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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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MassDOT Beach Road: I will be meeting with MassDOT concerning redirection of the Beach Road Outfall from Lagoon Pond to Vineyard Haven Harbor. I have been working with Marine Terminal Project proponents and MassDOT officials over the last few months and scheduled to review the preliminary design and feasibility concerning the new outfall on January 5, 2021. Lynch Brothers, the general contractor for the project has completed a series of required test pits in advance of excavation work. The drainage plan for the project will need to be revised to eliminate subsurface conflicts with other infrastructure water and sewer. This will potentially result in a new water main installation. I will be meeting on January 12, 2021 with the contractor and MassDOT officials to receive more definitive information.

FY 22 Budget: Deadline for submission of proposed fiscal year 22 budgets is January 14, 2021. The Selectmen should meet and submit any recommendations on the budget to the Finance and Advisory Committee. The Tisbury School Project will be the single largest budget request which will require a vote of Town Meeting and affirmative ballot vote. The Select Board and Finance and Advisory Committee are scheduled to have a joint meeting with the financial consultant on January 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Select Board Goals: I will issue your existing goals and projects to be reviewed at your next regularly scheduled meeting. You have accomplished an impressive list of projects. You have several ongoing initiatives. An important focus of the Select Board will be to support the Planning Board in finishing the long-awaited Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Tisbury. This planning process which is dependent upon funding approved by Town Meeting is a planning process of approximately 18 to 24-months long. In the same realm of long-term planning, the Select Board will be looking to MassDEP and Environmental Partners Group for technical assistance during the planning process for the Comprehensive Waste Management Plan. A work plan and schedule as revised will be submitted to the Select Board prior to your next regularly scheduled meeting in January 2021.

Select Board Calendar: I will be scheduling three meetings a month for the Select Board in calendar year 2021.

Climate Change: The Select Board heard a presentation on November 17, 2020 about the island-wide initiative on Climate Change from Meghan Gambos and Dan Doyle November 17, 2020, enclosed. The Martha's Vineyard Commission's Island-wide Climate Change Adaptation Master Plan Committee, along with the MVC is in the process of developing an Island-wide master plan to address the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, coastal erosion and flooding, heavier precipitation, wildfire, emergency planning, public health and economic impacts.

The planning in response to Climate Change is taking place statewide. At the state level the initiative is most recently published in the Resilient MA Action Team's (RMAT) Climate Resilience Design Standards & Guidelines project at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/resilient-ma-action-team-rmat>.

The Town of Tisbury has been in the forefront of planning in response to Climate Change. Tisbury has received three direct state grants from the state via the Municipal Vulnerability Program and Coastal Zone Management. Tisbury has also benefited from extensive planning studies by the Environmental Protection Agency. Tisbury looks to access funds from FEMA to improve our town's coastal resiliency.

Towns on the island and off island have formed Climate Change Committees to coordinate efforts at the local, state and regional level. We do not have a committee officially working on these issues. The recommendation is to have this committee work with the Planning Board if that is agreeable since this area of planning dovetails with the Comprehensive Master Plan. Otherwise, I would recommend that the Select Board establish the committee.

Respectfully Submitted

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