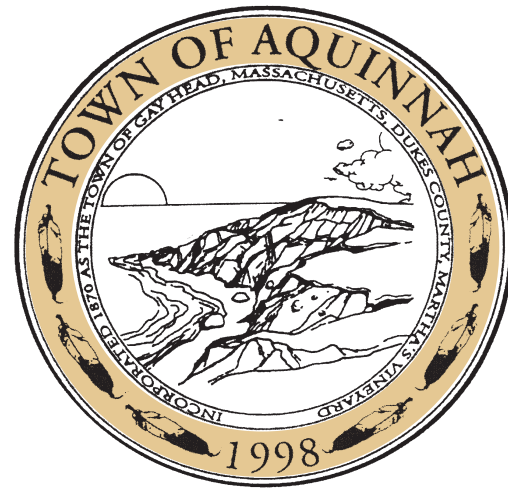


Town of Aquinnah



2021
Annual Report



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“We acknowledge that we are living in the land of the Wôpanâak (Wampanoag) people and Nation, who originate from this land, have cared for it for at least 12,000 years, and still celebrate it as home today. Although commonly referred to as Martha’s Vineyard, this Island has a much older name, a Wôpanâak name: Noëpe.

Through this acknowledgment, we wish to celebrate Wôpanâak culture, creativity, and perspective. We hope to honor Wôpanâak perseverance in the face of colonialism, invisibility, and cultural genocide. And we commit to restorative relationships and practices with the Wôpanâak people of Noëpe. After all, it is important to remember that no matter where you go in what is now the United States, you are always on indigenous land.”

—Brad Lopes,
Aquinnah Cultural Center
Program Director

Annual Financial Report
of the Town of
Aquinnah



For the Year Ending June 30

2021

with which is included the
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

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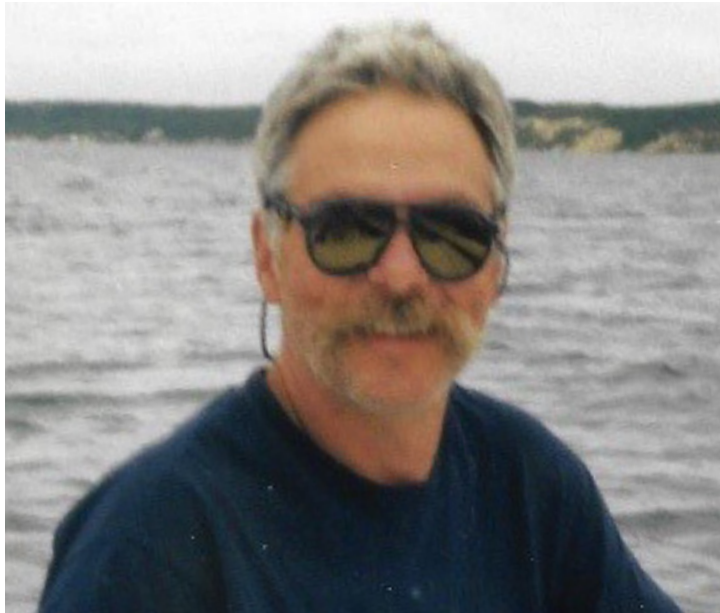
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Jerry A. Wiener
October 6, 1947 – June 15, 2021

We sadly say goodbye to Jerry's warm wit and creative spirit. He served as Aquinnah Building Inspector and on our Board of Health for many years. Thank you for your service Jerry. May you rest in Peace.



June D. Manning
March 26, 1946 – November 8, 2021

Dear June, we loved reading your column each week in the *Vineyard Gazette*. We are grateful for the records you kept over the years of who we are and how we are related. You will be greatly missed not only by Aquinnah, but the entire Island.



Dylan Fernandes

State Representative

Barnstable, Dukes
& Nantucket

Kaylea Moore

District Liaison

kaylea.moore@
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Dear Aquinnah 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 deepwater 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 6 bills. 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

Aquinnah Town Officers

Elected

	Term Expires
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Terms)	
Gary Haley	2022
Julianne Vanderhoop	2023
Thomas Murphy	2024
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Gabriella Camillieri	2023
MODERATOR	
Michael Hebert	2022
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Terms)	
Sarah Saltonstall	2023
Gerald Green	2022
Kathy Newman	2024
CONSTABLES	
Heidi Vanderhoop	2024
Roxanne Ackerman	2024
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Heidi Vanderhoop	2022
Marjorie Spitz	2023
Kathie Olsen	2024

	Term Expires
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION	
James Vercruysse	2022
SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE	
Roxanne Ackerman	2022
PLANNING BOARD	
Jo-Ann Eccher	2022 (3 years)
James Mahoney	2022 (3 years)
James Wallen, Chair	2023 (3 years)
James Newman	2022 (1 year)
Berta Welch	2024 (3 years)
MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION	
Sarah Thulin	2024

Appointments

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT	
All terms expire on June 30, 2023 except as noted	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
Robin Robinson	
ASSESSOR'S	
Harald SheidDavid Golden	Kayla Darcy
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	
Leonard Jason, Jr., <i>Building Inspector</i>	
Carolyn Feltz, <i>Building Inspector Assistant</i>	
Gary Haley, <i>Electrical Inspector</i>	
Ron Ferriera, <i>Gas Inspector & Plumbing Inspector</i>	
Simon Bollin, <i>Smoke/Oil Burner Inspector</i>	

BOARD OF APPEALS

Peter Ives
James Vercruysse

Jay Theise
Kathy Newman, *Alternate*

BOARD OF HEALTH ASSISTANT

Karen Columbo

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mallory Butler
Kathie Olsen

Carolyn Feltz
Marjorie Spitz

Gabriella Camillieri

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Bill Lake

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Eleanor Hebert
Stefanie Hect

Fulton Malonson

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Derrill Bazy
Marshall Lee

Beth Green
Mary Elizabeth Pratt

Kathy Newman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kathy Newman
Sibel Suman

Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Sarah Thulin

Steve Yaffee

PUBLIC WORKS

Jay Smalley, *Director*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Forrest Filler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Allen Rugg, *Chair*
Mark Foster

Howard Goldstein
Jim Newman, *Alternate*

FIRE CHIEF

Simon Bollin

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Michael Hebert, *Chair*
Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Sophia Welch

Rudy Sanfilippo
Vera Dello Russo
Adam Gross, *Alternate*

LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

James Newman, *Selectman*
Mary Elizabeth Pratt, *Conservation Commission*
Peter Temple, *Planning Board*
Durwood Vanderhoop, *Health*

LIGHTHOUSE ADVISORY BOARD

Leonard Butler
James Pickman

Thomas Murphy
Richard Skidmore

Bettina Washington

LIBRARY

Rosa Parker, *Acting Director* Vera Dello Russo, *Assistant*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

June Manning
Kathy Newman

Paul Manning
Alexandra Taylor

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rhandi Belain, *Chief of Police* Paul G. Manning, *Sergeant*
Steven M. Mathias David Murphy

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Bret Stearns Christopher Manning
Bradley Fielder Cory Medeiros

SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

Ed Belain James Sanfilippo
Hollis Smith Brian Vanderhoop
William D. Vanderhoop, Jr.

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE/HARBORMASTER

Brian Vanderhoop, *Shellfish Warden/Harbormaster*
Hollis Smith, *Deputy Constable*
William D. Vanderhoop, Jr., *Deputy Constable*

TAX COLLECTOR

Wenonah Madison, *Tax Collector*
Maria McFarland, *Special Assistant to Tax Collector*

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Emily Day, *Accountant*
Millicent Smalley, *Assistant to Accountant*

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeffrey Madison

TOWN COUNSEL

Ronald Rappaport, Esq.

