,000	28,652	-	3,652
Total Revenues	-	30,140,970	30,140,970	32,255,286	-	2,114,316
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General Government	1,288,717	2,744,385	4,033,102	2,686,280	973,361	373,461
Public Safety	1,216,386	4,182,915	5,399,301	4,155,608	936,717	306,976
Public Works	883,317	2,634,713	3,518,030	2,168,812	952,452	396,766
Education	1,512,652	12,643,830	14,156,482	12,438,369	1,506,718	211,395
Health and Human Services	8,680	681,614	690,294	619,303	18,020	52,971
Culture and Recreation	50,061	628,543	678,604	573,788	50,060	54,756
Employee Benefits and Insurance	-	5,478,493	5,478,493	4,964,207	25,000	489,286
Intergovernmental Assessments	-	1,584,398	1,584,398	1,550,880	-	33,518
Debt Service:						
Principal	-	884,939	884,939	734,939	-	150,000
Interest	-	164,700	164,700	110,321	-	54,379
Total Expenditures	4,959,813	31,628,530	36,588,343	30,002,507	4,462,328	2,123,508
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(4,959,813)	(1,487,560)	(6,447,373)	2,252,779	(4,462,328)	4,237,824
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	-	419,000	419,000	514,145	-	95,145
Operating Transfers (Out)	-	(1,716,440)	(1,716,440)	(1,716,440)	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(1,297,440)	(1,297,440)	(1,202,295)	-	95,145
Net Change in Budgetary Fund Balance	(4,959,813)	(2,785,000)	(7,744,813)	\$ 1,050,484	\$ (4,462,328)	\$ 4,332,969
Other Budgetary Items:						
Free Cash and Other Reserves	-	2,785,000	2,785,000			
Prior Year Encumbrances	4,959,813	-	4,959,813			
Total Other Budgetary Items	4,959,813	2,785,000	7,744,813			
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, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2020	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2021	Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2021
Real Estate Taxes:						
Levy of 2021	\$ -	\$ 26,239,955	\$ 238,998	\$ 25,417,739	\$ 583,218	\$ 583,218
Levy of 2020	1,158,111	-	50,475	938,995	168,641	168,641
Levy of 2019	121,090	-	22,979	80,564	17,547	17,547
Levy of 2018	62,374	-	8,090	54,265	19	19
	<u>1,341,575</u>	<u>26,239,955</u>	<u>320,542</u>	<u>26,491,563</u>	<u>769,425</u>	<u>769,425</u>
Personal Property Taxes:						
Levy of 2021	-	562,479	6,011	531,627	24,841	24,841
Levy of 2020	45,894	-	17	32,557	13,320	13,320
Levy of 2019	15,133	-	-	5,614	9,519	9,519
Levy of 2018	6,879	-	1	1,913	4,965	4,965
Levy of 2017	4,347	-	-	750	3,597	3,597
Prior Years	22,418	-	3	3,598	18,817	18,817
	<u>94,671</u>	<u>562,479</u>	<u>6,032</u>	<u>576,059</u>	<u>75,059</u>	<u>75,059</u>
Deferred Property Taxes	3,408	-	-	-	3,408	3,408
Rollback Taxes	13,406	-	-	13,365	41	-
Total Real Estate, Personal Property Deferred Property and Rollback Taxes	<u>\$ 1,453,060</u>	<u>\$ 26,802,434</u>	<u>\$ 326,574</u>	<u>\$ 27,080,987</u>	<u>\$ 847,933</u>	<u>\$ 847,892</u>

**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND VESSEL EXCISE TAXES
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2020	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2021	Uncollected Taxes Per Detail June 30, 2021
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 2021	\$ -	\$ 971,545	15,166	\$ 829,298	\$ 127,081	\$ 127,081
Levy of 2020	163,009	116,340	11,864	225,584	41,901	41,901
Levy of 2019	44,049	-	165	26,374	17,510	17,510
Levy of 2018	23,581	-	-	6,306	17,275	17,275
Levy of 2017	13,713	-	-	1,659	12,054	12,054
Prior Years	43,518	663	152	3,054	40,975	40,975
	<u>287,870</u>	<u>1,088,548</u>	<u>27,347</u>	<u>1,092,275</u>	<u>256,796</u>	<u>256,796</u>
Vessel Excise Taxes:						
Levy of 2021	-	42,106	1,008	31,811	9,287	9,287
Levy of 2020	10,151	-	678	3,178	6,295	6,295
Levy of 2019	5,164	-	109	502	4,553	4,553
Levy of 2018	4,197	-	81	283	3,833	3,833
Levy of 2017	3,745	-	55	344	3,346	3,346
Prior Years	19,618	-	116	740	18,762	18,762
	<u>42,875</u>	<u>42,106</u>	<u>2,047</u>	<u>36,858</u>	<u>46,076</u>	<u>46,076</u>
Total Motor Vehicle and Vessel Excise Taxes	<u>\$ 330,745</u>	<u>\$ 1,130,654</u>	<u>\$ 29,394</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,133</u>	<u>\$ 302,872</u>	<u>\$ 302,872</u>

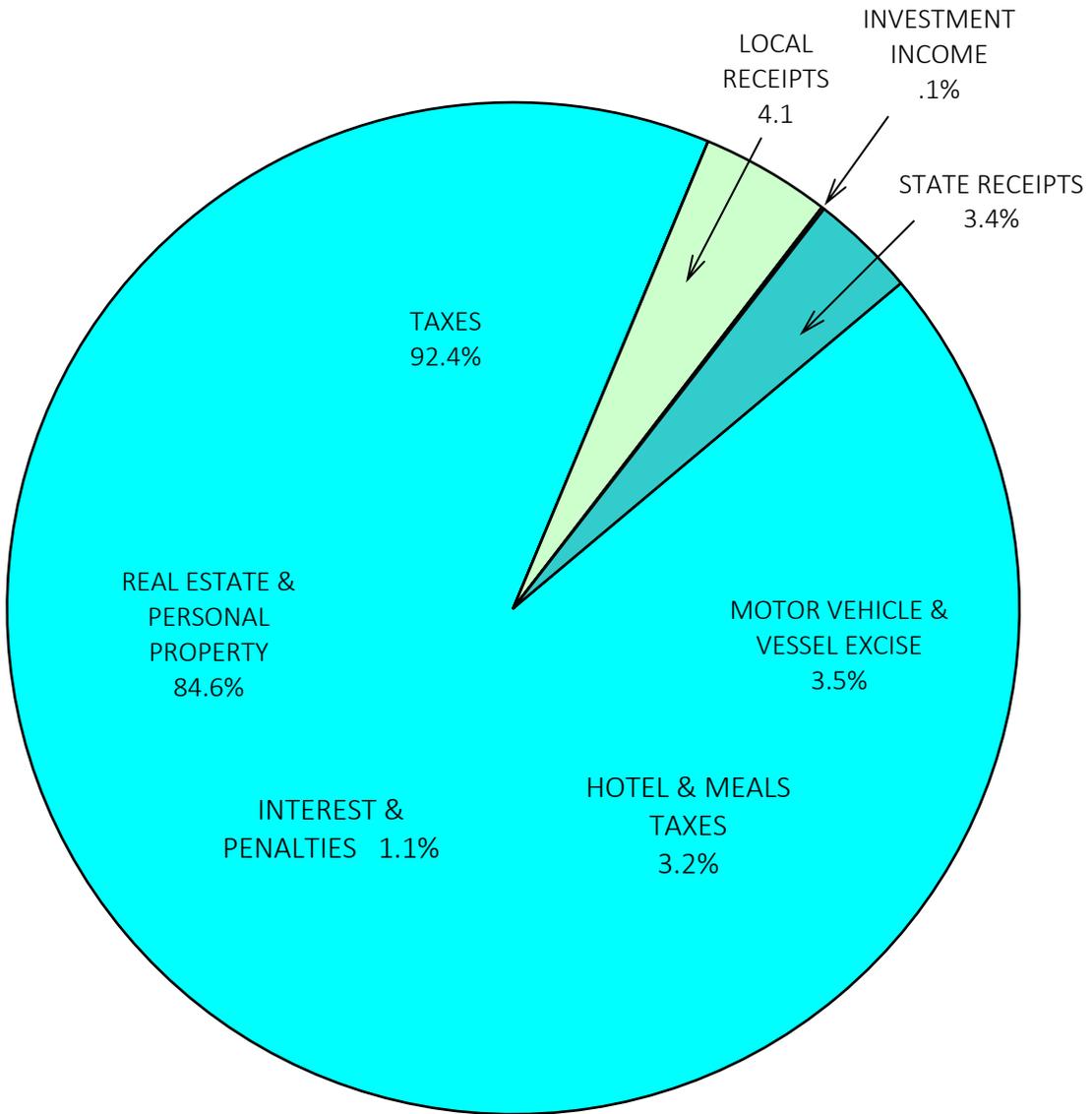
**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TAX LIENS
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

	Uncollected Accounts July 1, 2020	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Accounts June 30, 2021	Uncollected Accounts Per Detail June 30, 2021
General Fund:						
Tax Liens	\$ 900,211	\$ 129,330	\$ -	\$ 214,951	\$ 814,590	\$ 814,740
Non-Major Governmental Funds:						
Community Preservation:						
Tax Liens	\$ 20,857	\$ 3,168	\$ -	\$ 4,679	\$ 19,346	\$ 19,346

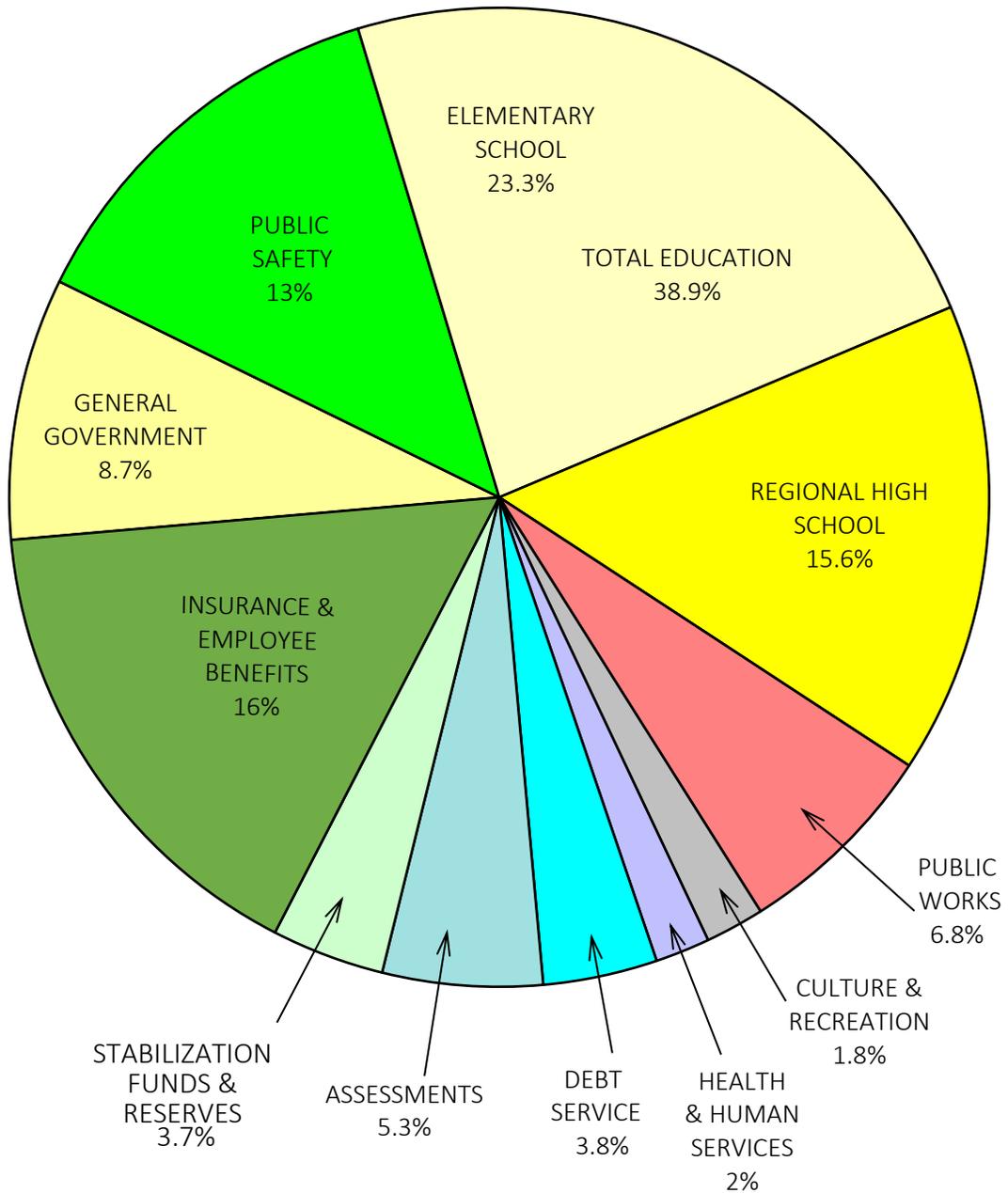
**TOWN OF TISBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL RECEIVABLES
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

	Uncollected Accounts July 1, 2020	Commitments	Abatements and Adjustments	Collections Net of Refunds and Overpayments	Uncollected Accounts June 30, 2021	Uncollected Accounts Per Detail June 30, 2021
General Fund:						
Ambulance	\$ 560,222	\$ 254,597	\$ -	\$ 226,903	\$ 587,916	\$ 588,016
Income & Expense Penalty:						
Levy of 2021	-	18,250	250	16,663	1,337	1,337
Levy of 2020	3,254	-	-	2,754	500	500
Levy of 2019	500	-	-	500	-	-
Levy of 2018	500	-	-	500	-	-
Total Income & Expense Penalty	4,254	18,250	250	20,417	1,837	1,837
Non-Major Governmental Funds:						
Moorings Receivable:						
Levy of 2021	-	140,457	-	132,959	7,498	7,498
Levy of 2020	9,103	-	-	6,691	2,412	2,412
Levy of 2019	3,814	-	-	1,825	1,989	1,989
Levy of 2018	2,608	-	-	-	2,608	2,608
Levy of 2017	2,703	-	-	-	2,703	2,703
Prior Years	31,300	-	-	-	31,300	31,300
	49,528	140,457	-	141,475	48,510	48,510
Septic System Repair Program Loans:						
Program one	28,700	-	-	3,722	24,978	24,978
Program two	170,622	-	-	85,286	85,336	85,336
	199,322	-	-	89,008	110,314	110,314
Total Departmental Receivables	\$ 813,326	\$ 413,304	\$ 250	\$ 477,803	\$ 748,577	\$ 748,677

TOWN OF TISBURY
FY 2021
REVENUE



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BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

The total number of building permits issued for calendar year 2021 is Five Hundred and Eight (508). This is an increase of 70 permits from last year. This Department continues to administer all building, electrical, plumbing, and propane gas permits under the applicable Massachusetts codes. We also continue to enforce Tisbury Zoning Bylaws for new projects and conduct enforcement to address bylaw violations.

The Tisbury Building Department successfully implemented to major programs in 2021. The first program was our new online permitting portal. Along with several other Town Departments, the Tisbury Building Department is now accepting and processing all applications online. This new program greatly reduces the amount of paperwork generated by the Building Department and increases communication among all Town departments that can access all permit information online. The second program was the Short-Term Rental registration program. In 2021, the Tisbury Building Department, in conjunction with the Tisbury Fire Department, registered and inspected 144 Short Term Rentals. We look forward to increasing this number in 2022.

The Tisbury Building Inspectors hold weekly open office hours to meet with the public and we invite anyone with questions for us to stop by. 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

New Construction	4
Additions	4
Renovations	22

Residential Permits

Single Family Dwellings	26
Accessory Apartments	4
Demolition	13
Additions	17
Accessory Structures	13
Renovations	121
Multi-Family Dwelling	10
Minor Work Permit	135

Other Types of Permits

Signs	17
Wood Stoves	1
Sheet Metal	5
Alarm & Sprinkler Systems	3

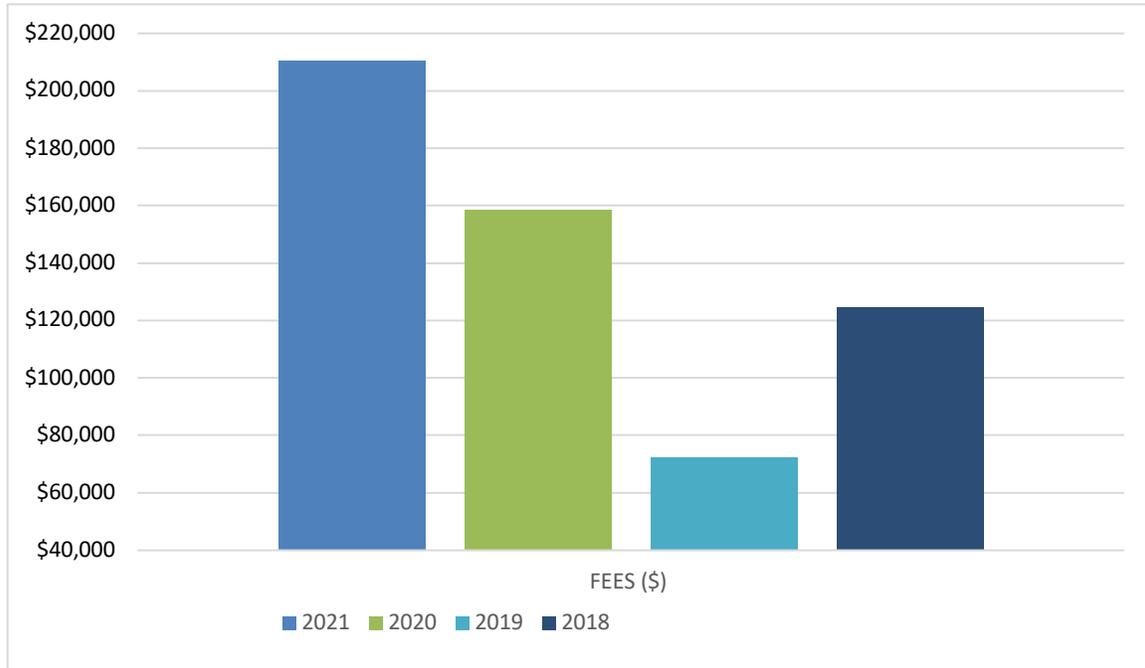
Solar Arrays	32
Swimming Pools	4
Tents	35
Short Term Rentals	144

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION IN TISBURY

Commercial \$4,594,299.00

Residential \$43,401,418.00

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED



Respectfully Submitted,

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

WIRING INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2021 a total of 290 electrical permits were issued. This is an increase of 63 permits from last year. The total of fees collected for all wiring permits and inspections during the calendar year of 2021 was \$75,390.00

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Gosselin
Wiring Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2021 a total of 127 gas permits were issued. This a decrease of 1 permit 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 2021 was \$25,310.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciancio
Gas Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

For calendar year 2021 a total of 125 plumbing permits were issued. The total of fees collected for all plumbing permits and inspections during the calendar year of 2021 was \$29,940.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Ciancio
Plumbing Inspector

TISBURY COUNCIL ON AGING

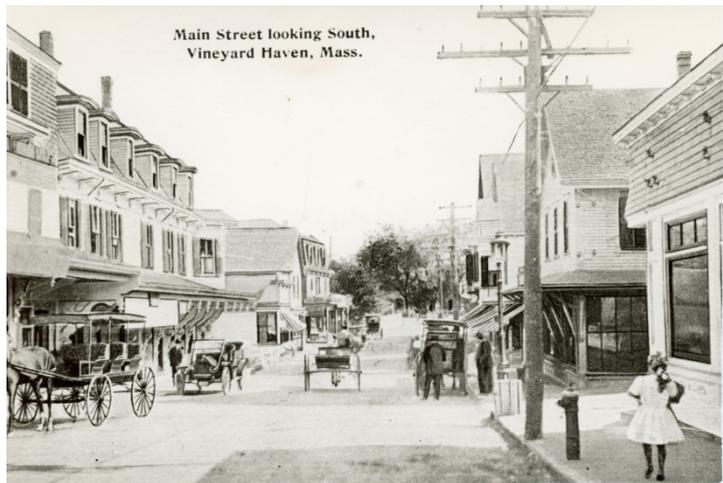
The Council on Aging strives to meet the needs of Tisbury's growing population of seniors. We continue to have an increase in need for services, referrals such as Supportive Day Program and home care services that provide skilled nursing, personal care, and elder services. We refer many to Elder Services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

Catie Blake's class in Functional Fitness concentrating on strength, balance, flexibility, and agility continues to be popular. The class was held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Many of our other classes and programs such Playreaders, (started in November), bridge group, ukulele group were resumed in-person in June 2021. However, as of December 2021 all classes had to be suspended due to increase in COVID cases. We hope to start again soon.