TREASURER

Sibel Suman

Appointments

REGIONAL OFFICERS DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

James Newman

DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Rudy Sanfilippo

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

June Manning

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Penny Weinstein Berta Welch
Duncan Caldwell

MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

June Manning

MARTHA'S VINEYARD T.V. ADVISORY BOARD

Open

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL & RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT

James Glavin Megan Ottens-Sargent

SELECT BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

Kathy Newman (2022)

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

James Newman

UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

Jean Lince Kathie Olsen

Report of the Town Accountant

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP JUNE 30, 2021

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS		
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 942,007	\$ 931,823	\$ 9,461	\$ 85,528	\$ -	\$	\$ 1,968,819
RECEIVABLES:							
PROPERTY TAXES	871,202	-	-	-	-	-	871,202
TAX LIENS	730,248	-	-	-	-	-	730,248
MOTOR VEHICLE & OTHER EXCISE TAX	80,840	-	-	-	-	-	80,840
DEPARTMENTAL	-	35,238	-	-	-	-	35,238
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER ASSETS	12,774	-	-	-	-	-	12,774
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS:							
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 2,637,071	\$ 967,061	\$ 670,000	\$ 85,528	\$ 54,030	\$	\$ 724,030
							\$ 4,423,151

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ -
OTHER LIABILITIES	6,185	-	-	(81,221)	-	-	(75,036)
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,611,173	35,238	-	-	-	-	1,646,411
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	83,891	-	-	-	-	-	83,891
NOTES PAYABLE	-	-	670,000	-	-	-	670,000
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	54,030	-	54,030
BONDS PAYABLE	-	180,000.00	-	-	-	-	180,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,701,249	215,238	670,000	(81,221)	54,030		2,559,297
FUND EQUITY:							
FUND BALANCES:							
TRUST FUNDS - NONSPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVED FOR CONTINUING ARTICLES	414,076	-	-	-	-	-	414,076
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DESIGNATED	-	751,823	9,461	166,749	-	-	928,033
UNDESIGNATED	521,745	-	-	-	-	-	521,745
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	935,822	751,823	9,461	166,749	-	-	1,863,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 2,637,071	\$ 967,061	\$ 679,461	\$ 85,528	\$ 54,030	\$	\$ 4,423,151

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

REVENUES:

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		HIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	EXPENDABLE TRUST	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES,				
NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$4,824,202	\$-	\$-	\$4,824,202
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	130,668	-	130,668
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	69,769	-	-	69,769
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	100,636	-	-	100,636
PENALTIES & INTEREST	39,241	-	-	39,241
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	251,373	13,100	-	264,473
INVESTMENT INCOME	2,340	14,246	10,339	26,925
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	-	25,249	-	25,249
DEPARTMENTAL & OTHER INCOME	160,620	202,370	-	362,990
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,448,181</u>	<u>385,633</u>	<u>10,339</u>	<u>5,844,153</u>

EXPENDITURES:

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		HIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	EXPENDABLE TRUST	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
CURRENT:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,100,025	-	-	1,118,068
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,294,534	18,043	-	1,294,534
EDUCATION	1,812,037	-	-	1,812,037
PUBLIC WORKS	242,590	-	-	242,590
HUMAN SERVICES	180,503	-	-	180,503
CULTURE & RECREATION	237,234	195,371	-	432,605
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	522,775	-	-	522,775
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	48,883	-	-	48,883
DEBT SERVICE				
PRINCIPAL	80,000	84,000	-	164,000
INTEREST	8,855	6,507	-	15,362
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,527,437</u>	<u>303,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,831,358</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(79,256)	81,712	10,339	12,795
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
BOND PROCEEDS				
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN/OUT	85,000	54,000	-	54,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>85,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>(85,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	5,744	135,712	(74,661)	66,795
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	930,077	616,111	241,410	1,797,059
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$935,821</u>	<u>\$751,823</u>	<u>\$166,749</u>	<u>\$1,863,854</u>

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT YEAR INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:							
PROPERTY TAXES	\$-	\$5,146,432	\$5,146,432	\$5,146,432	\$4,824,202	\$-	\$ (322,230)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	7,000	7,000	7,000	-	-	(7,000)
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	69,769	-	19,769
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	7,500	7,500	7,500	-	-	(7,500)
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	100,636	-	90,636
PENALTIES & INTEREST	-	44,500	44,500	44,500	39,241	-	(5,259)
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,340	-	(160)
DEPARTMENTAL	-	288,500	288,500	288,500	411,993	-	123,493
TOTAL REVENUES	-	5,566,432	5,566,432	5,566,432	5,443,181	-	(108,251)
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	187,875	850,070	1,046,745	1,381,474	1,100,025	228,417	53,032
PUBLIC SAFETY	74,211	1,311,778	1,385,989	1,374,725	1,294,534	58,286	21,905
EDUCATION	31,320	1,853,458	1,884,778	1,911,319	1,812,037	48,359	50,923
PUBLIC WORKS	19,990	228,637	248,627	244,847	242,590	19,990	(17,733)
HUMAN SERVICES	570	189,932	190,502	194,927	180,503	570	13,854
CULTURE & RECREATION	48,341	229,857	278,198	278,198	347,397	55,614	54,549
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	520,616	520,616	532,204	522,775	-	9,429
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	-	-	48,883	-	(48,883)
DEBT SERVICE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL	-	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	-	-
INTEREST	-	8,855	8,855	8,855	8,855	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	362,307	5,273,203	5,644,310	6,075,749	5,527,437	411,236	137,076

	PRIOR YEAR CARRY-FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT YEAR INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR CARRY-FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(362,307)	283,229	(87,878)	(519,317)	(79,256)	(411,236)	28,825
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
BOND PROCEEDS	-	54,000	54,000	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-	(85,000)	(85,000)	(85,000)	(85,000)	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	54,000	54,000	-	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$(362,307)	\$337,229	\$(33,878)	\$(519,317)	\$(79,256)	\$(411,236)	\$28,825

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021																	
BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES				FY21 INITIAL BUDGET	FY21 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21		FY20		FY19		FY18		FY17	
	BUDGET		EXPENSES					EXPENSES		EXPENSES		EXPENSES		EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>																	
<u>PERSONNEL SERVICES</u>																	
SELECTMEN	16,708		\$16,708		\$17,116					16,367		15,892		15,428		14,531	
ADMINISTRATOR	109,098		109,098		111,154					106,330		112,293		94,070		92,366	
ACCOUNTANT - SALARY	42,459		42,459		42,884					41,375		39,234		37,950		36,739	
ACCOUNTANT - CLERK	14,476		14,476		14,476					12,933		13,379		11,027		9,086	
ASSESSORS					-					9,244		66,599		61,936		66,422	
ASSESSORS - LONGEVITY			-		-					-		1,332		1,293		1,177	
TREASURER	60,025		60,025		60,025					57,916		55,483		52,580		41,704	
TAX COLLECTOR	46,499		46,499		46,499					44,465		43,040		38,355		34,645	
TOWN CLERK	36,635		36,635		36,635					27,086		25,393		38,987		22,879	
BOARD OF REGISTRAR	3,000		3,000		3,993					1,257		3,000		563		2,685	
PLANNING BOARD	34,027		34,027		34,027					30,254		28,159		397		15,696	
BUILDING & GROUNDS - RENTAL MGT	1,500		1,500		3,334					1,760		31,500		932		863	

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		FY21 INITIAL BUDGET	FY21 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL
EXPENSES										
GEN TOWN - TELEPHONE	13,000		13,000		21,413	21,413	15,793	17,111	13,569	11,409
GEN TOWN - ADVERTISING	8,000		8,000		8,124	8,124	6,400	16,377	8,622	9,646
GEN TOWN - POSTAGE	2,500		2,500		2,500	2,500	2,245	1,511	1,772	2,245
GEN TOWN - SUPPLIES	4,500		4,500		6,149	6,149	6,834	6,674	5,973	2,847
MODERATOR - EXPENSES	180		180		180	20	-	-	-	-
SELECTMEN - EXPENSES	3,150		3,150		4,754	4,754	3,730	5,708	5,708	4,102
SELECTMEN - CEREMONIAL USE	180		180		180	-	38	120	120	35
SELECTMEN - CONSULTANT FEES	6,360		6,360		6,360	699	6,842	6,360	6,360	7,253
ADMINISTRATOR - EXPENSES	4,200		4,200		4,200	1,875	1,809	4,200	-	-
FINANCE COMMITTEE - RESERVE FUND	26,000		26,000		15,616	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCE COMMITTEE - EXPENSES	100		100		100	85	-	-	-	81
AUDIT	17,000		17,000		17,000	-	-	-	-	-
ACCOUNTANT - EXPENSES	1,500		1,500		1,500	873	1,413	1,500	224	50
ASSESSORS - EXPENSES	40,000		40,000		51,137	51,110	46,978	5,000	4,108	4,963
TREASURER - EXPENSES	2,450		2,450		20,261	20,261	5,542	2,450	2,450	2,875
TAX COLLECTOR	4,960		4,960		4,960	3,709	3,708	4,960	4,960	6,025
TOWN COUNSEL	90,000		90,000		44,246	44,246	126,451	103,872	75,725	74,209
DATA PROCESSING	60,000		60,000		76,072	71,809	65,795	64,991	55,028	48,465
TOWN CLERK - EXPENSES	1,500		1,500		1,500	1,500	1,485	1,065	668	78
GENERAL INSURANCE	75,624		75,624		71,316	70,816	74,129	74,890	75,097	75,097
TOWN REPORT	7,500		7,500		9,774	9,774	-	6,265	7,565	6,205
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	200		200		200	93	91	87	87	85
PLANNING BOARD	4,750		4,750		1,200	900	1,050	-	-	100
BOARD OF APPEALS	100		100		100	-	-	-	-	-
NY COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT	45,177		45,177		45,177	45,026	39,955	38,438	37,776	42,207
NY COMMISSION - TRAVEL	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER	18,200		27,000		55,637	55,637	-	6,000	6,000	-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - UNIT RENTAL	1,512		1,512		775	775	775	1,496	1,512	-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - BLDGS & GROUNDS	27,000		27,000		21,301	21,301	7,751	9,791	7,200	33,025
UTILITIES	20,000		20,000		33,135	33,135	33,286	20,563	18,861	11,297
ARTICLES	187,875	-	187,875		486,464	258,047	69,892	112,579	85,711	110,914
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	850,070		1,046,745		1,381,474	\$1,100,025	870,979	917,311	778,378	791,503

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		FY21 INITIAL BUDGET	FY21 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL
PUBLIC SAFETY										
PERSONNEL SERVICES										
POLICE - CHIEF	141,128		141,128	141,128	141,128	141,128	142,209	125,322	111,241	104,630
POLICE - WAGES	486,232		486,232	443,223	443,223	443,223	448,515	416,049	412,685	341,888
POLICE - LONGEVITY	13,538		13,538	13,538	13,538	6,860	6,756	10,365	6,001	7,568
FIRE - CHIEF - PAY	40,000		40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	25,000	14,000
FIRE - PAY	34,000		34,000	34,000	34,000	33,350	28,000	29,000	24,170	25,685
EMERGENCY MGT	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	500	1,000	951	951	951
DOG OFFICER	6,000		6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,700	8,700	8,288
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE -	46,559		46,559	46,559	43,647	43,647	44,044	41,637	40,269	38,117
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE - LONGEVITY	1,802		1,802	1,802	1,838	1,838	1,756	1,665	1,616	1,178
BUILDING INSPECTOR - PAY	10,000		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,556	10,556	4,718
BUILDING INSPECTOR - CLERK	1,000		1,000	2,080	2,080	2,080	-	1,440	1,440	488
EXPENSES										
POLICE - EXPENSES	47,325		47,325	47,325	47,234	47,234	45,403	40,997	39,459	39,459
FIRE - EXPENSE	43,600		43,600	43,600	37,638	37,638	39,104	42,693	41,201	37,901
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE	385,519		385,519	385,519	385,519	385,519	371,290	363,691	277,734	263,152
EMERGENCY MGT - EXPENSE	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	320	320	320	320	320
DOG OFFICER - EXPENSES	1,200		1,200	1,391	1,391	1,391	596	-	642	968
NW SHELLFISH GROUP -	38,000		38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	37,000	37,000
SHELLFISH/HARBORMASTER -	12,875		12,875	12,875	9,402	9,402	14,286	14,375	10,707	12,448
BUILDING INSPECTOR -	1,000		1,000	1,000	4	4	-	916	320	320
ARTICLES	74,211	-	74,211	104,685	46,399	46,399	10,284	29,945	49,134	32,892
PUBLIC SAFETY										
			1,311,778	1,385,989	1,374,725	\$1,294,534	1,247,563	1,206,622	1,099,146	971,971
EDUCATION										
EXPENSES										
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	1,500,940		1,500,940	1,500,940	1,450,017	1,450,017	1,618,204	1,422,613	1,078,660	974,700
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	352,518		352,518	352,518	352,518	352,518	336,999	295,431	315,394	283,629
ARTICLES	31,320	-	31,320	57,861	9,502	9,502	39,537	20,121	20,121	15,758
EDUCATION										
			1,853,458	1,884,778	1,911,319	\$1,812,037	1,994,740	1,738,165	1,414,174	1,274,087

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		FY21 INITIAL BUDGET	FY21 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>										
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>										
HIGHWAY WAGES		56,199	56,199	56,199	56,199	56,199	57,808	55,894	55,042	41,371
HIGHWAY DIRECTOR		92,081	92,081	92,081	93,002	93,002	90,648	85,632	82,616	78,193
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		15,798	15,798	15,798	15,798	13,780	14,766	12,968	24,097	23,528
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME WAGES		10,759	10,759	10,759	10,759	33,680	21,363	26,122	47,776	36,743
<u>EXPENSES</u>										
HIGHWAY		23,800	23,800	23,800	23,800	22,545	26,795	32,715	11,500	17,000
PUBLIC WORKS -		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		-	-	-	-	-	22,772	30,563	27,000	26,550
CEMETERY		2,000	2,000	2,000	5,400	5,400	4,800	1,400	1,400	2,000
GAS & OIL		25,000	25,000	25,000	16,899	16,899	27,202	36,683	27,342	25,000
FERRY TRAVEL		3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,086	2,401	3,141	2,576	3,000
ARTICLES	19,990		19,990	19,990	19,990	-	17,205	16,180	13,000	46,125
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>	19,990	228,637	248,627	244,847	\$242,590	285,760	301,298	297,349	304,510	

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		FY21 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
LANDFILL	21,204	21,204	21,204	21,204	19,308	18,932	18,112	17,539	17,847
BOARD OF HEALTH	23,969	23,969	23,969	23,969	23,940	22,673	24,957	20,559	22,226
BOARD OF HEALTH - INSPECTOR	3,100	3,100	3,100	700	700	2,140	1,080	1,935	1,350
HOMESITE	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	442	224	341	341	570
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
LANDFILL - DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	23,589	23,589	25,700	25,700	25,700	23,586	22,987	21,743	22,312
LANDFILL	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	33,574	26,782	32,554	31,617	25,457
BOARD OF HEALTH - NURSING SERVICES	6,700	6,700	9,014	9,014	9,014	1,485	5,449	5,176	2,402
BOARD OF HEALTH - EXPENSES	5,803	5,803	5,803	5,803	5,803	3,186	3,346	3,419	1,864
BOARD OF HEALTH - SOCIAL SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COUNCIL ON AGING - ISLAND SERVICES	51,234	51,234	51,234	51,234	50,938	52,224	52,171	51,936	46,306
COUNCIL ON AGING - UP ISLAND SERVICES	11,083	11,083	11,083	11,083	11,083	9,811	8,303	9,940	10,279
D.C. HOUSING AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT	250	250	250	250	-	-	-	-	100
HOMESITE									
ARTICLES	570	570	570	570	-	-	-	-	2,687
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>									
	570	189,932	190,502	194,927	\$180,503	161,043	169,300	164,205	153,400

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY21		FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20		FY19		FY18		FY17	
		INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET			EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL		
CULTURE & RECREATION													
PERSONAL SERVICES													
LIBRARY - SALARY		48,572	48,572	48,572	31,637	47,307	45,081	41,984	40,612				
LIBRARY - WAGES		59,728	59,728	59,728	56,065	45,545	43,124	50,218	44,916				
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES		67,161	67,161	67,161	47,602	97,298	102,572	55,000	52,242				
EXPENSES													
LIBRARY		49,896	49,896	43,260	31,637	41,217	45,982	44,193	39,565				
ARTS/CULTURE		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,624				
PARK & RECREATION		-	-	-	-	33,000	23,338	8,000	5,495				
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS		3,000	3,000	3,000	232	1,500	32,607	824	43,081				
ARTICLES	48,341		48,341	124,176	68,562	57,274	103,664	66,243	43,704				
CULTURE & RECREATION													
		229,857	278,198	347,397	\$237,234	324,641	397,868	267,962	271,239				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS													
PENSION		202,975	202,975	202,975	202,555	190,910	182,519	173,828	145,351				
WORKMENS COMPENSATION		5,928	5,928	15,289	15,289	15,300	15,870	10,538	4,380				
UNEMPLOYMENT		12,474	12,474	14,701	14,701	8,006	3,749	1,332	7,103				
HEALTH INSURANCE		278,230	278,230	278,230	269,245	266,072	263,216	244,290	261,091				
MEDICARE		21,009	21,009	21,009	20,985	20,663	21,320	18,830	16,269				
ARTICLES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS													
		520,616	520,616	532,204	\$522,775	500,951	486,674	448,818	434,194				

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY21 INITIAL BUDGET	FY21 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY21 FINAL BUDGET	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY17 EXPENSES ACTUAL
DEBT SERVICE									
PRINCIPAL		80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	40,000	35,000
INTEREST - LONG TERM		8,855	8,855	8,855	8,855	15,229	4,751	3,079	3,657
INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE									
	-	88,855	88,855	88,855	88,855	95,229	84,751	43,079	38,657
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS									
COUNTY TAX		-	-	-	33,667	32,514	37,416	56,940	55,000
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RTA		-	-	-	15,216	18,246	19,852	28,161	33,120
NON-RENEWAL EXCISE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS									
	-	-	0	0	\$48,883	50,760	57,268	85,101	88,120
TOTAL EXPENSES									
	\$362,307	\$5,273,203	\$5,644,310	\$6,075,749	\$5,527,437	\$5,531,666	\$5,359,257	\$4,598,212	\$4,327,681

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES</u>
	<u>NON- EXPENDABLE TRUST</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:	
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>-</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	<u>-</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>18,832</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 18,832</u></u>

FY21 Report of the Treasurer

JUNE 30, 2021

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

DEBT:

With no new debt issued in FY21 we retired \$164,000.00 in principal and paid \$15,361.87 in interest.