Sandy Whitworth, our Activities Director continues to try to come up with programs that can be done through zoom. However, it has proven to be a challenge, as many of our seniors do not have the technology to go on zoom.

Attorney Arthur Bergeron still gives his presentations on MVTV. He is taping his presentation, which is shown on the Community Channel. Attorney Bergeron has also begun to see clients one on one at the center for anyone seeking legal assistance. This is by Appointment only. He hopes to give two in person presentations in the Spring and in the Fall of 2022.

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



A SHINE Counsellor continues to work with seniors aiding with medical insurance claims and answer questions regarding medical insurances that would best serve their needs. Service is offered the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Appointments are taken.

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

We still offer assistance programs such as fuel assistance, food stamps, and surplus food distribution during the pandemic to ensure our seniors are provided the services they need to stay in their homes. Other services and programs include legal services are provided by the Elder Law

Other services: Tax Assistance for those 55 years of age and over providing tax assistance starting in March. Volunteers are trained to provide tax assistance preparation to our seniors.

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

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

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

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

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

Joyce Stiles-Tucker,
Director

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of the Town of Tisbury:

Throughout the continued Covid-19 mandate, 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.

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 the Island in attempt to reduce the cost of disposal where possible. The Town continues to contract with Bruno's Inc.



“Trolley Crossing Oak Bluffs - Vineyard Haven Bridge”

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:

- Redesign of the Old Fire House Parking Lot on Beach Street to allow additional parking for town visitors.
- Veteran’s Park parking lot redesign
- Newly paved West Chop portion of Main Street
- Demolition of old property at 55 West William Street for a playground for students as the Tisbury School Redesign begins.
- Installation/ Repair of over 14 Catch Basin, Town wide
- Owen Park – New pathway at entrance along with new benches have been added.

Parks and Recreation:



“M. V. Champion Baseball Team 1903”

As Covid-19 continued to linger throughout 2021, our parks were opened slowly as summer kicked into gear. The Board of Health required social distancing throughout the summer, the DPW paid close attention to the number of attendees per function. As the (BOH) mandates changed to allow more people in attendance, park usage became more available. With strict guidelines on social distancing, the Martha’s Vineyard United Youth Soccer was back in session, and The Beach Road Concert Series successfully took place in Veteran’s Park for a second season.

Cemetery Maintenance and Operations:

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

Acknowledgments:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk Metell
Director of Public Works

HARBORMASTER

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

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

We continue to work with the 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.

The Harbor Department is also working to replace the Owen Park Pier. This project requires permitting of the pier beginning with the Town Conservation Committee. Once we have an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission, we will seek permits from MA DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. We anticipate the pier will be replaced in 2023.

We applied for a grant from the Boating and Fishing Access Board to harden the parking lot at the Tashmoo inlet. Assuming the grant is funded this will improve the parking lot for fishermen and beach goers.

The Harbor Department continues to operate an active boat pump out service. In 2021, utilizing two vessels, we pumped out 369 vessel’s sewage holding tanks totaling 20,000 gallons. The dockside facility holding tank was emptied twice accounting for about 6,000 gallons. We pumped a total of about 26,000 gallons of sewage from boats anchored and moored in our waters. This



“Aerial View of Vineyard Haven Harbor”

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 35 incidents during the busiest part of the summer season between July 1 and August 31. The Harbor Department towed a number of disabled vessels, pumped out vessels in danger of sinking and rescued a number of vessels that dragged anchor or broke free during storms.

2021 continued to be a challenging year. We ordered PPE for all Harbor Department employees, increased cleaning of vessels, especially the pump out boats. Our goal was to keep staff and boaters safe.

The Harbor Department is in the process of purchasing a new patrol boat that we anticipate will be delivered in May of 2022. In the meantime, the Massachusetts Environmental Police have loaned us a surplus patrol boat. The interim vessel has been provided at no cost to the Town. We are very grateful for this interagency cooperation.

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



“Three Ferries at Union Wharf”

Revenue figures for FY 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Acct</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Vessel Excise	416020	31,812
Mooring Application Fees	432104	4,790
Mooring Permit Fees	432020	132,959
Town Mooring Leases	432102	77,164
Dockage Fees	432103	11,910
Transient Mooring Fees	432101	69,050
New Mooring Fees	432107	1,175
Dinghy Stickers	432108	1,700
Parking Permit Fees	424303	1,850
Total		<u>332.410</u>

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. This includes the LAN (local area network) at each town building, data, servers, LAN peripherals, communications, software applications, network security, cloud-based services such as email, local WiFi, and end user support.

The Information Technology Department has had a busy year as we continue to upgrade aging equipment, workstations, and end user software. We continue to convert documents to fillable forms and upload to our website. This technology offers a new approach to doing business with our citizens and business community.

Our Building/Zoning, Board of Health, Fire departments and the Select Boards office migrated to software that is "Permit & Code Enforcement" (OpenGov) and with a front facing interface "Citizen Self Service" so our citizens can apply for permits, applications, and licenses all online. The backend of this software "Permit & Code Enforcement" will streamline how these documents get processed. There will no longer be a need for an applicant to go to each department for sign off. All transactions are within the software database. This is a new way of conducting business with the Town.

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

We continue to look forward to our website redesign (facelift), which will freshen the look and streamline even further information our citizens are looking for. In addition, pushing information out to our citizens in a timely manner. Sign up for E-Alerts which can be found on the homepage of tisbury.ma.gov under "Citizen Action Center", signing up for news, scheduled meetings and posted agendas.

Please look for the Town of Tisbury on  and  !

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Rydzewski
Information Technology Manager

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the People of Tisbury,

In 2021 the Shellfish Department and former Shellfish Advisory Committee put together the 5th Family Shellfish Day, after a break from the previous year. Family Shellfish Day is a free event that brings friends, family, and volunteers together to quahog and learn about the biodiversity and importance of our ponds and the fishery. This event drew over 60 participants of all age groups and experiences. We are looking forward to doing this again in 2022.

2021 we also saw the results to the recent changes in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) involving the classification of shellfishing areas. Additional regulations related to mooring fields and anchoring areas now have a downgraded classification due to the number of boats in the area. Areas such as the eastern side of Tashmoo, at the base of Hines Point in the Lagoon, the mooring field at the Lagoon boat launch, and the summer anchoring area located off Kuffies Point have all been reclassified as “Conditionally Approved” and in most of these areas are off-limits to shellfishing when there are more than 20 boats. As 2021 was the first year this was implemented, we are continuing to work with the Division of Marine Fisheries to hone on the boundaries of these important shellfishing areas.



“Scalloping in Lagoon Pond, 1979”

We continued our propagation of quahogs, steamers, and bay scallops. For the past 11 years, we were able to purchase the steamer seed from Salem State University’s teaching hatchery. This was the last year that we were able to do this, as they are shutting their doors. Because steamers are an important part of our fisheries, we are looking into other hatcheries to purchase the seed from this coming summer season. The Martha’s Vineyard Shellfish Group had provided us with over 4 million bay scallop seed, 2.2 million quahog seed, and 8,000 oyster seed, which we will continue to monitor throughout the winter.

2021 has been a hard year for bay scallops, we've had another poor harvest this fall and what we had of a natural spawn was nothing compared with years past. Bay scallops are vulnerable on many levels, a short life span, and their recent loss of habitat has made it particularly difficult for them to survive the last few years.

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group has been instrumental in helping us reestablish eelgrass beds in the Lagoon. This is an ongoing effort that we are planning on expanding this coming summer.

The Shellfish Department wanted to thank both the Lagoon Pond Association and Tisbury Waterways Inc for their generous donations to fund additional help. Casey Pupek and Nelson Sigelman were on the job to assist in the Lagoon and Tashmoo respectively.

In the spring of 2021 along with help of the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department, OB Water District, Andrew Jacobs of the Tribe, and Powers Electric we set up the herring run camera at the Lagoon Richard Maderias herring run. We have recorded data of the fish running and will use it to get a count of the run's productivity.



In private aquaculture, there is currently have one farm up and running, while another awaits confirmation from the Army Corps of Engineers. We received plans for a third applicant in the Lagoon. All the sites are located down the pond by the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Hatchery south. State rules that approved areas are void of

eelgrass and other shellfish and shouldn't interfere with navigation. The Shellfish Department wishes all applicants the best in their endeavors.

Shellfish by the Numbers:

	Quahogs	Steamers	Bay Scallops
Recreational amount (in bushels)	239	18.5	15.5
Commercial amount (in bushels)	337.5	7	1.5
Total bushels	576.5	25.5	17
Total \$/bushel (approx.)	~\$176	~\$245	~\$182
Total Value	\$101,464	\$6,248	\$3,094
Total Commercial Value using DMF 3.5 economic multiplier (based off commercial limits, this is use by the division to show how much money from shellfishing circulated thought out the town)	\$207,900	\$6003	\$956

Permits Sold:

Senior Residents	202/\$5 = \$1010
Residents	173/\$40 = \$6920
Commercial	10/\$350 = \$3500
Year-round non-resident	4/\$400 = \$1600
Short term non-resident	165= \$5475

Total: \$ 18,505

Sincerely,
 Danielle Ewart
 Tisbury Shellfish Constable

WASTEWATER

Honorable Select Board and fellow Citizens of Tisbury:

The Tisbury Wastewater Treatment Facility (TWWTF) treated 16,925,726 gallons of flow in 2021, compared to the previous years flow of 17,955,370. The installation of a bypass at the Union Street lift station has been completed, which will allow for the much-needed repairs to be conducted prior to the summer season. Wastewater Operator Mike Alberice has been working hard keeping the treatment facility operational and within permit and has even managed to find a new method, stabilizing the process during seasonal changes in flow making the biological treatment process more resilient. It has been difficult trying to fill some of the positions available here at the Wastewater Department, but this fall Melinda Byers excepted the Administrative Assistant and in a short period of time has shown that she is a valuable member of our department and will be essential in meeting our future goals.

2021	Gallons	Influent Total N	Effluent Total N	Removal %	Lbs Removed	TSS Removal %
Jan.	939,864	53	2.62	95.06	394.90	99.50
Feb.	937,311	56.14	4.19	92.54	406.10	99.66
March	1,060,431	72.14	4.03	94.41	602.35	98.92
April	1,156,505	61	5	91.80	540.13	97.78
May	1,380,227	56	3	94.64	610.09	98.15
June	1,672,651	55	2.92	94.69	726.51	98.82
July	1,989,289	75	4	94.67	1,177.95	99.11
Aug.	1,897,205	67	4.4	93.43	990.50	99.61
Sept	1,668,565	25	8.6	65.60	228.22	97.34
Oct.	1,592,549	51.16	3.84	92.49	628.50	98.52
Nov.	1,317,111	51	4.54	91.10	510.35	99.04
Dec.	1,314,018	61.15	4.74	92.25	618.19	95.15
TOTAL	16,925,726				7,433.79	
Average	46,346.45 GPD	56.97	4.32	91.06	619.48	98.47
Top Flow Day	82,315	(Oct 31, Storm)				

Department staff has been working closely with Environmental Partners Group on many projects such as the Town of Tisbury’s Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, The Tisbury School Project, Union Street Lift Station, Flow Availability study, Plant upgrades, but most importantly reviewing and improving the policies and procedures of the Wastewater Department. These Policies will be the foundation in modernization of the Tisbury Wastewater Department and will allow us to grow into a more efficient, transparent and fiscally responsible Department.

Respectfully,

Jared Meader,
Wastewater Superintendent



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BOARD OF HEALTH

In 2021 we entered year two of a global pandemic and 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 and Martha’s Vineyard Hospital to ensure vaccinations and COVID testing were widely available and to support a comprehensive contact tracing program in the hopes of stemming the spread of the virus. As a result of the state discontinuing their Contact Tracing Collaborative the Island Boards of Health received a two-year grant from the Department of Public Health which will help fund our contact tracing program and allow us to conduct ongoing comprehensive health analysis of the islands’ populations.

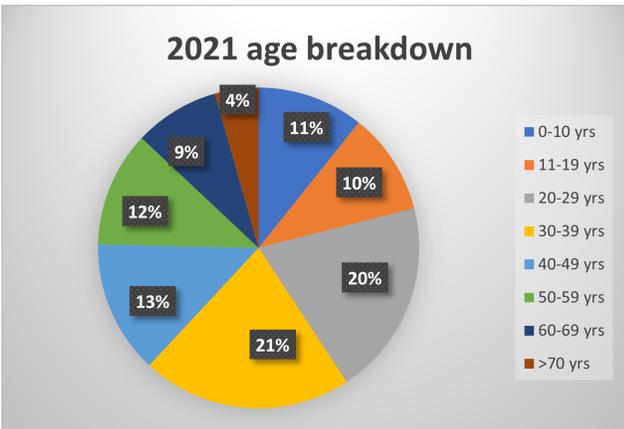
Martha’s Vineyard 2021 COVID statistics

2,118 Positive Cases (1/1/21 – 12/31/21)



Age breakdown:

0-10	227
11-19	218
20-29	418
30-39	448
40-49	284
50-59	247
60-69	182
70+	93
Unknown	1



This past year the Town of Tisbury joined with the other Island towns and the Island of Nantucket, through their Boards of Health, and Island Health Care, a federally qualified community health center and public health nursing services provider for the Island Boards of Health, to form the Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative. This initiative, funded by

the Mass Department of Public Health through their Public Health Excellence Grant Program, will fund a health inspector, community health specialist and a wildlife biologist to be 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. Special thanks to Michael Hugo and the Mass Association of Health Boards for facilitating this partnership and grant funding.

Mass DEP continues to approve more innovative/alternative technologies demonstrating greatly reduced nitrogen discharge levels. These approvals give local communities additional tools in the fight against nitrogen degradation of ponds and waterways. As better tools are now available, the Tisbury Board of Health held public hearings this year to revise our nitrogen regulations and require 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. These new regulations will bring us closer to our goal of protecting our ponds and streams from excess nitrogen.

We continue working to protect the health and safety of our residents and visitors through the inspection of restaurants and other food service establishments and seasonal sampling of bathing beaches in town as well as continuing to fund a mosquito control program and financially supporting the Island-wide tick program.

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.

Due to ongoing health concerns, the Board of Health continues to meet 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 2021:

Pumpout Permits	\$12,720.00
Food Permits	\$19,600.00
Disposal Works Applications	\$12,450.00
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$15,484.00</u>
TOTAL	\$60,254.00

Respectfully submitted,

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

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

To Tisbury Town Residents:

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) enables Massachusetts Communities to levy a surcharge of property tax bills to raise funds to expand their 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 - 58.3%
FY 2007 - 100%	FY 2012 - 36.9%	FY 2017 - 23.2%	
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%	



“6-Piece Vineyard Haven Brass Band, Posing in Street”

This translates into \$3,724,955 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.tisbury.ma.gov/community-preservation-committee>

Tisbury has appropriated \$11,218,387 over the past fifteen years, FY 2006 - FY 2021. In fiscal year 2021 the following CPC projects completed include:

- Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard - Affordable Housing - Six Apartments
- Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Rental Assistance
- Owen Park Landscaping
- American Legion - Flagpole Pocket Park
- Veteran's Park Parking Lot Upgrade and Handicapped Accessible Parking
- Ampitheater Accessibility and Safety Upgrade
- Tashmoo Waterworks Accessibility Study
- Town Benches - Purchase and Installation

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 Munafò
Carolyn Wallis

Heidi Dietterich
Administrator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

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

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

The Conservation Commission reviewed twenty applications for projects subject to review under state and local wetlands laws during 2021, and application fees for these projects generated \$6,827.00 in revenue for the Town of Tisbury.

The Martha’s Vineyard Shipyard application for a marina as well as Ralph Packer’s Tisbury Marine Terminal is still under review by the Martha’s Vineyard Commission and we hope to get a final decision on it soon, at which time the Conservation Commission can tackle the state and local regulations.

The Commission thanks the administrative staff, Assistant Laura Barbera and Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda for providing invaluable service and expertise. We appreciate the assistance of the Harbormaster, Division of Marine Fisheries, Shellfish Warden Daniele Ewart, the Board of Health and the Building/Zoning Department for their advice and input over the past years.

The Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at a new time of 4:30 p.m. currently via Zoom and procedures for attaining access to every meeting will be posted on the tisbury.ma.gov website and on the posted hearing notices. Meetings are open to the public and all interested persons are welcome to attend. The Commission would also welcome any and all interested citizens willing to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Best
Caroline Little
Lillian Robinson
Thomas Robinson, Chair

Nancy Weaver
Amelia Hambrecht
Sandra Demel

TISBURY OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Guided by a seven-year action plan, the Committee continues to serve in an advisory capacity to the Select Board and works 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.

The Committee works closely with the Tisbury Department of Public Works (DPW), collaborates with other town boards and departments, and partners with island conservation groups and the Martha’s Vineyard Commission. Having completed a community survey and inventories of all the town parks in the previous year, the committee focused this year on planning and projects to address identified needs and desired improvements. The following provides an overview of the Committee’s work.

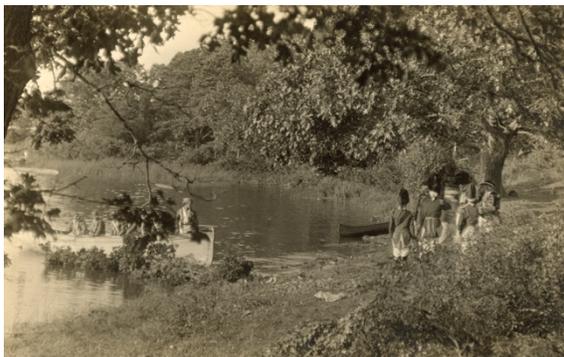
Maintenance and Stewardship

- Committee members meet on a regular basis with the DPW director to discuss ongoing maintenance at our parks, and to prioritize planning efforts and park improvements.

Park and Recreation Improvements

- Owen Park – The upper terrace and park entrance was completed this past summer. We have applied for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to extend the upper terrace path down to the Harbor Master’s office. If approved at town meeting the path extension will be completed in 2022.

- Tashmoo Spring Park – The committee developed a plan to expand and improve the experience of the natural areas of this park. A meandering mowed walking path through the field from the overlook to the Spring Building will be completed by DPW in spring 2022. We



applied for CPA Funds for benches to be placed along this walking path. We also applied for CPA funds to construct an overlook viewing platform along the edge of the Spring Pond, accessible from the woodland path that leads from the Spring Building picnic area to Lake Tashmoo. This funding will also include construction of a sitting platform and kayak landing at the end of the trail at the south end of Lake Tashmoo near the herring run. If

approved at Town meeting, these projects would be implemented in the summer and fall of 2022.

- Church Street Tennis Courts and Lake Street Courts – Following town meeting approval of CPA funds, the DPW put out a bid for construction of new clay tennis courts at Church Street and pickle ball courts at Lake Street. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by the fall of 2022.
- Veteran’s Park – This important park is heavily used for league recreation and large community events. It experiences flooding due to storm water runoff and a shallow depth to the water

table. The committee has applied for CPA funds to hire consultants to complete a drainage and recreation plan to guide future management and recreation improvements on this low-lying park.

Pedestrian and Bike Networks

- Story Maps - The committee continues to strive for a network of pedestrian and bike routes through town, connecting neighborhoods to one another and to town parks. Working with the Martha's Vineyard Commission, a loop from the Steamship Authority (SSA) Terminal around West Chop and back was developed and communicated to visitors and residents through a "StoryMap." This web-based tool combines route information with descriptions and historical information, including valuable input from the Martha's Vineyard Museum. It was posted on the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce web page. A second StoryMap from SSA through Veterans Memorial Park and along Lagoon Pond Road was also drafted.
- Partnership Trail Projects - Through a partnership with the Land Bank, a new trail from the Bare Hill Preserve to Old Sailors Burying Ground Cemetery was approved by the Select Board and implemented. The Land Bank also implemented a walking/biking path along Herring Creek Road toward the Tashmoo Town beach, suggested by the committee. An additional collaboration with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation has led to a plan for a connected network of trails through Tisbury. The committee will continue to work with partners to establish and promote public knowledge of these routes.
- Bike Network Planning – Working with the Martha's Vineyard Commission Bike Pedestrian Committee and local Tisbury bike enthusiasts we are creating an inventory of "quiet streets" that might be used to create a bike network connecting town parks and link to broader island-wide bike routes.



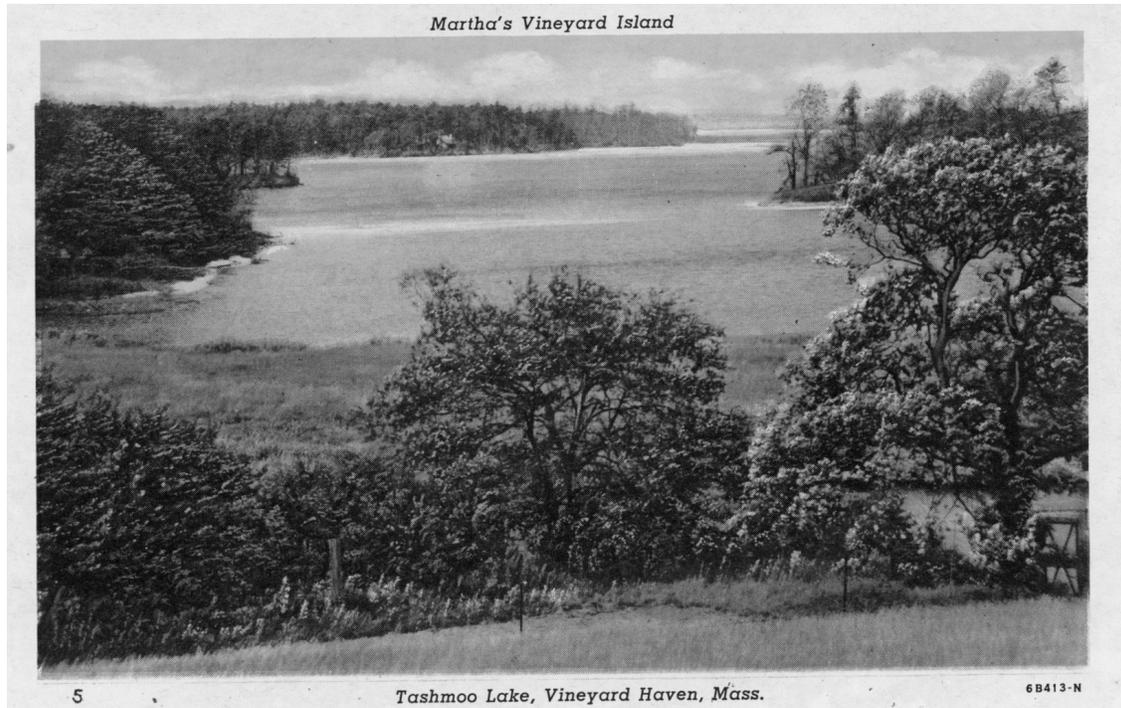
Waterfront Access

- Owen Little Way Park – An assessment of this small beach park, identified several improvements. The Parking lot was improved this past summer. We also applied for CPA funds to create an ADA compliant walkway from the parking area to the beach/water, to add a bike rack and provide a picnic table at the beach. If approved at town meeting these would all be installed by June 2022.

- Lagoon Harbor Park – The committee has begun initial planning to improve public access, develop public gathering areas and water access in the town park land along Lagoon Pond between Winds Up and the Town Landing. Working with other town committees and stakeholders this planning will continue in 2022.

Preservation of Open Space and Parks

- The Committee looks forward to addressing long term protection of our town parks and open spaces as part of the Planning Board’s Master Plan process beginning in February 2022.



Respectfully Submitted,

James Burrows
Cheryl Doble
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 2021 the Board met to discuss the following matters:

Recommendation of special legislation to employ firefighters beyond the mandatory retirement age of 65.

The Board also approved a Cost-of-Living Adjustment of 2.3 % for Fiscal Year 2023 for Managerial & Professional Wage Scale and the Seasonal, Temporary and Part-time scale.



“View from Mt. Aldworth”

Updated the internal review system and updating of current job descriptions.

Transition planning for departments to maintain institutional knowledge. Ways to streamline Human Resource department to address a growing need in the town. 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

2021 STRATEGIC PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR THE FUTURE OF TISBURY

The increase in volume and the complexity of proposals which was addressed in last year’s Planning Board report continued into 2021. Tisbury remains at a crossroads on many projects, concerns, activities, and changes to accommodate the growing needs of the Town. There are fewer areas to develop easily, increased density and demand for services, the anticipated impact of climate change on our coastal town and waterfront business district, plus the inadequacies of infrastructure in key areas of development. The importance of planning has never been more critical to our economic success and quality of life. The Planning Board, Tisbury Town Administrator, the Select Board, town departments, and residents surveyed – all support drafting a professional Master Plan to provide a well-planned directive for Town decisions going forward. At the 2021 Town Meeting resident voters authorized funds to begin the Master Plan process.

MASTER PLAN

As part of our master planning work, the Planning Board reviewed recent Master Plans prepared for similar communities, researched the work of different consulting firms, and prepared a scope of work to address Tisbury’s specific needs and concerns. Designing the conditions and requirements of the Request For Quotation (RFQ) required a painstaking effort by all members, the direction of a very skilled board member, and successful collaboration with the Town Administrator. Following a request for proposals, the Board reviewed submitted proposals, contacted references, and interviewed the 3 consulting teams. Through this process, we understand the potential of the Master Plan to set us on a positive path forward and have selected a consultant that has the understanding, experience, and expertise to prepare our Tisbury Master Plan. A Master Plan Steering Committee that represents the diversity of the Tisbury community and interest groups will work with the consultant team in an advisory capacity to review their work, and support community outreach. The time frame for a completed Master Plan is between 18 to 24 months.

During this time there will be many focus group meetings in various formats to hear from Tisbury residents your thoughts and directions for the future of Tisbury. This is your opportunity to get engaged and make your opinions heard and implemented. This is the opportunity to work together to achieve our shared vision for Tisbury.

CLIMATE CHANGE

If this issue was of critical concern last year, it is reaching crisis level this year. The severe flooding of Five Corners which was never experienced before 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.



"Main Street, 1970's - Old Post Office"

The Planning Board is working closely with the newly hired Climate Coordinator 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 associated 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 plan.

PROJECTS REQUIRING SPECIAL PERMITS

- EduComp Building, 4 Beach Road. Proposed mixed-use project to expand the existing building which will include both residential units and commercial spaces.
- Main Street Medicinals, 65 Mechanics Street. Proposed marijuana distribution and cultivation center on the same private road as the existing marijuana dispensary.
- Old Stone Bank Condos, 75 Main Street. Approved residential units, plus commercial space in existing and new buildings on 1 waterfront acre. Proposed 70 seat outdoor restaurant.
- Tisbury Marine Terminal, 188 Beach Rd. Proposed extensive reconfiguration and improvement to add support hub infrastructure for offshore wind projects.
- MV Shipyard Expansion, 159 & 173 Beach Rd. Pre-application phase for new marina and site improvements.

The size and complexity of these projects requires a great deal of time to review and process. The collaboration between the Planning Board and the MVC has made a significant difference in moving these projects along and in addressing concerns about the individual and combined impact of large developments on existing conditions and infrastructure. Applicants have been required at their expense to provide the Planning Board with very specific and broader traffic evaluations from

a neutral consultant and a peer review consultant. Currently, the MVC and the Planning Board are again collaborating to work together on these more in-depth traffic studies.

As the process for the Master Plan moves forward, the momentum and dynamics of these large projects move forward. In order to expedite them in advance, the Planning Board with the assistance of Ross Seavey, Building Inspector and Pat Harris, Planning Board Administrator in conjunction with our Town Administrator, Jay Grande, has worked on a list of more specific guidelines that will provide more direction to both the applicants and the Planning Board. These guidelines will be incorporated in the final draft of the Master Plan.

BOARD PARTICIPATION ON CURRENT TOWN PLANNING PROJECTS

- CWMP Plan – The Planning Board is working closely with the Water Resource Committee on the development of a comprehensive wastewater management plan that will accompany the master plan work.
- CZM Report - Planning Board members have continued to be active participants in the Vineyard Haven Harbor Shoreline study funded through the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Coastal Resilience Grant Program. They have worked with the Town consultants, Applied Coastal Research and Engineering, to review work, facilitate data collection, and organize community outreach. Over the past two years, the consultants evaluated coastal processes and storm impacts, recommended mitigation strategies, and then prepared conceptual designs for the recommended mitigation actions. Reports can be found online at <https://www.tisbury.ma.gov/planning-board>
- This past spring Planning Board members contributed to the development and review of a successful 2- year grant proposal to fund further work on this project. With this funding, Applied Coastal will be working with the Town, and the newly formed Climate Committee, to conduct public outreach, complete design assessment, and prepare permit level plans for coastal storm protection along the Vineyard Haven Harbor Shoreline.



PROJECT REVIEW

In addition to the projects submitted for review and permitting, the Planning Board will contribute to the town's assessment of 40B projects, which are officially reviewed first by the MVC and then the Tisbury ZBA such as Kuehn's Way affordable rental housing development and Island Cove Apartments a mixed-use commercial, affordable, work-force and market-rate housing development.

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
- Vision Council Forum
- Wastewater Planning Committee

2022 will be a pivotal planning year for Tisbury with many opportunities for the community to participate in shaping Tisbury's future. We look forward to working with Island residents, all departments, and committees, to achieve the best results for our community.

The Planning Board would like to recognize the numerous contributions of the Planning Assistant, Patricia V. Harris, who retired on March 11, 2022 after 33 years of dedicated service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Alexander
Dawn Bellante Holand, Chairperson
Cheryl Doble
Elaine T. Miller
Benjamin Robinson, Clerk
Paul Munafò

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 2021.

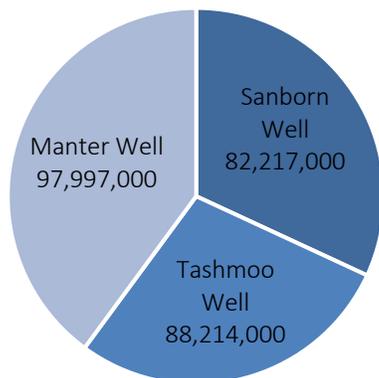
Tisbury Water Works replaced 381 water meters, installed 950 feet of water main on Leland Ave which included 1 new fire hydrant installations and renewals of 18 water services in 2021. The increased fire flow and water quality have proven this project to again be a continued improvement on infrastructure for the town.

The Hydrant Flushing Program was completed in April in approximately one week. Every water main in the system is flushed annually and any hydrant that requires maintenance is addressed in short order. The hydrant flushing enhances water quality and ensures that all of our hydrants are operational. There are now 309 hydrants in the system.



The wells produced the following water during 2021:

TOTAL PUMPING 268,428,000 gallons



As you can see from the above chart, the total gallons pumped for the year 2021 was 268,428,000 which is a 10.1% decrease from the 2020 total of 295,842,000. The maximum daily pumping was 1,718,000 gallons on July 23, 2021. The maximum week was 10,432,000 gallons during the week of July 17. The average day was 735,000 gallons per day. There was 45.79 -inches of rainfall for 2021 measured at the Tashmoo Well.

During 2021, the Water Works collected \$2,291,130.09 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.



“Two Women at Old Tisbury Pumping Station”

The CCR is available online on the Water Department’s website [Tisbury MA.GOV](http://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 2021. 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-eighth year of outstanding service as the Board’s Administrative Assistant. Further thanks go to the Building/Zoning Department, Planning Board and Board of Health for their continued cooperation.

Cases handled by the Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2021 are as follows:

NAME	PARCEL	CASE	SUBJECT
KELLY-GARRETT	5-K-16	2415	SP TO REPLACE A PE/NC STRUCTURE
DEROSE, NICHOLAS	40-A-17	2416	SP TO EXPAND A PE/NC STRUCTURE
DIMMICK, ANDREW	11-A-50	2420	SP TO RECONSTRUCT IN SHORE ZONE
ROGERS, JEREMIE	8-N-28	2421	SP FOR A GUEST HOUSE
NORTHRUP, ALICE	23-A-16.35	2423	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE
GOSELIN, RAY & MARY	16-J-1.21	2424	SP FOR ADDITION TO GUEST HOUSE
PODUFALY, MITCHELL	36-A-1.1	2425	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE (WITHDRAWN)
MERCALDO, SARAH & KYLE	14-B-2.3	2427	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT
ARONSON, AMY	11-A-22	2428	SP TO EXPAND ON A LOT IN SZ
EAKIN, RICHARD	3-B-9	2429	SP TO EXPAND A PE/NC IN SHORE ZONE
DEGREGORIO, CHRIS	8-A-7	2430	SP TO EXPAND A PE/NC ON NC LOT
MAD MARTHA'S LLC	7-N-4	2431	SP FOR FOOD SERVICE (MAIN STREET)

NAME	PARCEL	CASE	SUBJECT
ANTHONY JOSEPH LLC	21-B-3	2432	APPEAL OF CEASE & DESIST (WITHDRAWN)
DOUGLAS - HARRIS	7-A-3	2433	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT
TOLLMAN & KAPLAN	4-D-12	2434	SP FOR DEMO & REBUILD & MODIFICATION OF HEIGHT RESTRICTION
NASCIMENTO, HAROLDO	19-A-15.1	2435	SP TO RAISE FOWL (DENIED)
PARROT, PENNY	32-C-7	2436	SP FOR EXPANSION IN SHORE ZONE
LOBDELL, DARREN	44-A-2.1	2437	SP FOR SWIMMING POOL
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
GUSTALL LLC	29-C-4	2447	SP FOR GUEST HOUSE AND POOL
PETRICONE, MARC	53-A-3.9	2449	SP FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENT
PACIELLO, LOUIS	36-A-7	2438	SP FOR DEMO AND REBUILD IN SHORE ZONE

Respectfully submitted,

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



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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 the year 2021, 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 FY21 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, meaning 100% of Compact's power supply customers' annual electricity usage is met with renewable energy certificates (RECs). 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.

In March 2019, the Compact launched two new power supply options, CLC Local Green 50 and CLC Local Green 100, which have been updated as of December 2021. The CLC Local Green program gives customers an option to support local renewable energy development by paying a small premium on their monthly electric bill. The Compact uses this premium to purchase and retire Massachusetts Class 1 RECs such that a total of either 50% or 100% of customers' annual electricity usage is matched with Class 1 RECs, inclusive of the RECs retired as part of the Compact's standard power supply product. These additional Class 1 RECs are sourced from renewable energy projects in New England, including several solar installations on Cape Cod. By participating in CLC Local Green, customers are driving the market to bring new renewable energy resources to New England.