We ended the fiscal year with a total debt balance of \$740,000.00:

\$300,000.00 Town Fire truck

\$150,000.00 Town Share Mortgage on 9 Aquinnah Circle

\$290,000.00 CPC Share Mortgage & Projects

FY21 REVENUE

Beach Parking, and Philbin Permit sales	\$251,373.00
State Mandated Short-Term Rental Tax	\$91,378.94
Rooms Tax	\$9,257.45
Impact Aid (BIA) for UIRSD	\$15,114.00
Homestead Event Rentals	\$14,000.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

SIBEL SUMAN,
Treasurer & Benefits Administrator

FY21 REVENUES TOTALS

**TREASURER RECEIPTS RECEIVED IN FY21
(July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)**

TAX TITLE	14659.01
TAX TITLE CPA	186.86
INTEREST & PENALTIES—CPA TAX TITLE	38.23
INTEREST & PENALTIES—TAX TITLE	1519.44
CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION/TAKING COURT FEES	420
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	1500
LDO (LANDFILL-DROP OFF) FEES	44618
PARKING LOT	218283
PHILBIN BEACH PERMITS	33090
BILLED POLICE WAGES	207.99
GHL TOURS FY21 TOURS CANCELLED	0
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND	2670.67
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND—EVENTS	236.72
GHLH WEDDINGS/PRIVATE TOURS	5700
IMPACT AID (BIA) FOR UIRSD	15114
BUSINESS LICENSE	40
BUILDING PERMITS	10508.15
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	25
DEMOLITION PERMIT	1000
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	1680
FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMITS	750
GAS PERMITS	1665
PLUMBING PERMITS	260
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS	7405
FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS	1180
GAS INSPECTIONS	3830
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	685

LIBRARY GIFTS	8782.02
POLICE DETAILS	70490.5
POLICE FEES (DETAILS)	6549.5
POLICE GIFT DONATION	1000
FIREARMS PERMITS—TOWN SHARE	175
FIREARMS PERMITS—STATE SHARE	525
COPIES/FAXES/POSTAGE (XEROXING)	63.7
LIGHT HOUSE FEES/RENTALS	5700
MENEMSHA LOT LEASES FY21 Not Collected	0
CLIFF LOT LEASES FY21 Not Collected	0
CLIFF LOT LEASES-TRIBE FY21 Not Collected	0
LIQUER LICENSE FEE	350
VICTUALERS PERMIT	1125
TRIBAL HOUSING-IN LIEU OF TAXES	0
TRIBE-PUBLIC SAFETY	0
HOMESTEAD SPECIAL EVENT LEASE	14000
DOG LICENSES-TOWN CLERK	411
GIFT FOR COVID TEST KITS	1042
CLERK MARRIAGE/BIRTH/DEATH CERT FEES	235
CONSERVATION COMM. FEES	1617.5
PLANNING BOARD FEES	9538.4
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS	350
FIRE DEPT GIFT DONATION	1000
SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMITS	3200
SEPTIC PERMIT	125
NITE SOIL PERMITS	1100
WELL PERMITS	100
TRASH HAULERS PERMIT	100
SEPTIC HAULERS PERMIT	375
COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH PERMITS	100

COMMERCIAL SCALLOP PERMITS	400
STATE MISC REVENUE COVID MEMA TEST KIT PROGRAM	61658.5
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	1060
SKIFF PERMITS	4040
MOORING PERMITS	23600
RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS	13608.57
GENERAL MISC NON RECURRING	1693.5
PARKS & REC DONATION (Gay Head Tax Payer Association)	10000
PARKING TICKETS	18797.36
COURT FINES	40
BY-LAW FINE—HUNTING W/O WRITTEN PERMISSION	50
STATE MISC REVENUE-GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT	31632.5
PRIOR YEAR REFUND—OTHER NON RECURRING	110
PRIOR YEAR REFUND—NON-RECURRING	8225.2
COVID GRANT FOR ELECTIONS CLERKS OFFICE	5000
COMCAST LICENSE FEES	361
REFUND OVERPAYMENT- NON RECURRING	54.98
VENDOR WEB MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL	7500
VENDOR WEB—DEP/ENV CIRCLE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT	70200
VENDOR WEB—CMVI (SPEEDING TICKETS)	1107.5
VENDOR WEB—VETERANS SERVICES	29
VENDOR WEB—ROOMS TAX	9257.45
VENDOR WEB—CPA STATE MATCH	136241
VENDOR WEB—POLLING HOURS FOR SENATE SPECIAL	630
VENDOR WEB—LIBRARY AID	2609.79
VENDOR WEB- SHORT TERM RENTAL TAX	91378.94

VENDOR WEB- DEP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	19.4
INTEREST EARNED-PHILBIN SCHOLARSHIP	590.28
INTEREST EARNED-CONSERVATION	595.54
INTEREST EARNED-DHCD PILOT PLANNING	0.03
INTEREST EARNED-SEPTIC LOAN	14.17
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION	7030.2
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION—B&G	317.53
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2400.99
INTEREST EARNED-CPA	9781.5
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	2339.94
INTEREST EARNED-GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	59.45
SOLAR LEASE	309
INSURANCE CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT— UNDER \$20,000	11431.46
SEC SECRETARY OF STATE CARES ACT POSTAGE REIMB	99.61
GIFT FOR NEW SIGN AT CLIFFS	1500
RECEIPT TOTALS	1,031,101.08

TREASURER RECONCILIATION JUNE 30, 2021

DESCRIPTION	FY21				ENDING BALANCE 06/30/21
	BEGINNING BALANCE 06/01/21	JUNE RECEIPTS	JUNE WARRANTS	TRANSFERS IN	OUT
GENERAL	834146.99	144706.47	58.23	14886.16	284647.33
PAYROLL	5985.62	1.76	132740.02	132740.02	709,034.06
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	238710.48	31.02			5,987.38
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	20327.26	2.01			223,855.34
VENDOR CHECKING	427645.76	1.49	230,749.24	177354.5	20,329.27
CONSOLIDATED	69782.61	2.08			381,503.58
ONLINE COLLECTIONS	103507.37	2.57			69,784.69
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	323207.47	963.74	157.08		78,062.75
STABILIZATION	247471.17	737.91	120.28		324,014.13
STABILIZATION-BLDG & GROUNDS	11183.33	33.33	5.43		248,088.80
HOUSING	517.77	1.56	0.25		11,211.23
STABILIZATION-CAPITAL	84517.15	252.01	41.08		519.08
CONSOLIDATED TRUST ACCOUNT	41741.93	124.46	20.29		84,728.08
TOTAL	2408744.91	146860.41	363891.9	324980.68	41,846.10
				324980.68	2,198,964.49

Report of the Tax Collector

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

FY '06			Collected	
Motor Vehicle			\$53.23	
Interest/Fees			\$94.10	
FY '07			Collected	
Motor Vehicle			\$10.00	
Interest/Fees			\$26.70	
FY '10			Collected	
Motor Vehicle			\$82.50	
Interest/Fees			\$119.57	
FY '11			Collected	
Motor Vehicle			\$97.92	
Interest/Fees			\$120.02	
FY '12			Collected	
Motor Vehicle			\$96.25	
Interest/Fees			\$114.12	
FY '13			Collected	
Motor Vehicle			\$92.50	
Interest/Fees			\$94.14	

FY '14			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$216.56
Personal Property			\$26.24
Interest/Fees			\$204.57
FY '15			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$396.77
Interest/Fees			\$307.61
FY '16			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$346.46
Interest/Fees			\$332.44
FY '17			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$2,004.27
Personal Property			\$27.15
Real Estate			\$1,750.65
CPA			\$36.02
Interest/Fees			\$2,248.49
FY '18			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$2,421.93
Personal Property			\$95.95
Real Estate			\$1,336.02
CPA			\$23.64
Interest/Fees			\$1,633.18
FY '19			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$2,826.67
Real Estate			\$26,693.61
CPA			\$704.90
Interest/Fees			\$6,831.09

FY '20			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$21,253.22
Personal Property			\$829.30
Real Estate			\$186,914.46
CPA			\$4,844.01
Interest/Fees			\$21,418.66
FY '21			Collected
Motor Vehicle			\$40,274.17
Personal Property			\$52,662.54
Real Estate			\$4,583,063.98
CPA			\$125,676.12
Interest/Fees			\$7,685.50
Total Motor Vehicle Collected			\$70,172.45
Total Personal Property Collected			\$53,641.18
Total Real Estate Collected			\$4,799,758.72
Total CPA Collected			\$131,284.69
Total Interest/Fees Collected			\$41,230.19
Total Collected			\$5,096,087.23

Respectfully submitted,

WENONAH MADISON,
Tax Collector

Report of the Board of Assessors

To the Board of Selectmen
and Town Residents,

Our office is committed to maintaining tax assessments that are fair and equitable. Property valuations are adjusted annually to reflect changes transpiring in the real estate market. Each year's assessments are reviewed by the Board of Assessors and approved by the Department of Revenue - Bureau of Local Assessment. A full audit of Aquinnah's assessments and assessment practices is completed by the DOR once every five years.

Our office contracts with Regional Resource Group, Inc. to provide our assessment staff. RRG is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office which includes responding to taxpayers' questions and abatement requests. In FY21, eight (8) abatements were approved, totaling \$14,308.52 in tax dollars. Additional responsibilities include conducting property inspections, maintaining our assessment database, completing annual revaluations, submitting DOR reports, and setting the Town's tax rate.

RRG also provides taxpayer assistance through their help desk. A link to a live assistant can be found on the Aquinnah Assessors' webpage. Using your home computer or smartphone the encounter begins as a chat session. Options for voice and even video (facetime) sessions are possible. For those not having access to a computer and the internet there is a computer workstation located in the lobby of townhall. The help desk is open to taxpayers between 9am and 3pm (EST) Monday thru Friday.

All businesses and second homeowners are reminded that they are required to file a Form of List (personal property declaration) with the Board of Assessors on or before March 1st of each year. All

taxable tangible personal property is to be listed on the form. Forms are available for download from our office website.

The Board would like to remind senior homeowners that they may apply for an exemption if they meet certain criteria. Eligibility includes meeting age, ownership, residency, income, and asset requirements. There are also exemptions for eligible veterans, surviving spouses, and the legally blind. You may contact the Assessors office for more information through our remote help desk accessible on our webpage. Applications can be found on our office's webpage.

We invite the public requiring property information to access our Geographic Information System (GIS). The easy-to-use site can be found at www.axisgis.com/aquinnama.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOWARD GOLDSTEIN, Member
KAYLA MANNING, Member
HARALD SCHEID, Assessor (RRG)
Aquinnah Board of Assessors and Staff

Regional Resource Group staff assigned to Aquinnah
David Golden, *Associate Regional Tax Assessor & Chapter Land Specialist*
Sherri DiPasquale, *Administrative Assessor*
David Manzello, *Mass Appraisal Services*
Genny Daniels, *Personal Property Specialist*

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Fiscal 2022 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	97.6537%	838,073,038	6.27	5,254,717.95
Open Space	0.0000%	-0-	6.27	-0-
Commercial	1.1756%	10,089,428	6.27	63,260.71
Industrial	0.0116%	100,000	6.27	627.00
Personal Property	1.1591%	9,947,132	6.27	62,368.52
TOTALS	100.0000%	858,209,598	6.27	5,380,974.18

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Total Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy	Change (%)
2022	6.27	858,209,598	1,086	5,380,974.18	4.5635
2021	6.39	805,340,921	1,113	5,146,128.48	0.8018
2020	6.81	749,661,496	1,128	5,105,194.79	11.8501
2019	6.12	745,803,644	1,197	4,564,318.30	11.0768
2018	5.48	749,845,892	1,225	4,109,155.49	5.5596

Fiscal Year 2022 Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code/Description	Accts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
012 – 043 Mixed Use Properties	3	3,870,400	1,290,100
101 Residential Single Family	400	635,766,466	1,589,400
102 Residential Condominiums	4	2,293,200	573,300
104 Residential Two Family	0	0	0
105 Residential Three Family	0	0	0

Miscellaneous Residential	25	74,109,000	2,964,400
111 – 125 Apartments	1	1,499,800	1,499,800
130 – 132, 106 Vacant Land	320	122,807,900	383,800
300 – 393 Commercial	18	7,346,900	408,200
400 – 442 Industrial	0	0	0
450 – 452 Electric Generation Plants	1	100,000	100,000
501 – 508 Personal Property	312	9,856,183	31,600
550 – 552 Electric Generation Plant Personal Property	1	90,949	90,949
600 – 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	1	468,800	468,800
TOTALS	1,086	858,209,598	

Assessor's Account for Exemptions and Abatements

Description	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
Assessor's Overlay	26,851.85	22,401.79	25,409.30	22,712.58
Overlay Deficits	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Charges to 6/30/2022	14,830.51	17,575.35	14,482.45	20,461.79
Potential Liability	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Amount Released	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

New Growth Revenue

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Prior Tax Rate	New Revenues	Change (%)
2022	1,004,513	6.39	\$6419	-43.39
2021	1,665,059	6.81	\$11,339	-49.28
2020	4,065,195	6.12	\$24,879	-5.66
2019	5,374,381	5.48	\$29,452	0.24
2018	5,323,042	5.50	\$29,276	24.61

Report of the Town Clerk

Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parent's Name</u>
Nov. 28	Calum McQueen Hart	Laura Jennifer Hart Samuel Allen Hart
April 3	Ahsun Coby Spears Vanderhoop	Jamie Spears Vanderhoop Durwood Vanderhoop
Oct. 10	Nadine Pascha Slate	Stacey Slate

Marriages Registered in Aquinnah

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Feb. 22	Jennifer Sara Young	47	Gladwyne, PA
	Hal Janoff	52	Haverford, PA
June 25	Sandra Anne Lofaro	28	Baltimore, MD
	Brian Michael Miles	36	Baltimore, MD
July 17	Jessica Scarlett Mulligan	29	Silver Spring, MD
	Thomas Cummings Hatcher	33	Silver Spring, MD
Aug. 28	Lauren Ashley Steward	28	New York, NY
	Christopher Javier Gonzalez	28	New York, NY
Sept. 18	Lauren Elizabeth Carroll	31	Amherst, NH
	David Benjamin Brown	38	Amherst, NH
Sept. 18	Jillian Ashley Palmer	30	Melrose, MA
	Craig Matthew Weisman	31	Melrose, MA

Deaths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Jan 22	Joan Carol Gentry Patadal	70
Feb. 14	Aiko Hydeman	90
April 15	Nicholas Wallen	34
June 15	Jerry Weiner	73
Nov. 8	June Manning	74

Number of Registered Aquinnah Voters: Total - 407

Democrat - 190 Republican - 10 Unenrolled - 207

Year-Round Population: 517

Annual Town Election Results

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Select Board	Adrian Higgins	75
Select Board	Thomas Murphy	97
Select Board	Nancy Gilson Slate	6
Library Trustee	Katherine Olson	148
Planning Board	Berta G. Welch	150
MV Land Bank Commission	Sarah Thulin	124
Board of Health	James Glavin	81
Board of Health	Katherine B. Newman	88
Constable	Heidi Vanderhoop	9
Constable	Roxane Ackerman	4

Dog Licenses - 59

Respectfully submitted,

GABRIELLA CAMILLIERI,
Town Clerk

Report of the Aquinnah Public Library

To the Board of Selectmen
and Town Residents,

By the beginning of FY2021 we were already officially in Covid-19 lockdown. What followed was a year in which we quickly discovered how well our small library was able to adapt to new and difficult circumstances. We served a larger community than in years past and provided even more to our patrons than in previous years, while still protecting our staff and the public.

As members of the Martha's Vineyard Library Association, we were able to coordinate health and safety regulations during the pandemic with the other libraries on the Island. Our programs expanded in number and variety and most were moved to a Zoom platform with a few exceptions. Our circulation staff processed thousands of books for us over the long winter months. Our association with CLAMS (Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing) gave us access to other libraries, not only on the Island and the Cape but throughout the Commonwealth, providing us with lots of hard copy to read and with e-content and services to keep us entertained and educated as we hunkered down.

Our physical library remained closed to the public almost the entire fiscal year, but our staff continued to work and it was easy to request books and materials for outside pickup or home delivery. Requesting books through CLAMS on-line was effortless and access was speedy and convenient. In addition, our Director and staff were available by phone to take and fill orders, make suggestions and give any assistance needed.

Many of us were already taking full advantage of CLAMS as well as our own library's collection of books and DVD's, but for some of us the shift involved a rapid education in the use of electronic materials, services and programming that we will surely continue to

use in the future. Usage statistics compiled below show large increases in e-books, young adult books and children's books.

Library doors were finally re-opened to the public in June of 2021 and have remained so to the present writing in March, 2022 although we continue to welcome masks due to the small size of our library and sometimes crowded conditions.

CIRCULATION

	FY 2021 Circulation	Increase/over FY2020 (Decrease)
Books - Adult	3,949	+15%
- Young Adult	235	+55%
- Children	2,077	+83%
E-Books - Adult	484	+145%
Audio/Video - Adult	1,563	(20%)
Audio/Video - Children	250	(35%)

OUR PROGRAMS

Zoom

Yoga
Knitting
Monthly Book Group
Painting: Acrylic &
Watercolor
Island Grown Initiative:
Vegetable Gardening
Mushroom Growing
Bee Lives and Husbandry,
Tea and Honey
Tick Update
Authors' Talks
Summer Speaker Series
Circle Time
Summer Reading Program
(Children)

In Person

Henna
Little Bird Outdoor Music
& Movement
Holiday Crafting
Workshops
Trick or Treat
Cranberry Day
Take-home Craft Kits
One Book Group & Author
Talk
plus Two MVLA programs:
• What's It Worth –
Appraisals
• Why's and When's of Car
Maintenance

We must note the passing during FY2021 of Aiko Hydeman, an Aquinnah resident of many decades, who designed and commissioned the carving and lettering of our first library sign, in the form of a three-dimensional, double-sided book, and who, herself, painted two very delicate and beautiful scenes of the Gay Head light and the Gay Head cliffs on either side of the sign. The scenes and original lettering have since faded and been replaced, but the sign stands as a reminder of her generosity.