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. 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 2021, the Compact had approximately 2,929 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 2021, the Compact’s primary consumer advocacy focus was on redesigning its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO). The Compact expanded its coordination with Massachusetts stakeholders to redesign CVEO. The redesigned CVEO focuses on the following:

- Consistency with the 2018 amendments to the Green Communities Act and will advance the goals and objectives of these amendments while providing cost-effective energy savings and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Serving low-and-moderate income members of the Cape and Vineyard community, a population that faces economic barriers to installing the three technologies proposed under CVEO.
- Address the economic barriers such as the high up-front costs and inability to qualify for a loan.
- Through the installation of cold climate air source heat pumps (“ccASHP” or “heat pump”) CVEO advances the Commonwealth’s goal of beneficial strategic electrification and the greening of the building sector.

The Compact also participated in regulatory proceedings at the DPU related to the retail electric market, pushing for policies that promote a competitive power supply market while ensuring common-sense protections for consumers.

Jan – Dec 2021	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	8	\$0	-13,836	\$132,884.79
Residential	333	\$57,393.80	286,969	\$431,215.18
Commercial	33	\$57,291.60	286,458	\$116,105.60
Total	374	\$114,685.40	559,591	\$680,205.57

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Note: 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.

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 (\$0.02579 for residential customers and \$0.01085 for commercial and industrial customers).

ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS INC.

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population in the twenty-two towns of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for elders in the community and help 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 21 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 42,968 meals on MV. 257 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 2022.

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 21, The Home Care Program served 288 elders on MV. There were 20,078 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 110 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Elders are also able to include services provided by The Martha's Vineyard Center For Living through the Home Care program.

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

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act Title III funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard was awarded funds for programs offered through Martha's Vineyard Community Services. Martha's Vineyard Community Services provides bi-monthly support groups for caregivers of elders. MVCS also provides some funding for respite needs while caregiver attends the support group. This program was awarded \$9,500. Martha's Vineyard Community Services also provides home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$10,000.

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 www.escci.org. Martha's Vineyard Office- 508-693-4393.
- Protective Services: Help is available 24/7 for anyone over the age of 60 who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect. Call 1-800-922-2275 to report 7 days a week 24 hours a day.
- Home Care Program: Services are provided to help an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on going to manage services, and help with resources. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.
- Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Up-island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri usually between 10-Noon.
- Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.
- Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and oversee other routine financial management tasks.
- Senior Community Services Employment Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.
- Senior Service Corps: A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.
- Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, support, and settings.
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their families to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.
- Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

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

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Board of Selectmen, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2021 were Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Chair; Jim Verduyck of Aquinnah, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of twelve. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2021

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 2021, Commission staff completed a sixth 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 2021, along with a report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study. The MVC has created one-page pond summaries for each of the ponds, these will be updated with the 2021 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. Monitoring and testing for efficacy continued throughout 2021.

The MVC also funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leaching 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.

Climate Action Task Force

The climate crisis has become a top priority for the MVC, which formed a Climate Action Task Force in 2019 to focus on mitigating the effects of global warming and adapting to the changes that are projected or already underway. The Task Force is made up of MV Commissioners and staff, along with Island leaders and other professionals. In 2021, many meetings were held with political leaders, including Congressman Bill Keating, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Representative Dylan Fernandes, and Senator Julian Cyr.

Finances

The Commission’s FY21 income was \$2,471,291 and expenses totaled \$2,330,786 comprised of the following components:

FY 2021			Expenses		
Total Revenues	\$2,471,291	100%	Salaries	\$991,627	70.54%
Town assessments	\$1,229,417	49.75%	Salary related costs	\$414,177	26.57%
Grants and contracts	\$1,130,683	45.75%	Legal fees	\$153,046	6.57%
DRI fees	\$13,886	0.56%	Mortgage payments for two MVC owned properties	\$81,601	3.50%
Other income	\$97,305	3.94%	Other expenses	\$2,330,789	100%

The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness. The FY2022 budget and FY2020 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ISLAND-WIDE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Affordable Housing

2020 MV Housing Needs Assessment Report: A stark report on the Island’s housings needs and growing homeless population. The report focused on key issues such as Water Quality and the need to preserve and protect the Island’s Natural Resources. The Report highlights the demographics, housing, and economic shifts in addition to impacts brought on by Covid-19. The study highlights the following:

- An updated understanding of affordable and community housing needs to better guide future development in support of community efforts.
- Document demographic, economic and housing shifts on the Island, comparing these trends by town and to other counties.
- COVID-19 impacts on the Island’s economy and real estate market.
- Review environmental challenges and opportunities related to water quality, nitrogen-loading impacts
- Develop form-based model zoning bylaws that can be adapted in each community to better promote accessory dwelling units, multi-family housing, infill development, mixed-use development, Growth Incentive Zoning, and Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ).
- Explore and adopt best practices to leverage existing state and municipal financing options to better address water quality and watershed management together with affordable and community housing.

- Recommend strategies and best practices to better balance environmental stewardship with existing and future community and economic development priority needs.

2021 Peaked Pastures Community Engagement: Consultant Karen Sunnarborg and MVC worked with the Chilmark Planning Board’s subcommittee to facilitate three community meetings to help conceptualize the Affordable and Community Housing Development.

FY2022 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, the two CDBG Lead communities for Dukes County, were awarded over \$2 million for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Childcare Subsidy Program. Both programs assist individuals and families that are income qualified earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

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

Joint Affordable Housing Group: MVC staff hosts quarterly meetings with town and island Affordable Housing Organizations to share information and discuss issues of common concern.

Site Suitability Tool: The MVC, with technical services from software developer Bluegear Labs, re-launched a user-friendly, web-based, site suitability for Affordable Housing development across the towns of Oak Bluffs, Edgartown, Tisbury, and West Tisbury. MVC informed town Planning Boards that the tool has been repaired and is once again available for planning and housing development analysis.

Cartography/GIS Services

Maps, maps, maps, and more maps! The MVC’s Cartography Department’s goal is community service. The cartography department provides dependable GIS technical service to all town employees to aid them in using the ESRI GIS software provided through the County-wide GIS license. The MVC’s Cartography Department has the latest mapping technology at its disposal:

Desktop Mapping Software

- ArcMap
- ArcGIS Pro

Online Mapping

- ArcGIS Online

GPS Technology

- Trimble Geo 7x (sub-foot accuracy)
- Trimble Positions (for post-processing)
- Collector for ArcGIS (GPS/field data collection on your device)

Aerial Imagery Acquisition

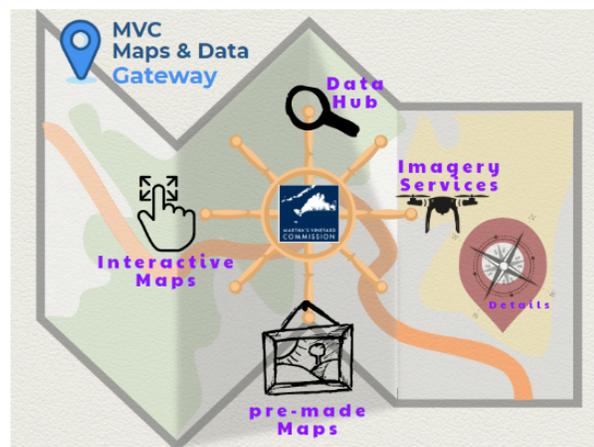
- Phantom 4 (Pro) sUAS/Drone
 - Video
 - Still Photography
- Drone Pilot App
 - Georeferenced Aerial Photos

Printing/Scanning Services

- HP DesignJet T2530 36” Large Format

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

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



Plotter/Scanner

- HP5500DN Color Laser Printer

New this year, expanding upon our utilization of ArcGIS online, the MVC is now creating Dashboards and using Survey123 for data collection. One such dashboard is the [Up-Island Land Use Dashboard](#). A publicly accessible Survey 123 is [Aquinnah's CERT survey](#).

Renewal of 3-Year GIS Software Contract: The MVC's GIS Coordinator facilitated the renewal of the regional ESRI GIS software contract. This contract has eight partners: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Tisbury, West Tisbury, MV Law Enforcement Council, MVY Airport, and the MVC. The major benefits include:

- 10,000 annual credits for storage space & GIS analysis processes
- 50 named AGOL "viewer" accounts
- 50 named AGOL "creator" accounts
 - Each creator accounts can also have a desktop ArcPro license

The ArcGIS online account includes these online mapping applications: [Story Maps](#), [Dashboards](#), [Hub Pages](#), [Web Maps](#), [Web Map Apps](#), and [Survey123](#).

Coastal & Climate Change Planning

A Renewable Energy Island by 2040: The Climate Action Task Force (CATF) Energy Working Group produced an energy transformation blueprint, Transitioning the Island's Energy System: A Roadmap to Resilience, A Response to Climate Change. It is a 20-year outline on how to meet the goal of a 100% renewable energy island by 2040.

MV and Gosnold Climate Action Plan: Through the work of the CATF Climate Resilience Committee the MVC and lead town Oak Bluffs received grant funding from the MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program for Phase II of the Vineyard and Gosnold Climate Action Plan (CAP). The planning process kicked off in December and will identify long term strategies, actions, and implementation plans for Island-wide climate change resilience. The community-based planning process consists of six thematic working groups addressing the following issues: Land Use and Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Public Health and Safety, Food Security, Economic Resilience, and Energy Transformation. CAP community engagement includes monthly events addressing each theme and Climate Action Week in May 2022. Community Listening Sessions were held throughout the year to prepare for the Climate Action Plan.

Energy Policy: An Energy Policy to assist with the reviews of Developments of Regional Impact was approved by Commissioners after input from the towns. The policy guides DRI applicants on renewable energy use to decrease the Island's greenhouse gas emissions.

Collaboration with Eversource: The Climate Action Task Force (CATF) is working with Eversource to guide an upgrade of the Island's electric infrastructure to address the ongoing increase in electricity needs as we transition to renewable energy.

Steamship Authority: The CATF is in communication with the Steamship Authority about electrification of the ferry system.

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.

Woodwell Climate Research Center, Woods Hole: Funding is in place for Woodwell to begin two Island studies – local, detailed, decadal climate modeling and an Island carbon sequestration study to develop a baseline for carbon storage and assess ways to increase carbon storage capacity.

Storm Tide Pathways: Through a grant from MA Coastal Zone Management the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown has identified 717 Island sites where flood water will flow as the sea rises. The project includes mapping of the sites, an inventory of low-lying areas, and real-time water-level forecasting on a National Weather Service website. The Center for Coastal Studies provided two public Storm Tide presentations in 2021.

Salt Marsh Migration Study: The Commission and Oak Bluffs are working on a study of salt marsh migration on Sengekontacket Pond. The project is funded by the Village and Wilderness Program. Other Island salt marshes will also be studied.

CATF Education Subcommittee: A major community engagement component of the Climate Action Plan is Climate Action Week, May 8 to 14, 2022. The subcommittee is planning for Climate Action Week and received funding through the MV Community Foundation to hire an event coordinator.

CATF Political Outreach Subcommittee: Outreach is ongoing with US Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren and US Representative William Keating on Island infrastructure needs in light of the new federal infrastructure law.

CATF Funding Subcommittee: A Climate Action Fund has been established with the MV Community Fund. Donations will be used for climate adaptation projects and for local matching funds for state and federal climate resilience grant projects.

Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Dukes County Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated in 2021. The plan makes towns eligible for federal hazard mitigation grant funding and is a valuable guide for climate-related resilience planning.

Draft DRI Policy for Coastal Flood Risks and Flood Plain Zoning Bylaw updates: A DRI Policy has been drafted for climate resilience in the coastal flood risk areas. Collaboration with Barnstable County flood plain specialist resulted in the start of a dialogue with town Planning Boards on updates to town Flood Plain bylaws to address climate change impacts.

Cape Light Compact: Biannual meetings with Cape Light Compact and Cape Cod Commission to collaborate on Cape and Islands energy initiatives.

Climate Change Education: Over a dozen climate change presentations were given to local organizations including the Rotary Club, the MV Garden Club, Grace Church, the Edgartown Master Plan Committee, the Aquinnah Library, and an interview with the MV Museum as part of their One Island, Many Stories series.

Climate Change Summer Intern: The first climate change intern assisted in data collection for the Sengekontacket salt marsh migration study and translated planning documents into Portuguese.

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

Wildfire Protection Plan: With support from an extensive group of stakeholders across the fire departments and other entities, the [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) 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.

Economic Development

Island Economic Development Infrastructure Projects, Planning, and Data Collection:

- Secured a \$1,000,000 Seaport Economic Council Grant for the Memorial Wharf Rehabilitation Project
- Secured \$240,000 Seaport Economic Council Dredging Grant for Edgartown. The Dredging Grant will fund dredging of Edgartown's Outer Harbor that will provide multiple benefits including improving Water Quality and Aquaculture, safety and navigation improvements for commercial and recreational boaters, and supporting Edgartown's Blue Economy.
- Secured \$55,000 Seaport Economic Council Grant for Chilmark. The Grant will fund the first phase to conduct an Engineering Inspection Report to either repair or replace Menemsha Harbor's Steel Bulkhead and Commercial Fishing Docks.
- Secured \$57,000 from the Dukes County Commission's Cape and License Plate Program to help fund the MVC's Storm tide Pathways Planning Project that will identify and map vulnerable private and commercial properties due to increase flooding and storm damage.
- Provided Technical Review to the Massachusetts' One Shop MassWorks Infrastructure Review Panel regarding the Martha's Vineyard Airport's \$3,000,000 Sewer Expansion Project.
- Assisted Oak Bluffs and Edgartown with Local Rapid Recovery Plans to support downtown revitalizations and Covid-19 adaptation measures for economic resiliency.
- Continued to provide Economic and Local Tax Revenue data, highlighting Covid-19 impacts, to towns.
- Provided Analysis of 2020 US Census Population and Housing Data to towns.
- Provided updates to Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to towns.

State Socio-economic Projections: MVC staff partnered with other regional planning agencies will continue to review and comment on Mass Department of Transportation's multi-year effort to develop new population, employment, and housing forecasts for use in long-range transportation planning. In previous years, MVC staff successfully demonstrated that the state forecasting methodology did not accurately reflect the continual infusion of seasonal population fluctuations. In 2021, MassDOT has taken steps to address some of the population anomalies due to the Cape and Islands' seasonality as well as impacts due to Covid-19. MVC staff will continue to press the state for recognition of how the second-home economy affects year-round population,

employment, and housing. But also, the tremendous surges in seasonal and visitor populations place infrastructure and service demands upon local communities not accounted for in state funding mechanisms that are based on year-round populations.

Statewide Workforce Development Strategic Plan: As part of the Governor’s Workforce Skills Cabinet initiative, the MVC participated in developing the Cape and Islands Workforce Blueprint for our region. The Cape & Islands Regional Workforce Blueprint is a comprehensive look at current trends in workforce and labor force participation rates in leading industries for the Cape and Islands. The Workforce Blueprint also projects the region’s future workforce development needs by industry.

Promoting the Blue Economy: In 2018 and 2019, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce’s Blue Economy Project worked with schools in Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties to launch the Blue Economy Career Intention and Perceptions Survey for students in grades 6 to 9. Several Blue Economy Workforce Development Initiatives for the Cape and Islands have been put on hold due to Covid-19.

MVC staff will continue to work with local businesses and organizations in water-based industries to provide workforce development opportunities in Aquaculture, Commercial Fishing, Transportation/Boating, Harbor/Marina Management, Education and Marine Sciences, Engineering and Design, Boat Building, Dredging, Wastewater, Alternative Nitrogen Management and Technology, Energy, Environmental Advocacy, Water Quality Resources, Climate Adaptation Planning, or Tourism/Recreation.

Historic Preservation

The MVC continues the process of surveying historic structures to include in a searchable database and application that will be comprised of all historic structures on the Island. The main objective of this project is to create a one-stop-shop that will provide pertinent information for the MVC, Building Inspectors, Historic District Commissions, and the public. While currently under “soft-release” with full public release anticipated for 2022, the GIS department prepared a [comprehensive data dashboard](#) to relay year-built information from various sources. An online data input form was designed for local historic commission members for reconnaissance surveys. Information from these forms feeds directly into the dashboard.

The MVC also began a collaborative project with the Martha’s Vineyard Museum to create an Archive of the historic structures including the records of those involved as Developments of Regional Impact.

Transportation

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), Martha’s Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, and the Department of Transportation (MassDOT). MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately \$324,085 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, and providing the municipalities with local planning technical assistance in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021.

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

Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In FFY 2021, \$754,330 in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2020 TIP projects included the following:

- ❖ Beach Road Shared-Use Path - #607411: Final design was submitted on May 3, 2021. PS&E plans were submitted on August 27, 2021. Construction began in the fall of 2021.

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 interacted with town boards from Chilmark, Tisbury and West Tisbury in identifying common initiatives. BPAC is focusing on updating information for inclusion on maps and websites concerning getting around by bicycle.

Up-Island Shared-Use Path Feasibility: Along with BPAC representation, MVC staff has met with the West Tisbury Complete Streets Committee and Chilmark Planning Board to present findings from an assessment of North Road hazard areas, for instance where multiple user types are sharing the Right of Way. Conceptual recommendations have been identified as well.

Trails Planning: The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank continues to contract with the MVC to assist with trail planning across the Vineyard. A decade-long project assembling easements from multiple landowners and coordinating with three town boards culminated in the creation of a new trail linking the Edgartown School and recreation center to Clevelandtown Road. Agreements with the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs selectboards were created or expanded for the land bank to manage trails over specific ancient ways on behalf of the towns.

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

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

Island Transportation Engineer: The MVC offered all towns the opportunity to opt into the Island Transportation Engineering resource, managed by MVC staff. Tisbury, West Tisbury, and Aquinnah dedicated funds, and have identified projects. With input from the towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing arrangement where towns could secure these engineering services again in FY2023.

Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC analyzed and presented data on the island's six permanent traffic counting stations. 2021 was the first year the counters provided a metric to assess the extent that the island rebounded from the first year of a global pandemic, while affording us an understanding of how the shoulder seasons have broadened. Data on traffic volumes, speeds, and vehicle classes can be found on the [MS2 portal](#) 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 2021, 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 is compiling available data and determining gaps to create 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 2021, MVC staff again collected water samples from Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, Cape Pogue, Pocha, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, and Squibnocket ponds, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, for analysis at the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the MEP, to determine the status of the coastal ponds. Staff also collaborated with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The Water Alliance has reconvened 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 annual meetings.

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

SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant: The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and

testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Throughout 2021, testing and monitoring of the PRB installation was continued. 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. 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, Microcystin 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

Inter-Regional Collaboration

Education and Training: The Commission annually hosts one or two workshops from the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) targeted to aid members of planning boards and zoning boards of appeal in executing their responsibilities. The Commission underwrites the cost so that there is no charge to attendees. In December 2021 a workshop on 40B Comprehensive Permits was presented, in light of such affordable housing projects on the near horizon in several towns.