Our library, though small, has shown great heart thanks to our excellent and dependable staff members, Vera Dello Russo, circulation, and Julia Matejcek, children and programs, our Acting Library Director, Rosa Parker, and the constant support of all of you in our community.

Thank you to the Friends of the Aquinnah Library and to everyone else out there for your generous financial contributions (some of them grants matched by employers) to the Town of Aquinnah Library Gift Fund, to the Friends of the Aquinnah Library, and especially at Town meeting for supporting our annual budget. But the greatest gifts have been and always will be the warm appreciation and cheerful greetings of our patrons, especially the smallest of them. It was so nice to welcome you back in person!

Respectfully Submitted,

HEIDI VANDERHOOP, Chair, (*exp. 2022*)

FAITH VANDERHOOP, (*exp. 2021*)

MARGIE SPITZ, (*exp. 2023*)

Board of Library Trustees

Rosa Parker,

Acting Library Director

Report of the Planning Board Plan Review Committee

To the Honorable Select Board
and Town Residents:

Another year has come and gone as we continue to navigate COVID-19. Nevertheless, Aquinnah remained bustling during both the on and off seasons.

The Planning Board and the Planning Board Plan Review Committee effortlessly meet via remote meetings in 2021. In total, PBPRC held 9 meetings and approved 35 decisions ranging from the siting of new dwellings to minor renovations and accessory structures. Under the Zoning Determination bylaw, the Zoning Administrator approved 21 zoning determinations and special permit amendments deemed as minor and insignificant. Zoning Determinations approved included minor special permit amendments, siting of sheds and footprint expansions under 170sqft and not open and/or highly visible to any public way, and generators and ground mounted solar arrays serving single family residences. It is fair to say that these numbers reflect the real estate influx over the last two years that we witnessed both here in town and across the island.

As always, we continue to review the bylaws and make revisions that both sustain the beauty of Aquinnah and allow us to ensure that the future of our town community continues to grow. We invite our town residents to help and direct us in reaching this goal as we look towards the future.

The Planning Board Plan Review Committee expresses their gratitude and appreciation to Jo-Ann Eccher as she resigns from the Aquinnah Planning Board after more than 20 years of service. Jo-Ann has staunchly protected the historical character of our town, especially the night sky, indigenous plants/trees and archeological resources, while still trying to accommodate people building the home

of their dreams. Jo-Ann was also a leader in the development of our bylaws, and single-handedly researched and wrote the Cell-Tower Bylaw which protects/preserves our skyline. Jo-Ann will be greatly missed by the other members of the Board, which wishes her all the best in her next endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM WALLEN, Chairman	JO-ANN ECCHER
JAMES MAHONEY	BERTA WELCH
TOM MURPHY	ISAAC TAYLOR

Report of the Town Administrator

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Observations while entering year three of the Covid-19 pandemic:

A flock of robins is catching a morning snack in the courtyard at the Town Office. I'm unsure that this is of any particular relevance to anything other than their hunger, but it is a nice harbinger of the coming of Spring and that warms my heart..

Cedar shingles continue to fall from the sides of the Town Hall and pipes leak at the restrooms, even as the planning process to rehab the buildings continues. The old Campus Planning Committee has been replaced by a Town Projects Committee. Mitzi Pratt, Chief Randhi Belain, Karen Salvatore, Jim Pickman, Derrill Bazzy and Kathy Newman constitute the group that has met for a year to develop conceptual plans to construct new comfort station at the Cliffs and repurpose the Town Hall/Town Office buildings, The designer, Ned Collier of ICON Architects from Boston, worked with the Projects Committee and Owner's Project Managers, Suresh Bhatia and Jorge Figueiredo of Atlantic Architecture of Concord, MA, to complete design concept plans for the two projects. Funding for Phase II of the projects, which will include schematic design, will be requested at our Annual Town Meeting this Spring. Meanwhile the sparrow's Spring nesting remains unabated inside the attic of the police station.

Len Butler's Lighthouse Committee has been inundated with inquiries from energy companies who have been awarded leases to construct wind farms south of the Vineyard. These inquiries are both a blessing and a curse. We are blessed that the environmental impact mitigation funds will ultimately assist the Town by providing funding for repairs to the Lighthouse and that our Country seems to be taking steps toward renewable energy. But the time required

to effectively communicate with the companies, which include Vineyard Wind, Vineyard Wind II, Revolution Wind, SouthFork Wind, Sunrise Wind, Bay State Wind, New England Wind, Beacon Wind, is substantial. It is hoped that each of these entities will eventually make some contribution toward maintenance of the Lighthouse that ultimately rests with the Town. Our Town grant writer, Gisele Gauthier, has graciously expanded her activities to include assisting with the monumental task associated with keeping track of these projects.

Regional projects continue their draw on our town's limited resources. These include Tri-Town Ambulance, M.V. Shellfish Group, M.V. Commission, Up-Island Council on Aging, All-Island Emergency Communications Department, Up-Island Regional School District and M.V. Regional School District.

Thanks to Noli Taylor, Juli Vanderhoop and the Park and Rec Committee who are working diligently on a playground and other passive recreation projects for land behind the Town Hall. This long overdue project has been laying dormant for many years. Hopefully our kids will be enjoying the new equipment soon.

Aquinnah, in cooperation with the Island Housing Trust ("IHT"), will continue its effort to construct 4 units of affordable rental housing on land behind the Town Fire Station. Town zoning regulations have slowed the progress on this project. After a few months delay to redivide the land such that other projects can be accommodated on the same parcel, it appears that we are on track and will soon sign a long-term lease with IHT that will allow them to seek building permits under the State Chapter 40B affordable housing stature.

Our CERT Team under direction of Noli Taylor continues to be a model for other towns. Thanks to Noli, Morgan Hodgson, Kathie Olsen, Forrest Filler, Carla Cuch, Gabriella Camilleri and others for setting up a warming center at the Town Hall and staying on top of the need for emergency planning in our community.

Thanks go out to newly elected Select Board member Tom Murphy who has organized a Parking Committee to consider all things parking in Aquinnah. He along with Berta Welch, Kyle Colter, Chief

Belain, Jim Newman and Paul Manning for their efforts to improve parking around Town.

In the coming year we will improve the breakwater at the terminus of Lobsterville Road. Rising tides and resulting erosion threaten to wash away the blacktop. As I recall, the last improvement there was done in the late 1950's so protecting the parking area at Red Beach, so called, is a priority to protect now.

I continue to keep what may seem to some to be odd hours at the Town Office. I usually arrive shortly after seven o'clock and on most days leave by 2:30. This allows me to get at least some office work completed before the phone starts to ring. I am available for any problem you may encounter related to our Community Monday – Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY L. MADISON
Aquinnah Town Administrator

Report of the Aquinnah Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Select Board
and Town Residents,

The Aquinnah Conservation Commission is responsible for administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Aquinnah Wetland/Water Resource Bylaw. We oversee the regulations protecting wetland and water resources including coastal banks and dunes, isolated wetlands, and wetlands subject to flooding as well as bordering vegetated wetlands.

The Commission reviews projects that fall within 200 feet of a wetland feature. We have site visits on all prospective projects prior to their review at the commission.

In 2021 we had 6 meetings and held 13 public hearings. We reviewed 7 Requests for Determination of Applicability and 6 Notices of Intent. The Commission issued 7 Determinations of Applicability and 6 Orders of Conditions. We also issued 7 Certificates of Compliance to Aquinnah property owners for successful completion of projects under our jurisdiction.

We continued to monitor reports such as the Massachusetts Estuaries Project concerning the health of Menemsha and Squibnocket Ponds. Anyone interested in a copy of this report can contact the Conservation Commission or the town administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH THULIN, Chairperson STEVE YAFFE
KATHY NEWMAN MITZI PRATT SIBEL SUMAN

Report of the Aquinnah Housing Committee

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

We would like to welcome the newest members of our committee. It has been a pleasure to have Vera Dello Russo and Rudy Sanfilippo join us.

We would also like to thank Island Housing Trust and the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority for all their help with our past projects. Most of all we want to thank you the voters of Aquinnah for all of your support. We hope to have your support for our next project as well. We are hoping to develop 4 units of affordable rental housing on land owned by the town behind the town hall. The need for affordable rental housing in Aquinnah is critical. Please contact any of us if you have questions or concerns about this or any housing issue in town.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL HEBERT, Chair



Report of the Aquinnah Climate and Energy Committee

Aquinnah Board of Selectmen
People of Aquinnah

As climate change goes faster and its impacts become more severe, the Climate and Energy Committee has had an active year.