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

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

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)

In 2021, 61 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, six were approved with conditions, one was denied, three were withdrawn before a decision was made, and seven remain under review at the end of the year. Nine projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, five were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, and one was accepted as a DRI and was subsequently withdrawn, one was determined to require no action, and two remain under review at the end of the year. 25 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, nine were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were remanded back to their Towns for approval, one was denied, one was withdrawn, eight were determined to have significant impact and were approved with conditions after public hearing review, three are on hold, and three remain under review at the end of the year. Six projects were previously approved DRIs returning for post-approval plan review. Two projects were granted extensions this year, and one extension request remains under review at the end of the year. A total of thirteen projects remain under review at the end of the year.

Review of DRI Standards and Criteria (DRI Checklist): The standards and criteria the Commission establishes for towns to determine what types or developments require referral to the Commission for review as Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) were comprehensively updated in 2020 and became effective in January 2021. It was soon discovered to contain a change in the historic demolition threshold that was unintended. After additional review with building officials and town historic district commissions to refine the threshold, a modified standards and criteria was adopted and approved by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The current checklist became effective December 1, 2021.

DRI Energy Policy: MV Commissioners and staff drafted a new DRI Energy Policy, which provides guidance on how applicants can meet the goals of 1) reducing or eliminating the consumption of fossil fuels associated with DRIs, 2) maximizing the energy efficiency of DRI projects, and 3) improving energy resilience on the Island. The MVC adopted the policy in May 2021.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs)

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. At the request of Edgartown, in 2021 the commission reconstructed the advisory committee created in the 1994 Cape Pogue DCPC to address current challenges, especially from recreational water uses.

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.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern

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

Geographic Information Systems

The MVC's GIS department provided data to the consultants who assembled the Town's OpenGov site.

The GIS staff also assisted the Open Space & Recreation Committee by creating Story Maps which walk the user through self-guided walking tours of Tisbury. GIS staff also designed a database for recording information about curb boxes, manhole covers, and pump stations for the Wastewater Department. The MVC loans their Trimble Geo7x GPS unit to the department for staff to GPS these features and input the required information. The MVC then post-processes the data, to achieve sub-foot accuracy, and then publishes the data to an online map which is accessible by the Wastewater staff.

Planning

Tisbury Master Plan Preparation: MVC provided technical assistance to the Planning Board through the creation of background data and statistical profile for the Town's Master Plan Request for Qualifications solicitation. The MVC also prepared a draft scope for the RFQ.

Transportation

Data Collection: The MVC restarted its traffic counting program in July 2021. Counts were conducted along Beach Road, State Road, Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Look Street, and along the upper state road corridor. The current 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): Construction on the FFY '20 project Beach Road Shared-Use Path (MassDOT ID #607411) began in the fall/winter of 2021.

Project Reviews & Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRI's: MV Medicinals, Old Stone Condos, Old Stone Restaurant, Island Cove Apartments, EduComp redevelopment, Mansion House Parking, and Tisbury Marine Terminal.

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Staff has been appointed to the Steamship Authority Noise 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, Microcystin 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.

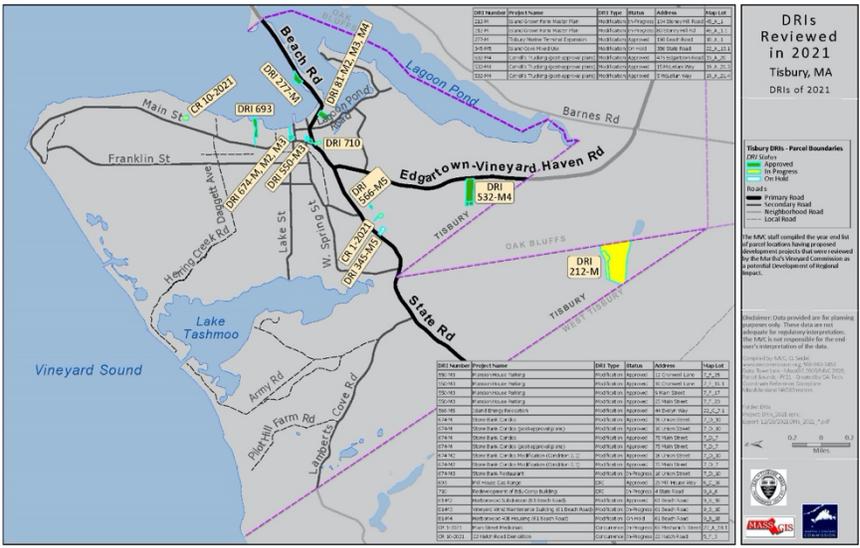
Community Involvement: The MVC Water Resources Planner participates in meetings with the Lagoon Pond Association and Tisbury Waterways Inc. The Water Resources Planner has provided technical support on storm water mitigation to the Town and to the Board of Health for use in changes to regulations. Staff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

Developments of Regional Impact

Seventeen projects in Tisbury were reviewed by the MVC in 2021:

- ❖ Mill House Gas Range (DRI 693-M2) Modification to DRI 693 to allow for a gas range. The MVC approved the minor modification on May 20, 2021 without a public hearing.
- ❖ Mansion House Parking Lot (DRI 550-M3) Repurposing of two lots on Cromwell Lane for Mansion House parking. The MVC approved the minor modification on June 3, 2021 without a public hearing.
- ❖ Stone Bank Condos (DRI 674-M) Proposal to renovate the two existing buildings, and construction of five new buildings for a total of 11 condo units and six commercial units. The MVC approved the project with conditions on April 29, 2021 and approved the written decision on May 13, 2021.
- ❖ Carroll's Trucking Master Plan (DRI 532-M4) Proposal to update the Carroll's Trucking site, including adding a new storage building, renovating the existing buildings and reception area, and significant site improvements. The MVC approved the project in 2019 with conditions requiring a final review by the LUPC. The LUPC approved the final plans on June 28, 2021.
- ❖ Stone Bank Condos (DRI 674-M) The conditions require a final review by the LUPC. The LUPC approved the post-approval plans on June 28, 2021.
- ❖ Stone Bank Condos Modification (DRI 674-M2) Modification to Condition 2.1. The MVC approved the modification without a public hearing on August 12, 2021.

- ❖ Harborwood Subdivision (DRI 81-M2) Subdivision of one lot into two lots. The plan was approved by the MVC on October 21, 2021 without a public hearing.
- ❖ Tisbury Marine Terminal (DRI 277-M) Repairs and alterations to existing marine infrastructure for offshore wind support. The MVC approved the project on October 21, 2021 and approved the written decision on October 28, 2021.
- ❖ Main Street Medicinals (C.R. 1-2021) Proposal to convert the existing 4,900 ft² building to a Registered Marijuana Dispensary and Recreational Marijuana Establishment with a 600 ft² addition. The project remains under review at the end of the year.
- ❖ Redevelopment of Edu Comp Building (DRI 710) Renovation and expansion of the former Edu Comp building, including residential and commercial uses. The public hearing will continue through the new year with a decision anticipated in 2022.
- ❖ Stone Bank Restaurant (DRI 674-M3) Modification to allow for a 70-seat outdoor restaurant with indoor kitchen. The project remains under review at the end of the year; no public hearing has been scheduled.
- ❖ 22 Hatch Road (C.R. 10-2021) Demolition of a house built in 1900. The project remains under review at the end of the year; no public hearing has been scheduled.
- ❖ Vineyard Wind Maintenance Building (81-M3) Construction of an approximately 14,000 ft² operations and maintenance building to serve Vineyard Wind. The project remains under review at the end of the year; no public hearing has been scheduled.
- ❖ Island Grown Farm Master Plan (DRI 212-M) Construction of a new Education and Innovation Center and two new buildings for worker housing. The project remains under review at the end of the year; a public hearing has been scheduled for January 2022.
- ❖ Harborwood 40B Housing (DRI 81-M4) Proposal to develop 52 residential units and approximately 5,500 ft² of commercial space on the site of the former Hinckley's Hardware through a Comprehensive Permit (40B). This project is on hold.
- ❖ Island Cove Mixed Use (DRI 345-M5) Mixed use building with 54 residential units and 2,000 ft² of commercial space, and 53 parking spaces. This project is on hold.
- ❖ MV Shipyard Expansion (DRI 314-M) Proposed Shorefront Improvements: installation of two piers/ramps/floating dock systems, and two finger floats adjacent to the existing boat ramps;



zone of float reconfiguration; offshore pile installation; re-dredging in a previously dredged area. Proposed Upland Improvements: removal of two existing warehouse buildings; re-grading; construction of a smaller warehouse (within footprint of the removed buildings and existing parking area); formalize parking. This project is on hold.

COMMISSIONERS

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Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected at-large
Josh Goldstein	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
Fred Hancock	Oak Bluffs, elected at-large
Michael Kim	Governor's Appointee
Joan Malkin	Chair, Chilmark appointed by the Select Board
Kathy Newman	Aquinnah, appointed by the Select Board
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Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
Ted Rosbeck	Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
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Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected at-large
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MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

3960 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

Doug's Cove Preserve, at the upper arc of the Lagoon Pond, was expanded by the \$31,900 purchase of a 0.3-acre notch. The seller was W. Temple Jorden.

The Vineyard's development regulations — abetted by the remarkable planning powers of the Martha's Vineyard Commission law — are second to none. They identify lands owed special protections, such as the borderlands of streams draining into great-ponds. When developed properties in these areas come available for undevelopment, and simultaneously serve strategic purposes for island-wide trail planning, the land bank recognizes the opportunity. Ann Burt and her family sold, for \$775,000, their house along the Tiasquam River, which was built prior to the enactment of the protective regulations. When Mrs. Burt's retained life-estate concludes the land bank will restore the 1.1-acre property to its natural state, as part of the Music Street Fields.

In 2020 the land bank conserved the well-admired fields of Arrowhead Farm on the Indian Hill Road; in 2021 another set of well-admired fields, those of Bliss Pond Farm at the intersection of the Menemsha Crossroad and the North Road, became available and the land bank purchased a conservation restriction and view easement over them, amounting to 34.0 acres. The seller was Julianna Flanders and the price was \$1,462,000.

Phase Two of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation conservation plan was consummated. Caroline Kennedy and Edwin Schlossberg and their family sold 31.8 acres, with nearly 1000 feet of turfy frontage on the pond, to the land bank for \$10,000,000. The entire reservation now comprises 335.7 acres.

More of the Tashmoo peninsula was conserved in 2021. Ann Tonetti sold to the land bank her 0.6-acre property abutting the Tashmoo Preserve, which now contains 640 feet of public surfline. The price was \$1,890,000.

Conservation accretion continued as well at the James Pond Preserve. The preserve was effectively doubled in size with the \$8,350,000 acquisition of 6.6 acres from the family of Corinne Mullins Schoeller. Visitors will experience an unfolding landscape: first the pondside fields, then the high dunes bracing some 550 feet of cove beach, followed by the Vineyard Sound and capped by Naushon Island in the far distance. A management plan is soon due to be completed.

Generosity led to the creation of the Blacksmith Valley Preserve: Robert Thorpe donated a grassy 0.7-acre hillock overlooking the ocean at the east end of the Squibnocket Pond. It is a vestige of the undulating pastureland that once obtained throughout the area.

The two lobes of the Gay Head Moraine sit separately astride the Lobsterville Road, 75 acres on the east side and 38 on the west. What was needed was a land bridge, and it was supplied by the purchase of 2.0 acres from Peter Lynch and his family. Bridge the two lobes the lot may, but the actual terrain itself is just the opposite: a catenary between two rises. The price was \$215,000.

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

Land management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Great Rock Bight Preserve, James Pond Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Trade Wind Fields Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The commonwealth approved management plans for the Beech Tree Preserve in Tisbury and the Caleb's Pond Preserve in Edgartown. The management plan for the Squibnocket Pond Reservation, which is owned, in part, jointly with the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, was locally approved and was sent to the commonwealth for its review.

The land bank's livestock herd — comprising some 140 goats — systematically grazed 60 acres, as part of the agency's grassland restoration program. At the end of the grazing season the land bank added 5 yearlings to the herd and sold 28 superannuated goats. The land bank purchased an arapawa buck and bred an estimated 30 does in the autumn, for spring kidding.

Infrastructure was targeted. Two curious ravines are now accessible to hikers: a span was installed at the Fulling Mill Brook Preserve while at the Beech Tree Preserve an adjustable stairway was nestled into a coulee — Vineyard-version — that descends to a quiet lagoon beach.

New trails created new links. The Edgartown school and the Clevelandtown Road are now connected by a path that threads through a neighborhood; the Peaked Hill Reservation and the North Road have been coupled via a trail that crosses the Middle Line Woods Preserve; and, long sought, a fixed path now crosses the nomansland around the old Tisbury landfill to hook the Bare Hill Preserve to the Sailors Burying Ground and the Wapatequa Woods Reservation beyond. Perhaps most notable of all was the creation, undertaken in order to segregate foot and vehicular traffic, of a 0.6-mile trail in the easterly "lane" of the Herring Creek Road leading out to the Tashmoo peninsula.

Boardwalks and viewing platforms were rebuilt at the Farm Pond Preserve and Poucha Pond Reservation; the Priestler's Pond Preserve arbor, parallel to the Mill Brook, was revived.

The land bank extensively upgraded the historic Mai Fane House at the Tisbury Meadow Preserve. As are many employers, the land bank did so to secure needed staff housing, but a historic island landscape — a modest cottage in its expansive field setting — was collaterally rejuvenated.

Invasives and overgrowth were removed at the Sailors Burying Ground and the Toms Neck Preserve, for both scenic and ecological benefit.

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

XIH

The land bank’s annual cross-island hike, occurring each first Saturday in June since 1993, was for the second consecutive year, regrettably, canceled.

Budget and related matters

The following chart synthesizes 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 2021 budgeted	fiscal year 2021 actual	fiscal year 2022 budgeted
	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total	cash amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$10,900,000	\$26,921,940	\$20,000,000 *
administrative expenses	(\$ 603,122) 6%	(\$ 576,048) 2%	(\$ 645,407) 3%
land management expenses	(\$ 2,126,683) 20%	(\$ 1,732,299) 6%	(\$ 3,014,382) 15%
debt service expenses	(\$ 4,470,848) 41%	(\$ 5,599,351) 21%	(\$ 6,357,202) 32%
reserve expenses	(\$ 75,000) 1%	(\$ 262,000) 1%	(\$ 1,050,000) 5%
unencumbered new receipts	\$ 3,624,347 33%	\$18,752,242 70%	\$ 8,933,009 45%

The expenditure in the 2021 reserve category, combined with \$1.0 million in the 2022 category, serve 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.

The extraordinary revenues allowed the land bank to purchase properties that it previously would have had to forgo, as well as complete some that it had been working on for years. As of

December 1, 2021 the land bank treasury contained some \$17.4 million in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

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

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no land bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$595,000; in 2022 the threshold will be \$715,000. This is called the “m” exemption and 51 transactions qualified for it in 2021.

Gifts

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Mary Alice Carmichael, \$150, Alice Fisher, \$100, and Susan Fisher, \$200, all in memory of Elizabeth Faulkner Rowe; (2.) Lisa Curtiss, \$100; (3.) Margaret Crary, \$300; (4.) Tammy Kallman, \$100; and (5.) \$53,290 from the Chappaquiddick Open Space Committee, which represented its final installment in a \$1,000,000 donation campaign to assist the land bank in its acquisition of a portion of the Cove Meadow Preserve.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2021 transfer fee revenues were:

	transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021	percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 390,329	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 1,071,604	4 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 6,618,671	25 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,648,405	6 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 2,167,537	8 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,564,424	6 %
 central fund	 \$ 13,460,970	 50%
	\$ 26,921,940	100%

This represented a 80% increase over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff

Former commissioner Priscilla Sylvia, who represented Oak Bluffs from 1986 to 2019, died; her many contributions to the institution during those years were greatly appreciated. The land bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round land bank staff comprises the following individuals: Tatia Bauer, wildlife biology intern; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Antone Lima, crew manager; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; 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 and Dementia 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 2021, MVCL board members were: Gail Barmakian, President (OB); June Manning, Clerk (Aqu); Shirley Dewing, Treasurer (Edg); Jane Keenan (Edg); Risë Terney, (WT) Jacque Cage (Tisb); James Klingensmith (WT); Martina Thornton (Dukes County).

COVID 19 continued to dominate everything in 2021. Our mission did not change, but our challenge became how we could best support our clients, their families and caregivers in new and innovative ways. We met this challenge by developing a wide range of programs and activities that were provided through the online platform Zoom. This also meant we had to learn ourselves, and teach our volunteers, clients and caregivers how to navigate what was for most, very new technology. We received a grant from MCOA (Mass Councils on Aging) to purchase tablets to lend to individuals who did not have the necessary device to participate in online programs and which could also be used to stay connected to family and friends beyond the Center for Living programs. Marketing and outreach were also key to the success of this new endeavor.

- Weekly calendar listing in both local newspapers
- Facebook posts updated daily
- Over 200 promotional flyers sent to all social service organizations, libraries, Councils on Aging, Elder Services
- Emails sent out 4-5 times a week to over 100 subscribers.
- Produced weekly "TV for Living" episodes on MVTV
- 30+ seniors and their families served; 15-20 clients attended our daily Zoom sessions.
- Art and Activity kits delivered monthly.
- Staff members each made "friendly phone calls" to 8-10 clients every week.
- Monthly cards and letters – staying connected the old fashioned way!
- Dementia Caregiver Support Group participation increased on Zoom; provided the opportunity for long distance caregivers to join us

We discovered that age was not a barrier. Our staff, clients and caregivers embraced the technology and worked hard to build their skills. In fact, 2021 gave us the opportunity to grow, learn new ways to connect, communicate, and better serve the island community.

With the financial support of all six Towns and a second \$72,305 PPP CARES Act loan (forgiven), most of our staff stayed on, and we brought back two that had been furloughed. We received support from many local charitable organizations in the way of grants for specific purposes:

- MV Savings Bank: General COVID Relief \$5000
- Permanent Endowment/MV Community Foundation: Utility Assistance \$40,000
- Mass Cultural Council: Creative Drama \$600
- MCOA Service Incentive Grant for tablets \$2987
- Functional Fitness: Farm Neck \$4160
- I'm Still Here Foundation: Community Events with Music: \$5000
- Vineyard Committee on Hunger to support Emergency Food Program \$10,000

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. We offer community based support and opportunities for social engagement to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers.