The committee is working to develop and propose a town energy plan. This will lay out steps toward achieving the goal of using 50 percent renewable energy by 2030 and 100 percent renewable energy by 2040, which our Town and the other island towns adopted at town meetings. We know that the strategy to achieve that goal must include electrifying activities that now use fossil fuels (heating, hot water, and transportation), increasing the portion of the electricity we use that comes from renewable sources (including local solar), and making our electrical distribution infrastructure more resilient. What we need to develop is a detailed tactical plan that lays out step by step how to get there.

We have applied jointly with Chilmark to a federal program called Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) for technical assistance in formulating such a plan. This technical assistance will supercharge our efforts if we get it, but we will push on regardless.

We are working with the Martha's Vineyard Commission as it prepares a Climate Action Plan for the island. Committee member Meghan Gombos is leading that project along with the Commission's Liz Durkee. With the blessing of the Select Board, we named Kathy Newman as Aquinnah's member of the steering committee for the project, and we named Aquinnah residents to the six thematic working groups:

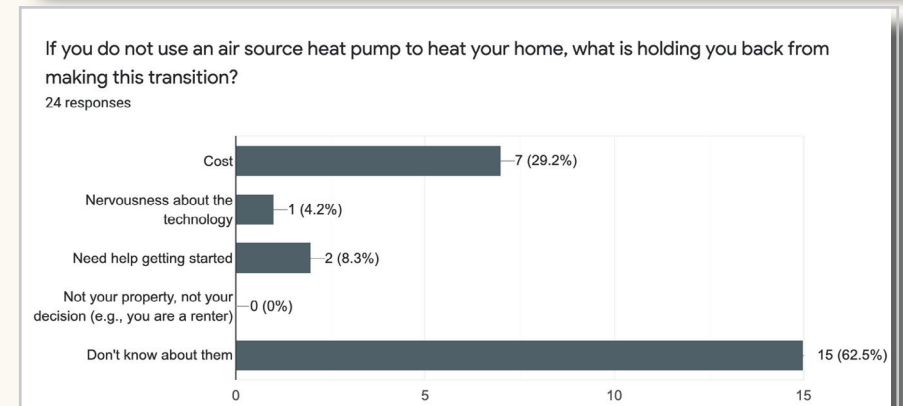
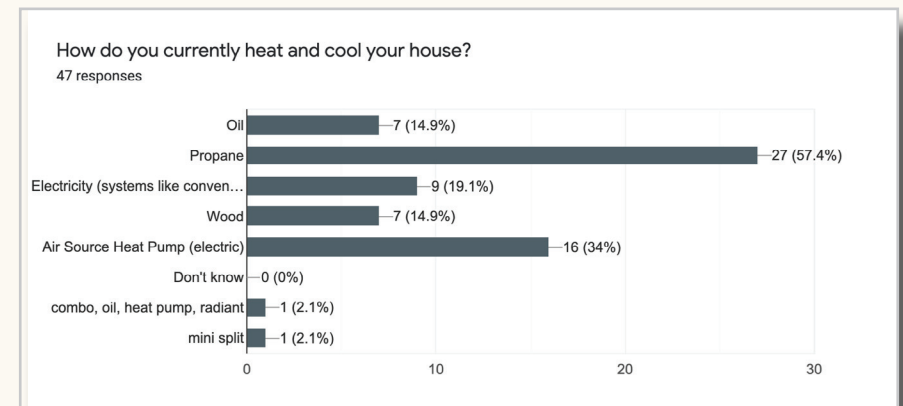
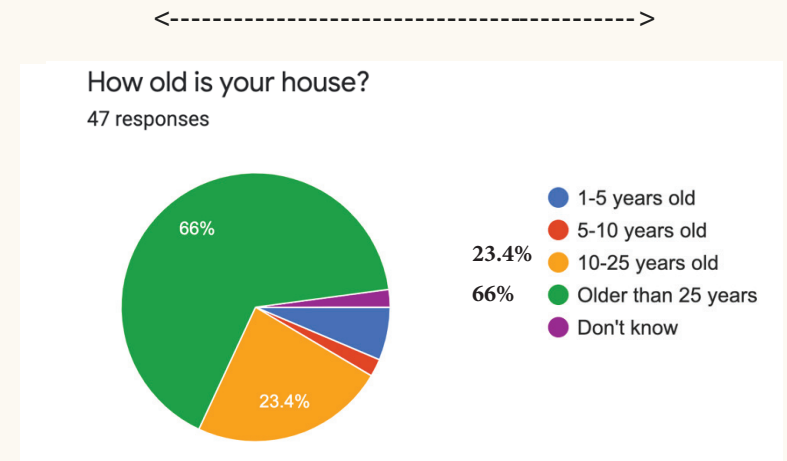
Energy transformation
 Land use and natural resources
 Economic resilience
 Public health and safety
 Food security
 Infrastructure, transportation, and buildings

The working groups are busy preparing their portions of a draft plan that will be presented for public input.

As a result of its partnership with Vineyard Wind, Vineyard Power will receive substantial funds to be used to benefit low income electric ratepayers and improve energy resiliency. An advisory committee will help Vineyard Power to select projects to be funded by this Resiliency and Affordability Program (RAP). Each island town, the Tribe, and a number of other organizations will have representatives on the advisory committee. Jim Pickman is Aquinnah's representative. We are working with Jim to identify Aquinnah projects that may be proposed for RAP funding.

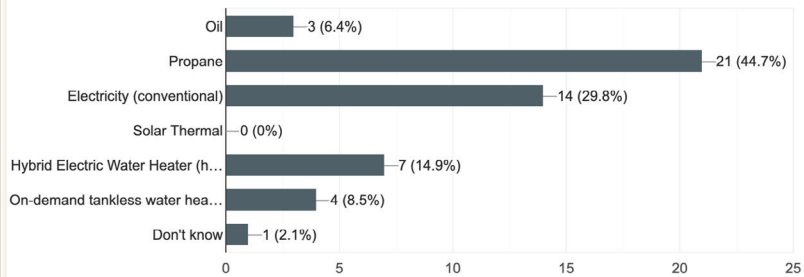
The committee has presented three articles that are included in the warrant for the annual Town meeting. The articles are intended to move the Town toward its 100 percent renewable goal by (1) requiring all newly built and substantially renovated buildings to use electricity rather than fossil fuels for heating and hot water, and (2) requiring those buildings to be wired to accommodate the use of an electric vehicle charger. The third article will authorize the filing of a home rule petition with the state legislature seeking authority to put those measures into effect.

The committee circulated to Town residents an energy questionnaire seeking information about residents' uses of energy and their awareness of energy alternatives. We received roughly 50 responses. The results, described below, suggest that we need to get more information out there to spur increased use of renewable energy. In particular, they indicate that there is limited awareness of the federal and state incentives that help to eliminate the price differential that otherwise exists between electric and gasoline vehicles.



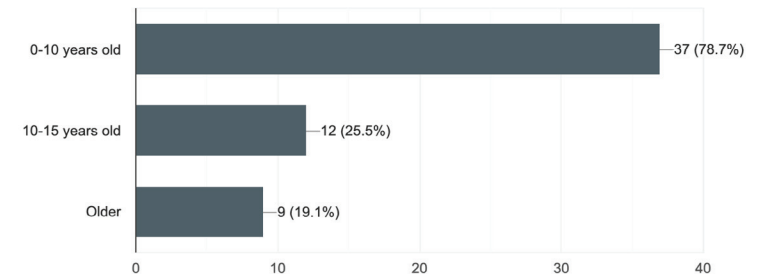
How do you currently heat your hot water?

47 responses



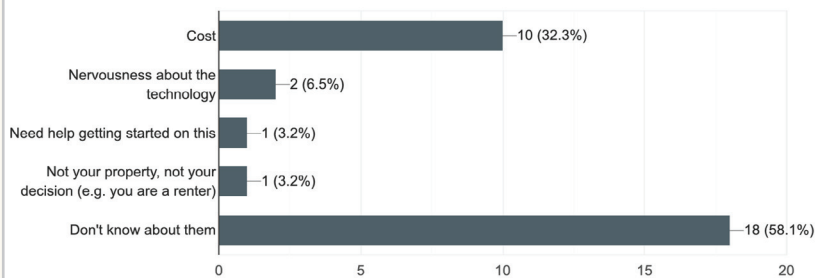
How old are your vehicles?

47 responses



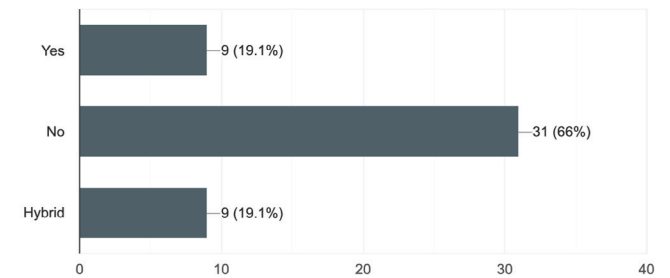
If you do not heat your water with an electric heat pump water heater, what is holding you back from making this transition?