Caregiver respite is a crucial aspect of the service provided by the Supportive Day program. Many of our clients have multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home rather than place in a long term care facility. The Center for Living is a place where elders, regardless of ability, can engage with their community, enjoy the company of friends and peers, in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers companionship, conversation and widely ranging activities tailored to individual capacity, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, and arts and crafts. Careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. We provide a nutritious, home-made noon meal prepared on-site and served family style.

- April 2021 we reopened SDP in-person four days per week (M-Th) with a limit of 11 clients per day. Strict COVID protocols in place: all staff and clients required to be fully vaccinated (and boosted as available); masks required, regular hand sanitizing and temperature checks for anyone entering the building.
- June - Oct increased the number of clients in the program per day from 11 to 15.
- Sept we began Dementia Friends Community Trainings - Mary Holmes, Instructor.
- As of Oct 15 – added Fridays, now open 5 days per week.
- As of Oct 22 we re-opened the Music & Memory Cafe to the public Fridays, 10-11 am

As of December 2021, 23 clients are enrolled in the SDP, with an average of 12-15 clients per day. Our daily fee is \$60, either paid privately, or by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands for low to moderate income elders. MVCL also offers a modest scholarship program to further support low income elders as needed.

Transportation to and from the Center is an important part of the service to our Supportive Day Program families. Traditionally provided either by families or the VTA (Vineyard Transit Authority) Lift service, COVID related staff shortages have limited the VTA's capacity to continue to pro-

vide as much service to our clients as they have in the past. In October 2021, on an experimental basis, the VTA loaned one of their Lift vehicles to MVCL for us to operate to fill the gaps, and increase the number of daily participants. The VTA continues to provide a portion of the transportation while we work out a plan to cover all SDP transportation needs in combination with the MVCL van to serve our current clients and new clients as they are added to the SDP roster.

Memory and Music Café:

The Café is an “open house” model available to community members who are not regular SDP clients. Older adults and their caregivers can drop in for music, companionship and socialization. There are over 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts and this community engagement model for those experiencing mild to moderate memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, has become a national and international phenomena. In October 2021 we re-opened the Memory and Music Café in-person, with live music, on Friday mornings, 10-11 am.

Dementia Family and Caregiver Support Services:

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Available on Zoom Friday mornings 10-11:15 am. This program has been enhanced because of Zoom. Caregivers are often living with or near the person they are caring for, but also may be caregiving from a distance. Zoom has given us the opportunity to work with caregivers who have joined us from far and wide.

Caregiver Counseling

Individual sessions with a trained clinician to help caregivers navigate resources and manage care for their loved one and themselves. Support and referrals to meet specific caregiving needs and challenges. Services may include:

- Memory Screenings
- Habilitation Therapy **
- Information and Referral
- Family Meeting Facilitation
- Alzheimer’s /Dementia Education and Support

****Habilitation Therapy**

A non-medical interpersonal approach to caring for someone with memory loss. Habilitation strengthens an individual’s current abilities to improve and maintain functional independence. Caregivers learn how to simplify tasks and help their loved one participate more fully in his/her own care, and be an active participant in life. The Habilitation approach helps the caregiver manage behaviors, reduces caregiver stress and can help to facilitate a more rewarding caregiving experience.

TV for Living:

TV for Living is a weekly half hour informational program aired on MV TV Channel 13. Mary Holmes, the Supportive Day Program Supervisor interviews on film, Center for Living staff, clients, family members, and community members to provide information on areas of interest and

services available to elders and caregivers. Season 1 completed 50 episodes. Season 2 kicked off in October 2021.

Emergency Food Program:

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living is a sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program on Martha’s Vineyard. MVCL coordinates five Emergency Food distribution centers including the four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven. 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. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the emergency distribution sites through their gleaning program. The local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Center for Living Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their community foundation give back programs. Cronig’s Market regularly donates food directly to the Emergency Food Program.

MV Community Foundation COVID Relief funds for Utility Assistance:

MV Community Foundation received Mass COVID Relief funding for several specific purposes, including rental and utility assistance. MVCF reached out to the local non-profit community to help administer and distribute these funds to families in need. MV Center for Living agreed to manage the Utility Assistance portion of the funding. We received \$40,000 and, through an application process, assisted 50 Vineyard households to keep the heat and electricity on in their homes through the pandemic in 2021.

FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program:

This federal program provides funding annually to community non-profit organizations to provide low income residents with rental and utility assistance. In 2021 MVCL received three rounds of funding as follows:

Phase 37: \$4000 - Rental Assistance: \$2161; Utility Assistance \$1839, assisted 9 families

CARES ACT: \$7744 – Rental Assistance \$6504; Utility Assistance \$1240, assisted 13 families

Phase 38: \$5285 – Utility Assistance \$5285, assisted 13 families

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:

After the long COVID hiatus, this popular monthly social event re-launched in the fall of 2021. Under the expert tutelage of Chefs Jack O’Malley and Kevin Crowell, Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts students prepare and serve a delicious three course gourmet meal to as many as 28 seniors once a month throughout the school year, October through May.

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 kitchen, under the supervision of Chris Porterfield, prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. Despite COVID this tradition continued in 2021.

Easter - 170 meals

Thanksgiving - 123 meals

Christmas -141 meals;

Older Americans Act Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels & Senior Dining Centers):

The Elder Services Nutrition Program is supported financially by the six island towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In 2021, the island towns on contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Clapp, Executive Director

MARTHA’S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP, INC.

To the Honorable Select Board, friends and neighbors:

In 2021, the Martha’s Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. (MVSG) continued programs to fulfill its mission of enhancing shellfish resources for the wellbeing of the entire Island community. MVSG received funding from all six Island towns in the form of a membership to the Group which includes an equal share of the shellfish seed produced by MVSG. MVSG received contracts, grants or donations from the MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, Friends of Sengekontacket, Lagoon Pond Association, MV Community Foundation, MV Oyster Festival, the Vineyard Vision Fellowship, Proud Pour, the Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), the Southeastern Massachusetts Aquaculture Center (SEMACE) and about 250 private donors.

Seed Shellfish Production for Municipal Enhancement: MVSG operates the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven, the John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs, and the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick. Each site has its strengths, and each is important to maximize the quantity and quality of shellfish seed we grow. In 2021 we used these 3 facilities to produce 11.3 million quahogs, 21.1 million scallops, and 7 million oyster seed for the Shellfish Departments of the six island towns. We released over 67 million scallop eggs and larvae and 200 million oyster eggs and larvae to help supplement the wild populations.

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



MVSG has managed **oyster restoration projects** in Tisbury Great Pond (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and Edgartown Great Pond (funded by a private grant) for 30+ and 14 years, respectively. The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose shell. Spat-on-shell yields clumps of oysters that protect each other from predators and create habitat for many other estuarine creatures. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond so that oysters do not perish in the soft mud, provides a calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on, and acts like a natural TUMS® by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. Both of these tools depend on shell and, only as of recently, are we

able to rely solely on scallop shell and shells that have been saved from the trash by our Shell Recovery Partnership.

Since 2011 the **Shell Recovery Partnership** has committed to rescuing shells from the waste stream



by collecting it from Island restaurants and homes, letting it age, then returning it to the Great Ponds. The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected shell collection again this year, primarily because restaurants were short-staffed. Thankfully, Beach Road, the Clambulance Emergency Raw Bar, l'etoile, Port Hunter, Edgartown Yacht Club, Lookout Tavern, Net Result, and Larsen's Fish Market partnered with us to recover over 4,000 gallons of shell (compared to 7,000 and 2,300 gallons in 2019 and 2020, respectively) for our programs. We are always

looking for new Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce their waste and help restore oyster populations! Anyone can bring their shells to the Hughes Hatchery (former Lobster Hatchery) on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs.

The first annual MV Oyster Festival contributed an additional 335 gallons of oyster shell, which is 1.6 cubic yards and weighed about 1,500 pounds! This volume of shell satisfies 80% of our hatchery needs, which depends on oyster shell specifically. This shell will be substrate for 5 million, hatchery-reared oyster larvae which will help to restore ecosystem services in the Great Ponds. Oyster Fest was also an amazing teaching opportunity for MVSG. With help from the MV Museum, NOAA, and NAAEE's eeBlue Aquaculture Literacy grant program, we taught scores of fest-goers about the significance of shellfish and aquaculture, as well as how we grow bivalves in the hatchery. The MV Museum also featured an beautiful exhibit on shellfish and aquaculture on the Vineyard called, *Stories on the Half Shell*, from October 1 through the end of December 2021.

SOAR – Sustaining Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration:

Through partnerships with the Pew Charitable Trust, the Nature Conservancy, Blue Moon Oysters, Signature Oyster Farm, and the Edgartown Shellfish Department, MVSG planted 165,000, 5-inch, farmed oysters into Slough Cove of Edgartown Great Pond, a designated oyster sanctuary, over the course of six weeks. The project benefited oyster farmers by purchasing their oversized product resulting from COVID-19, while the pond will benefit from enhanced ecosystem services. These oysters will filter over 8.2 million gallons of water per day and will provide habitat to crabs, fish, eels, and other animals. We planted the oysters along the cove's perimeter, on the landward side of the eelgrass habitat where oysters exist naturally. MVSG will monitor the planted oysters and their interactions with the pond through 2023.



Is Coastal Acidification Impacting Shellfish on the Vineyard? Coastal acidification occurs when excess nutrients (e.g. nitrogen) promote algal growth, which when it dies, consumes oxygen and releases carbon dioxide. Increased CO₂ reduces pH and increases acidity of the water. Today, the average ocean pH is about 8.1, which is ~25% more acidic than it was prior to the Industrial

Revolution. This makes it hard for shellfish to absorb calcium to make their shells. Under a grant from the MV Community Foundation, we monitored the pH of the water coming into our Solar Hatchery this summer and it was consistently 8.0-8.1. Research shows that the first stage of larval shellfish is the most sensitive to low pH and that bay scallops are among the more sensitive species of bivalves. We will continue to monitor pH and prepare to mitigate the effects of hatchery production.

Promoting a healthy ecosystem in Sengekontacket: In 2021 we set 1 million oyster larvae onto shell at the Hughes Hatchery for the third year of an ongoing, pilot-scale project in Sengekontacket Pond. The spat-on-shell will be kept in bags and cages, safe from predators, until September of 2022, at which point it will be planted onto small beds of shells and oysters which were established in 2018. In the fall of 2021, we planted the spat-on-shell produced in 2020. This project is funded by the Friends of Sengekontacket.

Surf clams are a potential new aquaculture species. One of the pillars of MVSG is aquaculture



research, including the culture of new shellfish species. We support shellfish aquaculture because it helps to preserve fishing traditions of the Vineyard. However, when too many shellfish farms grow the same species they are less resilient to disease, climate change, and market fluctuations. This is why we are interested in alternative species such as surf clams. When young surf clams reach 2 inches, they make perfectly sweet, tender clams for pasta and raw bars; thus the affectionate name of butter clams. There are several hatcheries and institutions experimenting with the large species of surf clam which grows offshore, in colder water. In 2021, for the second year, we grew surf clams of the

inshore species, which have greater heat tolerance than their offshore cousin. Under a contract from SEMAC we grew 370,000 surf clam seed which were distributed to shellfish farmers on the Cape and Vineyard for culture and market experimentation.

In 2021 MVSG obtained a **long-term lease for the Hughes Hatchery** (former State Lobster Hatchery) from the MA DMF. Since 2012 MVSG has been creating new shellfish culture systems at the Hughes Hatchery, but with restraint, because each lease spans just 3 years. With increased stability, MVSG can now grow more shellfish and restore more habitat. There are spare tanks for eelgrass propagation and outdoor space for shell recycling barrels. Currently, the facility needs new seawater lines, roofing, siding, and much more. With each challenge comes an opportunity to optimize this historic facility which will support initiatives that will serve the shellfish needs of the island for decades to come.

A few things we are **looking forward to in 2022** are continued and increased eelgrass propagation and restoration in Lagoon Pond and possibly Sengekontacket, ribbed mussel propagation and planting into harvest-prohibited waters (i.e. Chilmark Pond), early spawning of scallops for a potential commercial market, and analysis of current and historic shellfish landing data in collaboration with the MVC.

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2021

	<u>Bay Scallops</u>	<u>Quahogs</u>
Edgartown	4,190,000	2,200,000
Oak Bluffs	4,190,000	2,200,000
Chilmark	4,190,000	2,200,000
Tisbury	4,190,000	2,200,000
Aquinnah	4,190,000	2,200,000
Aquinnah Tribe*	150,000	---
Local farmers*	---	300,000
Total	21,100,000	11,300,000

<i>Eggs Released</i>	47 million	--
<i>Larvae Released</i>	20 million	--

<u>Oysters</u>	<u>Eggs Released</u>	<u>Larvae Released</u>	<u>Remote Set</u>	<u>Singles</u>
Tisbury Great Pond	135,000,000	20,000,000	4,500,000	403,000
Edgartown Great Pond **	31,000,000	10,000,000	1,100,000	154,000
FOS**	--	3,500,000	1,000,000	--
Tisbury	--	--	--	8,000
Oak Bluffs*	--	--	--	266,800
Total	166,000,000	33,500,000	6,600,000	831,800

Surf clams

Southeastern MA Aquaculture Center (SEMACE)* **370,000**

Provided under: * contract; **private funding

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

Respectfully submitted,
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 Executive Director and Biologist
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MARTHA’S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Agency Overview

The Martha’s Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) provides fixed-route bus and ADA demand responsive van service to the six towns on the Island of Martha’s Vineyard. The VTA was created by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161B and is funded through local, state, and federal sources.

Leadership

Per MGL Chapter 161B, the VTA is managed by an Administrator, who is appointed by an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of one representative from each member community, one Rider Community Representative and one Disabled Community Representative:

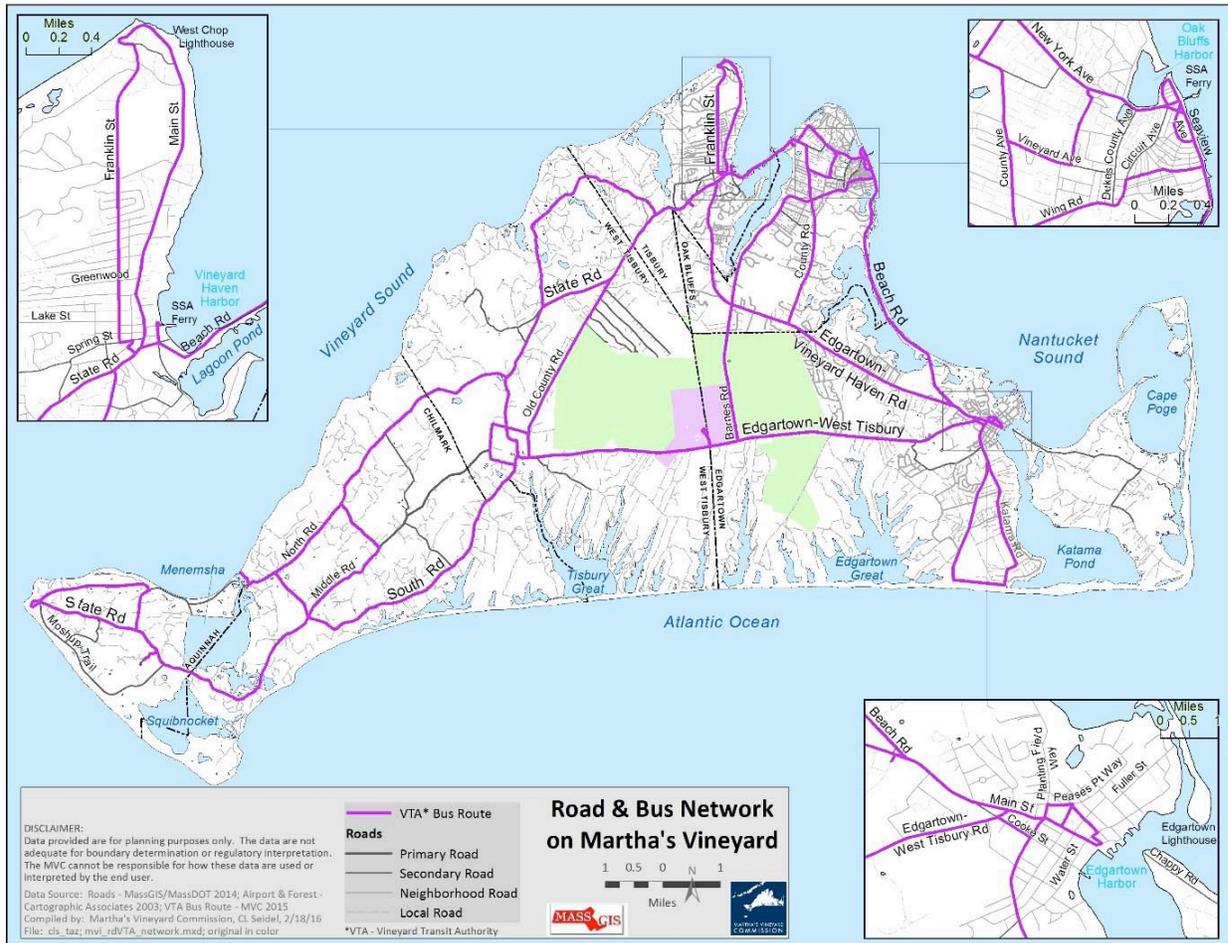
Oak Bluffs	Alice Butler, Chairman
West Tisbury	Susanna Sturgis
Aquinnah	June Manning
Tisbury	Elaine Miller
Chilmark	Leonard Jason
Edgartown	Mark Snider
Rider Community Representative	Kelly McCarron (Edgartown)
Disabled Community Representative	Ann Sylvester (Edgartown)
Administrator	Angela E. Gompert

Mission

We believe that public transportation is essential to the economic vitality, environmental stability and quality of life on the Island of Martha’s Vineyard. We provide safe and secure environment for our customers, community and employees through consistent training, enforcement and allocation of resources. We continuously strive to improve the cost efficiency of our services and approach our financial relationships with integrity and transparency.

Description of Services

During Fiscal Year 2021, the VTA operated ten year-round routes, plus four additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The fixed routes are organized into a hub and spoke system around four hubs, which are located in the Vineyard’s largest communities (Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and West Tisbury). With one exception, all VTA routes serve at least one hub. Connecting to and between hubs allows passengers to transfer between routes and increases accessibility to the Island’s major services and destinations. The VTA also interlines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. The VTA’s annual operating budget for FY21 was \$6.4 million, plus \$3.045 million in capital funds. VTA ridership suffered from the COVID-19 pandemic, carrying 547,750 riders over 431,164 revenue miles of service.



Funding Updates

CARES Act Funding

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VTA was awarded \$2,924,620 in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. As of 6/30/2021, the VTA had used \$1,476,590 of the CARES funding to provide employees with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitizing supplies, labor and enhanced filtration for HVAC systems for buses and Operations & Maintenance Facility, driver protection barriers and to supplement lost fares.

Service Modifications

The beginning of FY 2021 saw the VTA in an unprecedented time for delivering public transit service. As an essential service, the VTA continued daily operations. The level of travel demand and travel restrictions were both uncertainties that made planning public transit service on the Vineyard a dynamic situation throughout FY 2021.

Changes to In-Season 2020 as Compared to In-Season 2019 (starting in July)

With the public health restrictions severely impacting normal nightlife activities on the Island, particularly restaurants and bars, the most obvious scaling back of bus service was made in the evening hours. Timetables were published with qualifiers, denoting many trips that would run

only if travel demand warranted. Those potential trips ultimately did not run in the summer of 2020.

Route 1 ended service at 11:30 pm in the shoulders and only extended until midnight during the peak season. Route 2 operated with one less round trip at the end of the day. Route 3 continued to operate hourly but finished at 7:30 pm. Routes 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 were reduced to two hour frequency instead of one hour throughout the day. Route 8 and Route 11 service was scaled back to one bus for each route during the day and evening service did not operate. Routes 10A and 12 were suspended for the entire season. Route 13, which operates with multiple buses during the In-Season, was scaled back so that shoulder season frequency was reduced to every thirty minutes during the shoulder seasons. Transit days ran until just after midnight, but no later with nighttime activity in the Vineyard downtowns severely muted in 2020. Similarly, additional services like the Agricultural Fair buses did not operate.

Changes to Off-Season 2020-2021 as Compared to Off-Season 2019-2020

An already scaled down version of VTA service, the Off-Season service offerings were not pared down as much as the In-Season. While the pandemic was still only just starting its long run, VTA ridership started to recover somewhat and justified maintaining the Off-Season service similar to recent years.

One significant change that was made was the second Route #1 bus operated on Route #1 Monday to Friday, and then switched to be a second Route #13 bus on Saturday and Sunday. This allowed for 30 minute service between the main down-Island towns to include downtown Oak Bluffs as well on the weekends, as Route #13 remains the VTA's most popular route, closely followed by Route #1. For the short Off-Season spring schedule period (April 9 – May 20, 2021), both Route #1 and Route #13 were served by two buses providing 30 minute frequency during the main part of the day on both routes. This was done to both meet travel demand and ensure the best chance for advised social distancing as much as possible.

Another notable change for the 2020-2021 Off-Season was the introduction of microtransit, or on-demand transportation. This service was offered exclusively during the winter season (November 30, 2020 – April 8, 2021) to ease the wintertime elimination of Routes 7, 8, 9 and 10A. Trips could be requested in advance or on the same day. Microtransit trips connected riders with their origin to their destination directly, with their origin to the nearest fixed route bus stop, or a bus stop and their destination. The operating hours for on-demand trips were 7 am – 6 pm daily. The pandemic conditions offered a chance to operate a test pilot of this kind of service.

Changes to In-Season 2021 as Compared to In-Season 2020 (late May through June)

The fiscal year closed out with continued uncertainty, but more optimism, due to the ongoing pandemic. The VTA returned to a more “normal” In-Season Spring Shoulder schedule. The daytime frequency was restored for most routes, though last trips in the evening tended to run hours earlier than they had pre-pandemic. All routes were brought back to the In-Season 2021 schedule, including Routes #10A in Tisbury and Route #12 in Chilmark.

Fare Adjustments

Effective May 21, 2021 the VTA zone fare went from \$1.25 per town to \$2.00 per town for the in-season and the One Day Pass decreased from \$10.00 to \$8.00 in an attempt to attract ridership. Fares will return to \$1.25 per town for the off-season that begins in October 2021.

Clean Transportation Initiatives

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system.

The VTA currently has 16 electric buses in service, which accounts for 50% of the total bus fleet. One more electric bus is scheduled to be delivered in June of 2022. The electric buses have been well received by the community and the VTA is pleased with how well this new technology is working.

In November 2020, the VTA Church Street Review Committee issued their final report supporting the installation of in-ground inductive chargers on Church Street, Edgartown (full report available at www.vineyardtransit.com). At the May 22, 2021 Annual Edgartown Town Meeting, the warrant article for the installation of the inductive chargers on Church Street was passed, and construction is set to begin in November 2021. During this project, the Edgartown Visitors Center facade and landscape will also be updated.

Additionally, the VTA has updated its operations and maintenance facility and now has an electrical distribution system capable of supplying electricity for charging stations for 40 buses, 7 vans and 6 cars. The installation of Energy Storage Systems (ESS), solar canopies and inductive charging has been completed. The design also includes a central control system that will manage vehicle charging, reduce peak demand by ESS discharge, and supply emergency power through an island-able micro grid. The VTA hosted a well-attended Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commission this infrastructure on May 14, 2021.

Partnerships & Community Outreach

The VTA continues to partner with the Island's councils on aging, elderly and disabled housing authorities, and schools to provide reduced fare annual passes for the Island's elderly, disabled and youth. Reduced fare passes are available for purchase through the councils on aging and all Island schools. The VTA also offers a Military reduced fare.

For the past 18 years, the VTA has maintained the Island's school bus fleet, saving the school district money and the complications of getting vehicles to the mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

The VTA leases office space within their building to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to operate a local branch for the Island.

The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha's Vineyard School District, the Airport, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, several Towns police, fire and highway departments, Island Elderly Housing, the Land Bank and the County. A computerized fuel authorization system allows access for these agencies to fuel twenty-four hours a day.

The VTA property is host to training exercises for MV Tactical Response Team and fire department drills. The VTA has provided vehicles and drivers, as needed, to the Airport so they can coordinate their MCI Drills, as required by FAA. We are a member of the County and all Island Towns' Emergency Management plans for evacuations, transportation and cooling/warming rehabilitation vehicles in the event of an emergency.

The VTA is home to the only Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course. The VTA allows private, as well as other public agencies, to train on and use the course for licensing.

OPERATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Fixed Route

Facts:	FY 21	FY 20
Annual Ridership	547,696	894,055
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$1,166,347	\$1,666,065
Annual Cost of Operations	\$4,535,035	\$4,695,938
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	24.77%	35.48%
Fleet Size	34	32

Fixed Route:		
Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	547,696	894,055
Annual Revenue Hours	49,880	67,047
Annual Revenue Miles	792,458	1,097,108
Annual Vehicle Hours	52,839	71,025
Annual Vehicle Miles	839,468	1,162,191

Performance Measures:		
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$11.59	\$3.60
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$96.47	\$70.04
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$6.02	\$4.28
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	9.71	19.47
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.61	1.19
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$9.37	\$2.32

Fare Information:

Fixed Routes Fares:

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

OPERATIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

ADA - Demand Response

Facts:	FY 21	FY 20
Annual Ridership	4,406	8,006
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$88,668	\$32,384
Annual Cost of Operations	\$495,917	\$549,408
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	18.73%	5.89%
Fleet Size	7	6

Demand Response Statistics:		
Annual Passenger Trips	4,406	8,006
Annual Revenue Hours	3,413	7,321
Annual Revenue Miles	46,911	106,696
Annual Vehicle Hours	3,792	7,788
Annual Vehicle Miles	51,505	77,459

Performance measures:		
Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$120.49	\$44.67
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$148.22	\$75.05
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$10.85	\$5.15
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.27	1.68
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.08	0.12
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$98.22	\$42.04

Fare Information:

Paratransit:

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

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

ASSETS	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 898,995	\$ 349,529
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,297,241	\$ 2,625,447
Inventory	\$ 394,739	\$ 386,675
Prepaid expense	\$ 442,802	\$ 47,083
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 238,825	\$ 108,158
Total current assets	\$ 3,272,602	\$ 3,516,892
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 278,047	\$ 249,240
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 4,902,808	\$ 1,841,319
Total restricted assets	\$ 5,180,855	\$ 2,090,559
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 667,716	\$ 509,010
Capital assets, net	\$ 22,732,933	\$ 19,706,095
Net OPEB asset	\$ 256,824	\$ 293,016
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 28,838,328	\$ 22,598,680
Total assets	\$ 32,110,930	\$ 26,115,572
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 110,194	\$ 128,414
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 113,256	\$ 78,149
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 32,334,380	\$ 26,322,135
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 686,351	\$ 237,150
Total current liabilities	\$ 686,351	\$ 237,150
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 4,272,369	\$ 1,689,032
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 4,272,369	\$ 1,689,032
Other post-employment benefits	\$ -	\$ -
Net pension liability	\$ 199,587	\$ 422,790
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,013,247	\$ 2,000,000
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 6,485,203	\$ 4,111,822
Total liabilities	\$ 7,171,554	\$ 4,348,972
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 154,742	\$ 16,906
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 50,186	\$ 57,059
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 7,376,482	\$ 4,422,937
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 22,732,933	\$ 19,706,095
Restricted	\$ 908,486	\$ 401,527
Other current assets	\$ 1,316,479	\$ 1,791,576
Total net position	\$ 24,957,898	\$ 21,899,198



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VINEYARD HAVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

While the COVID-19 pandemic continued to create challenges for the safe delivery of library services in the past year, our library staff have responded with creativity and resourcefulness to provide traditional services, as well as take advantage of new opportunities to serve library patrons in their homes. This has included new services to meet unprecedented needs.

With support from Island Grown and Food Baskets Martha's Vineyard, the library hosted weekly food giveaways, and maintained a mini food pantry available to those in need at any time the library is open. A grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners enabled the library to double the number of WiFi hotspots available for home use by library patrons, that may also be paired with Chromebook computers available for checkout.

Martha's Vineyard Library Association has continued its partnership with Brainfuse, a national online education company, to provide free, live, online tutoring and homework help to Martha's Vineyard library cardholders at all age levels. The program is available seven days a week to anyone with a library card issued by any of the six Martha's Vineyard libraries.

After several months of providing curbside pickup, outdoor book browsing, home delivery, and other contactless services, the library building reopened to the public for "Express Services" in May 2021, and resumed a normal seven-day-per-week schedule in October. In-person children's programming resumed, at the library, and in collaboration with the Martha's Vineyard Family Center.

While planning a gradual return to in-person programming, the library continued to provide a variety of live online programs to which the community has responded enthusiastically. In Fiscal Year 2021, the library hosted more than 250 free virtual events, with over 5,000 participating, and distributed nearly 5,000 "Take & Make" packages including craft supplies, snacks, and themed activities for youth.

Print magazines are again available to browse and checkout at the library. Our OverDrive collection of downloadable digital magazines now includes more than 3,000 popular titles, and library cardholders have free access to the New York Times Online. The library has expanded the content on our online streaming platform Kanopy to include more popular titles, as well as the documentaries, independent films, and world cinema that the platform is known for. Library patrons can access free passes at the library to visit the Martha's Vineyard Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, and Trustees of Reservations properties.

Special services this year were made possible by gifts and grants from the Friends of the Library, the Bergman Foundation, the Anderson Foundation, and individual donors. Professor Philip M. Weinstein presented two multi-part literature seminars this year for more than 200 virtual library participants, on "William Faulkner's Masterpieces, and "Uncanny Voyages," centering on writers who explore extreme situations. Local artist Elizabeth Whelen presented weekly art

classes from April through September. We are grateful to the many other local authors and experts who shared their creativity and expertise through the Library's virtual programming this year.

Despite the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic presented for fundraising, 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, designed by architect Maryann Thompson. Creating an open, spacious, and well-ventilated place for our community is more important than ever. The expanded and redesigned interior and exterior spaces will provide the flexibility the library requires to provide future services with greater safety and comfort. Donations can be made online at www.vhlibrarybuildingfund.org or checks sent to VHPLBFI, PO Box 4961, Vineyard Haven MA 02568. Pledge forms and more detailed information about the capital campaign and building project are available at www.vhlibrarybuildingfund.org.

The Library Trustees appreciate the dedication and creativity of our outstanding staff, including Director Amy Ryan, Reference Librarian Ruth Konigsberg, Children's Librarian Emily Lapierre, Young Adult Librarian Jennifer Rapuano, and Library Associates Anne McDonough, Polly Simpkins, and Lagan Treischmann. The Trustees also thank departing Board Member Nora Nevin for her years of service, and welcome Janet Hefler, who was elected in June. The Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month and welcomes your input.

Since January 2020, all Martha's Vineyard libraries are fine-free. We recognize community members have faced significant challenges during the past year and may have checked out items that are now extremely overdue. We wish to assure all patrons that no late fees will be charged on any overdue items returned, no matter how overdue, as long as items are returned in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Key Statistics, Fiscal Year 2021	
Collection size	96,793
<i>Books</i>	46,845
<i>Audio CDs</i>	2,947
<i>DVD, VHS & Blu-Ray</i>	6,612
<i>Downloadable books</i>	39,759
Circulation	69,457
Use of Electronic Collections	6,820
Interlibrary loans	12,600
Program attendance*	11,555
Registered borrowers	4,435

*Virtual programs and Take & Makes

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 MVRHS 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

This was a year of rebuilding after remote learning, learning new tricks, and rethinking old traditions. We transformed our annual "Evening of the Arts" into a weeklong celebration, accompanied by an online Arts Showcase highlighting seniors and class achievements. Students partnered with the Vineyard Conservation Society and Featherstone for the "Art of Conservation" competition and exhibit "Love it. Protect it. MV." Art students were featured in a special 12-page, full-color supplement of the MV Times. 23 students won a total of 41 Scholastic Art Awards, including one winning Senior Art Portfolio, and one American Visions Nominee (a statewide best-in-show award). Nine gold key works advanced to the national competition in New York, where one freshman won a national Silver Medal for her photograph. The Art, Design, & Technology team collaborated to create a phased design for an outdoor classroom behind the building with funding from the Martha's Vineyard Bank Charitable Foundation. Programming, Video, & Animation students began displaying work using QR codes for viewers to interact with the media more fully, and Design & Architecture students moved to a digital platform for plan and design visualization. Students in Programming, Web Multimedia, and Game Design classes are using the CodeHS platform to develop their coding skills with Javascript, HTML, CSS, and Python.

Athletics

In 2021, athletes played with limited fans while masked and complying with social distancing regulations. Even with these challenges, we celebrated many successes. The boys basketball team won the Cape and Islands League tournament. An added season was created due to COVID, which was referred to as Fall 2, where football played their games and indoor track was run outdoors. Spring sports started later and ran well into June. The tennis teams advanced well into the State Tournament. The boys and girls track teams had several athletes excel, and baseball received a home game during the first round of the playoffs. With the new state tournament format, we saw teams traveling further than usual. Boys soccer and field hockey qualified for the tournament. The boys cross country team won the MIAA 2C Championship. Jonathan Norton finished in first place - a first in our school's history. The team will compete in the State Championship meet.

Career and Technical Education

Our Health Assisting program continues to see strong enrollment and has had several students certified as nursing assistants. The Automotive shop received the Perkins grant for a more technologically advanced tire mounting and balancing system, while the carpentry crew has

resumed work on sheds and expect to deliver “friendship benches” - a multi-year project using locally harvested timber. In the summer, the dust collecting system in the Carpentry shop was replaced through a competitive grant that paired state resources with local support. Culinary arts have had in-person functions return. The horticulture crew has begun to plan for the annual plant sale. We offered an introductory Early Childhood Education and Care class this year, and have seen a fair amount of interest. We look forward to offering students a gateway into the extensive career pathways this program has to offer. We wished the CTE Director, Barbara-Jean Chauvin, well as she retired after 6 years of service. Jack O’Malley has assumed some of her responsibilities with the help of Sam Hart, who came on board as an administrator focusing on workforce development.

English

While 2021 presented myriad challenges, students at MVRHS received a robust and engaging English experience. MCAS results reveal strong progress in skill development. Students displayed their creative writing accomplishments at a coffee house in May. Clubs like the Newspaper and Seabreezes published award-winning material throughout the year. The High School View received numerous awards at the annual New England Scholastic Press Association including five Special Achievement awards for both news and feature stories. Some students also participated and will be published in the Covid Monologues MV collection due out this December. The English Department continues to hone their craft through many professional development endeavors including several teachers who are currently enrolled in the Harvard School of Education’s Culturally Responsive Literature Instruction Program. Teachers continue to collaborate to develop the English Department Curriculum Overview as well as address aspects of their craft like writing instruction. This summer, English teachers met to develop methods for teaching writing by reading and discussing Matthew Johnson’s *Flash Feedback*. Due to the hard work and dedication of its teachers, the department and its students continue to thrive at MVRHS despite the challenges the school and community has faced this past year.

ESL

The ESL Department has had a very busy year. Jonah Kaplan-Woolner has been hired as an ESL teacher. He comes from New York City, where he taught ESL in two public high schools and several adult education college programs. He holds a Masters in Bilingual, ESL, and Multicultural Education from UMass Amherst and a Bachelors in Language in Theory and Practice from Oberlin College. Most recently, the department welcomed Lizzy Schule, a native Islander, as a fourth full-time teacher to teach our exponentially growing population of English Language Learners (up 80 students in June to almost 100 students as of Dec. 1). For the past five years, Lizzy worked as the head teacher and an ESL instructor at Martha's Vineyard Adult Learning Program (MVALP). Lizzy has led numerous PD workshops, mostly recently presenting at the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education. She holds a BA in English and an MFA in painting. She obtained a UCLES CELTA certification at Regent Oxford. Meanwhile, veteran department member Cheri Cluff is completing UMass Boston’s Mental Health Counseling MS with a concentration in school adjustment counseling. She is currently completing her internship in the Student Affairs Office. She is participating along with other members of the department in yearlong PD to deepen her understanding of new WIDA standards and how to apply them in math and science.

Guidance

When the pandemic hit, the guidance department and school adjustment counselors worked in concert with teachers and administration to keep all students engaged academically and emotionally. The department offered social/emotional assistance during remote and hybrid learning. Guidance continues 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. While the Class of 2021 endured massive interruption to the traditional four-year high school program, they endured and prospered in many ways. The guidance department was still able to develop transitional plans for the 166 graduates. As a result, the Class of 2021 had 61.4% of the students attend a four-year college/university, 5.4% attended a two-year college, 4.8% attended trade/technical schools/programs, 2.4% took a gap year, and 26.0% entered the workforce. This year's generous donors provided scholarships, grants, and additional items such as computers and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,079,958. 114 students in the 2021 graduating class received 483 awards totaling \$1,153,063. Post-graduates and other Island students received \$926,895.

History

The History Department is excited for everyone to be in person again, with group discussion and analytical tasks more engaging than virtual experiences last year. The focus of our department is a new format of the four-year curriculum and the new senior class civics requirement. The sequence for next year's freshman class will be Global 1 for freshmen, American Studies for sophomores, Global II for juniors, and Civics and Current Issues for seniors. There is an option to enroll in a Humanities curriculum sophomore and junior year, and there is a possible freshman humanities class being developed for the near future. We also offer three Advanced Placement classes: AP US for sophomores; AP World for juniors; and AP Modern European for seniors. The senior class participates in a class-wide experience of the "rights and responsibilities for members of a democratic society in the 21st century." The teachers are examining PD opportunities to learn more about civics education and engaging with students on some controversial topics. Students also have a wide variety of electives to choose from including Psychology, Sociology, American History through Film, and Mythology. Collectively, the Department works with students to develop skills throughout the four years, based on a list of skills in which all students should be proficient upon graduation.

Library

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the MVRHS Library continues to serve the faculty and the entire student body, whether in person or remote. The two classes co-taught by the school librarian for seniors (Capstone) and for 9th-graders (Research Skills) provided and strengthened information literacy, media literacy, and project management skills. Both the Capstone and CTE Resource courses continue to expand and evolve in response to assessment data. Students are reading more than ever. In the first week, 250 students checked out 330 books. Over 700 books have been checked out since the start of the school year, a 30% increase over the same time span in 2019. Thirteen English classes in all grades visited for booktalks, and over 50 students took multiple books to read. The library also provided access to, and instruction on,

Turnitin (a plagiarism-prevention and classroom management platform) and WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform). We have contracted with the New York Times to provide individual accounts to all students and staff.

Math

The Mathematics department continued to rise to the occasion, spending numerous hours during the school year and the summer months engaging in the work necessary to keep our students focused and supported. We were able to realign the curriculum as needed based on frequent and valuable feedback within our department. The math department is impressively flexible, respectful of one another, and continues to work as a cohesive team- all with the primary goal of helping our students find success. From this collaboration we found a need to create two new courses that would aid in supporting our students who struggled the most during the pandemic. Over the summer, Jerry Kadien and Carole Flanders created the scope and sequence for an Enhanced Math course that would serve as a support to current sophomores. They also drafted a curriculum for a course to support our current juniors with the specific focus of passing the MCAS test. Michael Innes and Kelly Magnuson analyzed and reported their findings to the team, which helped to inform and guide our curriculum realignment. We were pleased to see that our students still performed well given the constraints of the year. As a department, we remain committed to preparing our students to be better problem solvers.

Performing Arts

This was a challenging year for the PAD with restrictions on indoor rehearsals until March. The winter months were a testament to our students' resilience and dedication. Three students participated in a virtual South East Music Festival in January. In February, the musical class began filming for our Silver Linings showcase, screened at the PAC for friends and families. We worked hard to get a spring Minnesinger show that we performed at the Tabernacle in May. In June, we also performed a staged version of the musical *Bright Star* at the Tabernacle. We pivoted away from music and theatre-making to studying the academic sides of those disciplines including music theory; vocal anatomy; analysis and review of performances; project-based research; and concert planning. This fall, we are moving towards normal, with a return to live performances and concerts, and auditions at the SE Music Festival (where we had 11 students accepted and 3 recommended to audition for All-State). We have welcomed two new teachers in the departments: Ray Fallon, who has started an extra-curricular Big Band; and Rebecca Laird, who is collaborating with the Cape Symphony to take students off-Island to rehearse and perform with them. We have a busy schedule of performances, competitions, and travel to look forward to.

Physical Education

There are some exciting changes in our Health and Physical Education Department. While the amazing Kathy Perotta, our long-time teacher and department head, retired at the end of last year, we hired two great, new teachers, both former MVRHS students: Madison Straus and Liane Dixon. We introduced a full year of health education to all our 10th graders. This class curriculum is guided by the Michigan Model for Health Education, and focuses on SEL (social emotional learning), substance use deferment, healthy choices, and esteem building. We are also embedding

a 6-week Mental Health First Aid course, after which all 10th graders will be certified Mental Health First Aid Peer Responders. This course is fundamental in that it helps all of our students have the tools to support their peers in times of crisis. We continue to support the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of all of our students in our PE department, and are excited to share outcomes and successes!

Project Vine

In January, Project Vine welcomed our largest freshman class ever of 14 students. 75% of our population was in-person five days a week, re-establishing the Project Vine community as a presence in this building. Project Vine was able to go on some trips: a day trip to Boston (paid for in large part by a grant which we won from the Mass Cultural Council) as well as a seniors-only trip out to Penikese Island for a 2-night stay which was, for many of them, the first time they were able to do such things since the shutdown. We ended the school year with our senior farewell celebration, where all seniors dedicated books to our Legacy Tree, and two seniors were awarded the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Scholarships. In the fall, we revamped the Project Vine space with new furniture built by the students and help from the CTE department. Project Vine had a welcome-back BBQ before school reopened, with students and their families gathering in our outdoor classroom. We worked again with the MV Museum to have students tour the museum's collections and write stories inspired by them for our fifth annual Island Lore Night. Before Thanksgiving, we hosted a breakfast for our program members and alumni and began gathering footage for the next Project Vine documentary, which the seniors are currently producing in order to show to the incoming class of 2025.

Science

The Science Department has actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and curriculum design. The Department has continued to work with local groups on- and off-Island, including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. The increased awareness and access to science electives for students has brought more students in contact with curriculum that they have a particular interest in. We have added an Island Natural History class and expanded our Physical Science offerings to the program of studies. Dr. Fyler has continued working on the growing issue of tick transmitted lyme disease. Dr. Fyler and students have been collecting and extracting tick DNA to better understand the transmission of the disease and its spread on the Island. The department has set goals to improve student work around formal lab writing and organizing data. We continue to try to identify best-practice standards and implement common skills, assessments, and overarching ideas that can be incorporated throughout the science curriculum. We have improved our co-teaching program, which is being well received by the students and teachers involved. MVRHS students continue to do well on the Biology MCAS with the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced well above the state average.

Special Education

The Special Education department built and maintained engagement through remote and face-

to-face learning options. The Voyager Program, now sited at the Boys and Girls Club, is continuing the work of transition instruction and support, with community work placements at various Island businesses and nonprofit agencies. This program is highly successful with their dog treat business, Purple Paws, where students make, package, sell, and deliver their products. Staff in the Compass Program work closely with individual students, small groups, and grade-level teachers to provide goal-directed academic and social/emotional learning opportunities that support optimum engagement and growth. This year, the program improved site access to other support personnel in the building, contributing to the student participants' sense of positive school climate and community. The co-teaching and Academic Support programs continue to implement quality-accessible learning experiences while targeting individual growth. In the Navigator Program, students are learning and applying real-world competencies: operating a full-service coffee sales program to practice their skills in interacting with customers and managing money and supplies. They also operate a document shredding service in the building. Community engagement is high, with The Island Grown Initiative gardening projects working with students in school and with after school activities at the YMCA. Unified basketball is back and student-athletes in both the Navigator and Voyager programs finished their basketball season with a strong win!

Wellness Program

With the uptick of depression and anxiety as a result of the global pandemic, MVRHS has engaged in several trainings to help staff and students recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health challenges. Approximately 20 MVRHS staff completed and became certified mental health first aiders. Matt Malowski and Amy Lilavois, along with Kim Garrison, completed the second level of training, TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid), and are in the process of training the entire sophomore class to be "First Aiders" to their peers. The NAMI Peer Outreach program is meeting in person with the primary goal of educating our school community and destigmatizing mental illness. The SWEAR program continues to educate young men and women in understanding the myths and repercussions of gender-based violence and how to be active bystanders. The Wellness department now has a part-time, Portuguese-speaking clinician as well as a graduate-school intern who is bilingual. Both have been working closely with guidance counselors during the registration process and following our newcomers as they transition to our school and our community. Our team continues to collaborate with local agencies and private clinicians, including but not limited to MVCS (ICC, CONNECT and IWYC); Island Health Care's recovery coaches; HUB; and AlaTeen.

World Language

In the spring, our team reviewed and revised our priority standards and essential questions based on the newly-released World Language Frameworks. With an eye on vertical alignment and how our course content relates to the AP Language themes, we also revised our guiding documents to integrate the overarching topics. This year, the team is using collaborative time to engage in work to develop a shared understanding of the nationally-recognized proficiency levels and how to accurately evaluate students and provide feedback for growth based on those levels. Our goal is to ensure that our students and teachers thoroughly understand where students are in their journey through the various levels of proficiency. With that in mind, we have also revised both our placement process and midterm and final exam guidelines to more closely align with these practices and goals. We continue to focus on interpersonal communication in the target language

in order to help students practice and build their conversational skills. We are proud to announce that students in the department demonstrated their advanced language skills, with 24 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, as well as a very successful showing for students that took the AP Spanish exam.

Thank you for letting me share this information with you and for your continued support of MVRHS. Our faculty and staff are committed to engaging students with challenging academics, 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 Dingley
Principal

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2021 annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The schools on the Island continue to strive to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills necessary to compete in today's world.

The past year and a half has been extraordinarily challenging for the school district and the Island community as we have worked to keep the schools open during the COVID-19 pandemic. In March of 2020 we were forced to close schools and transition to remote learning due to the spread of COVID-19. School staff worked diligently to implement an online educational platform for our students. Administration organized professional development for our staff that assisted our teaching staff in developing an online learning program for their students. Teaching staff did an amazing job working with an entirely new teaching model. Our technology coordinators stepped up to ensure students and staff had the hardware and software to participate remotely.

Last school year, 2020-2021, we opened school with the younger grades returning to in-person learning while the older students remained remote. This model was developed to ensure that we would not create a situation where the virus would easily spread quickly. During the course of the school year, we transitioned back to full in-person instruction for all students. The safety measures that we were required to implement (masking and physical distancing) made this challenging. Our return was assisted by our ability to implement a COVID-19 in-school testing program. Thanks to the generosity of both the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Foundation and MV Youth, we were able to test hundreds of students and staff each week in order to catch any potential school outbreaks and keep our students in school.

This school year, 2021-2022, we began the school year being able to take advantage of an in-school COVID-19 testing program that has been organized and funded by the state. We are currently testing upwards of 1,500 students and staff each week. Our students have remained fully in person for this school year thanks to the tremendous work of our dedicated staff.

I am truly privileged and honored to be serving as the Island Schools' Superintendent. I am looking forward to an enriching year for our students.

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



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LEGEND:

Staff Preparation/Orientation Days	
Holidays and Vacation Days	
Teachers' Professional Days	
New Teacher Orientation Days	
Snow/Emergency Days Used	

2021

August	30 & 31	New Teacher Orientation
September	1	Full Professional Development Day
September	2 & 3	Staff Preparation/Orientation Days
September	6	Labor Day
September	7	Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed)
September	8	All Schools Open
October	8	Full Professional Development Day
October	11	Columbus Day
November	11	Veterans Day
November	24-26	School Closed/Thanksgiving
December	8	Teacher CoP (after school)
December	23	MVRHS Closes at 11:00/December Recess Elemen. Schools Close at Noon/December Recess
December	24-31	School Closed/December Recess
December	31	New Year's Day (<i>Observed</i>)

2022

January	1	New Year's Day (<i>Observed Dec. 31</i>)
January	3	Schools Re-Open
January	12	Teacher CoP (after school)
January	17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	21	Presidents' Day
Feb. 28-Mar.	4	February Vacation
March	9	Professional Development Day – ½ day
March	23	Teacher CoP (after school)
April	18	Patriots' Day Observed
April	19-22	April Vacation
May	25	Teacher CoP (after school)
May	30	Memorial Day
June	6	Professional Development Day – ½ day
June	19	Juneteenth Independence Day (<i>Observed June 20</i>)
June	27	Last Day of School – ½ day
June	29	Last Day of School with 5 Snow Days *

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

ADDITIONAL DATES

September	7	Rosh Hashanah
September	16	Yom Kippur
October	12	Cranberry Day
April	15	Good Friday

April	16	Passover
April	17	Easter
May	3	Eid al-Fitr

Approved by the AISC 5.13.21

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

September	3	Freshman Orientation
June	12	Graduation

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS GRADUATION DATES

Oak Bluffs-June 14; Tisbury-June 15; West Tisbury-June 16; Edgartown & Chilmark-June 17

PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS

Elementary Schools: Oct. 26; Nov. 1; Nov. 3 (**Early Dismissal for TIS K-8 & EDG, OB, WT 5-8; CH-No Early Dismissal**); Nov. 4 (**Early Dismissal for CH, EDG, OB, WT K-8; TIS-No Early Dismissal**); Spring Conf. TBD
MV Regional High School: November 15-18, 2021 - Early Dismissal

TISBURY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The 2021-22 school year began with renewed anticipation and excitement, given the challenging starts of the previous two school years. It was heartening to welcome children back on September 8, and resume many of the past practices and routines that we had missed. Remote and hybrid learning was necessary during the pandemic but the experience of having students and staff together, in classrooms, throughout the school, is how education works most effectively and best serves children.

As I write this report in December, I am hopeful that we will continue to recover and strengthen



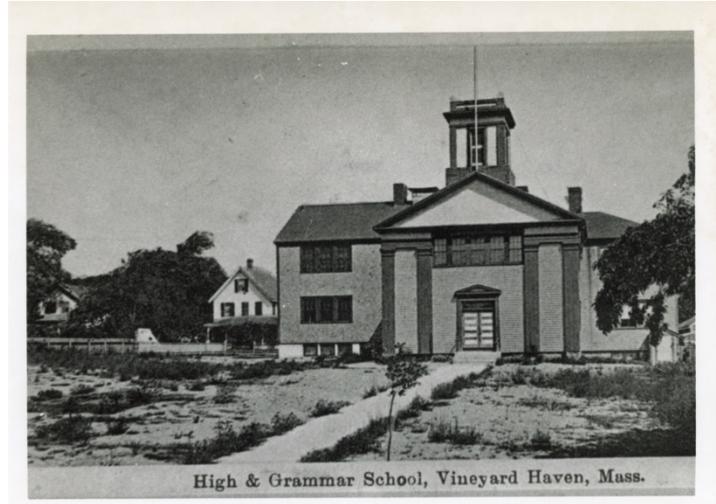
“School children marching down Church St. to their new school on William St. 1929”

as we look to make up for the disruption to education during the pandemic. Fortunately, well before the school year started, staff focused on efforts to ensure that students’ academic and social-emotional needs were closely monitored and supported. I have confidence that, over the long-term, students will achieve necessary progress and growth. Additionally, their experiences gave them opportunities to demonstrate resilience, flexibility, and creativity.

At this writing, the Tisbury School renovation and addition building project continues to evolve. Last June, voters strongly supported this project. I have stated my belief that there is no more important building in a town or community than its school. Therefore, I am pleased that our town is now embarking on a project to improve our school building and campus. Our professional team (owner’s project manager and architect) will be joined by a construction manager and then we will truly see the project take shape. This will include

the transition of students and staff into an interim/temporary school to allow for construction on

the existing building. While in the temporary school, it is important that opportunities for students are provided and supported to the best of our community's abilities. During this phase of the project, the school will be without many spaces and resources, and we will need to work together to ensure that our programs are as strong as possible. I look forward to what this amazing school project will proudly offer to children, families, and our community.



Sincere thanks are due to the many individuals, organizations, and departments that support our ongoing work. Especially this past year, with many new challenges, this assistance was appreciated. In particular, we are grateful for the support from all Town of Tisbury departments, boards, and offices; the Tisbury School Committee; the Tisbury School Parent-Teacher Organization; the MV Camp Meeting Association; the MV Agricultural Society; and American Legion Post #257.

As I shared at the 2021 Town Meeting, "We all are the Tisbury School." Ours is a wonderful school community and together we can make it stronger. Thank you for being a part of it.

Sincerely,

John Custer
Principal



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY	161
YEARS OF SERVICE	162

TISBURY MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

AMBULANCE- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 215 Spring Street	508-696-4214
ANIMAL CONTROL 66 High Point Lane - (Dog Pound)	508-696-4209
ASSESSORS 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4206
BUILDING/ZONING INSPECTOR 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4280
CONSERVATION 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	580-696-4260
COUNCIL ON AGING 34 Pine Tree Road	508-696-4205
COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER (Non-Emergency)	508-696-1212
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4220
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 215 Spring Street	508-696-4246
FINANCE DEPARTMENT 51 Spring Street (Town Hall)	508-696-4250
FIRE DEPARTMENT To Report A Fire	911
FIRE DEPARTMENT, 215 Spring Street (Office- Non-emergency)	508-696-4246
HARBORMASTER 19 Owen Park Way	508-696-4249
HEALTH DEPARTMENT 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4290
IT DEPARTMENT 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-684-8303
LIBRARY MAIN NUMBER 200 Main Street	508-696-4210
PLANNING BOARD 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4270
POLICE DEPARTMENT 31 Water Street	
To Report An Emergency	911
Headquarters	508-696-4240
RECREATION/PARKS 115 High Point Lane	508-696-4220
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 40 West William Street	508-696-6500
SELECTMEN 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4202
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT 19 Owen Park Way	508-696-4249
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4250
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4203
TOWN CLERK 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4215
TOWN ACCOUNTANT 51 Spring Street – (Town Hall)	508-696-4255
WATER DEPARTMENT 325 West Spring Street	508-696-4230
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 66 High Point Lane (Annex)	508-696-4260

NOTE: All Departments listed at 51 Spring Street are located in the Main Town Hall
 All Town Hall Annex Departments listed are now located at 66 High Point Lane

YEARS OF SERVICE

10 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Amy Ryan
Jennifer Rapuano
Brian Flanders
Ray Tattersall
Sean Duarte

John Minnehan
John Crocker
Catie Fuller Blake
Jakob Levett
Troy Maciel

Tracey Jones
Patrick Murphy
Brian Gibson
Audrey Tilton
Danielle Ewart

15 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Donald Fraser
Amy Maciel
David Lopes

Marie Ann Maciel
Scott Ogden
Jakob Levett

Alycelee Pigman
Chris Habekost
George Medeiros

20 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Laura Barbera
Rhonda DeBettencourt
Sandra Whitworth
Ken Maciel

Kim Serpa
Scott Norbury
Joanna Jernegan
Ann Marie Cywinski

Darren Welch
Hillary Conklin
Maura Valley
Jason Robinson

30 + YEARS OF SERVICE

Pat Harris
Glenn Pinkham

Joyce Stiles Tucker
Gary Sylvia

Suzanne Kennedy

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