31 responses



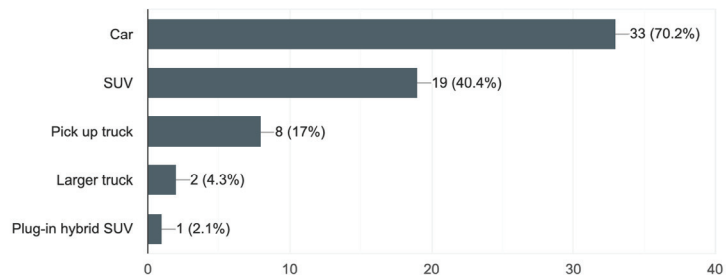
Are any of your vehicles electric?

47 responses



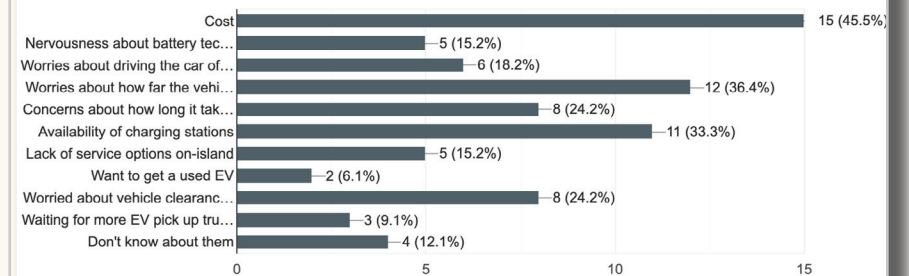
What kind of vehicle or vehicles do you currently drive?

47 responses



If you do not own or lease an EV, what is holding you back from making this transition?

33 responses



We see an opportunity to help make people more aware of the energy alternatives. As one step in that direction, we had the message below circulated to the Town's email list.

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**To Aquinnah Residents from the Town's
Climate and Energy Committee:**

All of us are affected by the climate crisis. Your Climate and Energy Committee has been working to identify ways in which we can all help to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and address climate change impacts. The MVC also is developing an island-wide Climate Action Plan with active participation from representatives of each town. Just some of the challenges that are exacerbated by climate change are flooding, extreme weather events – with attendant power failures – and wildfires. We saw some of this in the last big storm.

**Here are some things that each of us can do now
to help respond to the challenges of climate change:**

- Support our Climate and Energy Committee's work by filling out the island-wide energy survey if you haven't, via this link: — <https://www.aquinnah-ma.gov/home/news/energy-questionnaire>
- Support our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) — the first on the island — by watching for its alerts and volunteering to help in emergencies if you can.
- Go [here](#) to see the island's recent Community Wildfire Preparation Plan. Suggestions for action begin on page 244.
- Keep up to date with island climate action work and know of Climate Action Plan Network (ICAN) events by contacting ICAN to be on their newsletter list -- islandclimateactionnetwork@gmail.com

And what can we do over the longer term – say, by 2030 -- to help mitigate and adapt to climate change?
How many of these things can you do before we ring in the Year 2030?

- **GO SOLAR** at your home or business.
Learn the basics at <https://islandclimateaction.org/portfolio-item/electrify-your-house/> under “Go Solar” and the pdf link there.
- Make sure the **ELECTRICITY** you need from the grid comes from **RENEWABLE SOURCES**.
Sign up for clean, sustainable energy to power your needs at sites like capelightcompact.org/clcgreen/.
- Exchange your combustion engine for an **ELECTRIC VEHICLE**, saving money on maintenance and cutting out a big use of fossil fuels. And use **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION** (VTA electric buses or bicycles) when that works for you
Go to normalnow.com or drivegreen.greenenergyconsumers.org to find out what EV incentives are available.
- Switch out your fossil-fuel consuming heating system with a **COLD-CLIMATE AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMP** and reduce your operating costs.
Go to masssave.com and goclean.masscec.com/clean-energy-solutions/air-source-heat-pumps to learn more.
- Exchange your hot water system for a **HYBRID ELECTRIC WATER HEATER** to help with summer dehumidification and save on your energy bills.
Go to goclean.masscec.com/clean-energy-solutions/heat-pump-water-heater/
- Cut back on plastics. Try any way you can to **AVOID PLASTICS**.
Learn more at surfrider.org/initiatives/plastic-pollution and breakfreefromplastic.org

- **CUT BACK ON FLYING** and do it only when necessary.
Learn more at theworldcounts.com. When it comes to CO2-emissions per passenger per distance, flying is second to none.
- **THINK BEFORE YOU BUY** something whether you really need it. If you do, consider used options online or on the island, use our libraries, or ask friends if you can borrow something instead of buying one for yourself. And buy local when you can!
Learn more here—www.storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/
- **STOP INVESTING** in companies that are damaging our planet.
Read about the companies that you are investing in and don't support any fossil-fuel exploration, extraction or combustion.

Climate change is happening faster than anticipated.

What we do NOW defines the future for our children & grandchildren.

*You may not be able to do all of these things immediately,
but with a plan they are all achievable!*

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We also circulated information on the rebates available for residential energy improvements, summarized in the following Cape Light Compact flyer:

Design work continues on the solar and battery storage project that the Cape and Vineyard Energy Cooperative helped us to arrange for the Town buildings. Action on that project will be coordinated with planning for the renovation of the Town buildings. The electric vehicle chargers at the Town buildings and at the Cliffs are installed and working, after some necessary repairs and replacements. Use of the chargers continues to be free of charge to EV users.

The committee has supported the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in its work to train volunteers to assist first responders in emergencies and to establish an emergency comfort shelter at the Town Hall. We have also supported the multi-committee project to create an affordable housing/recreation area/food forest in the area behind the Town buildings.



www.capelightcompact.org/ResRebates

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Report of the Police Department

To the Residents of Aquinnah,

Continuing as I have started off this Town Report for number of years, I will let you know who the Officers were who worked for the department during 2021. Full Time Officers were Sgt. Paul Manning, Officer Steven Mathias, and Officer David Murphy. Special/Reserve Officers were Bradley Fielder, Cory Medeiros, and Christopher Manning. Special Officers Medeiros and Manning were new additions to the department. Special Officer Medeiros previously worked as a Traffic Officer for the Tisbury and Edgartown Police Departments. Special Officer Manning is employed full time by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) as a Tribal Ranger and was able to work shifts for our department on his days off. It should be noted that Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Natural Resources Director Bret Stearns is also a Special/Reserve Officer of our department. Special Officers Stearns and Manning are both certified Massachusetts Emergency Medical Technicians – Basic Level (E.M.T.'s) and they assist our department with medical emergency calls. We appreciate their assistance on these medical emergency calls.

Local restrictions continued due to pandemic

During 2021 the Country unfortunately had to continue to deal with the Covid 19 pandemic. Locally, restrictions continued and due to these restrictions the department was able to remain safe using our Personal Protective Equipment (P.P.E.) and following the recommended guidelines. Officers wore face coverings while dealing with the public and the public was required to wear face coverings while visiting the Gay Head Cliff area and shops. The public was receptive to this restriction and the department was fortunate that we did not have to respond to any calls regarding the public not wearing face coverings. Speaking of the Aquinnah Circle area, the summer of 2021

saw an increase of visitors in this area compared to the previous year even though the Town decided not to open the Gay Head Lighthouse for tours. The beaches in Town were very busy which required the department to strictly enforce the parking laws. Due to the pandemic, the Town faced issues of hiring parking attendants, so the department spent a lot of time patrolling and issuing parking tickets at the Philbin Beach parking lot and the other Resident Permit Parking areas in Town. As you will see below in our statistics, there was an increase in the number of parking tickets issued compared to the previous year.

Yearly inservice training was completed

Although most in person trainings were suspended due to the pandemic, the Officers of the department were able to complete their required yearly In-Service training using the online training that was assigned to them by the Municipal Police Training Committee, who oversees Police Training for all Officers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. One of the in person trainings the Officers, as well as all Officers on the island attended, was Implicit Bias training. This training was provided by Hillard Heintze Company who was hired by the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council, Inc. The island Police Chiefs participated in this training also; however our training was separate from the Patrol Officers' training. As part of the Chiefs training, we invited leaders from several island organizations, such as the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), N.A.A.C.P. – Martha's Vineyard Chapter, and the Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition to name a few, for a discussion regarding implicit and racial bias on Martha's Vineyard. The discussion went very well and the Chiefs left the training with a better understanding of how these organizations view policing on Martha's Vineyard.

The Police Reform Law was enacted in 2020

During the year the department continued to learn more about the Police Reform Law that was enacted on December 31, 2020. As part of this legislation the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (POSTC) was created and subsequently appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Part of the Commission's responsibilities is to review each Police Department's

internal affairs/disciplinary records to ensure Officers are able to remain as a certified Police Officer. In the fall of 2021 the Commission requested each department's disciplinary records for active Officers and for Officers who were previously employed by the department. I'm pleased to report that I didn't have to supply any of the required disciplinary records due to the fact that there were no required disciplinary records to be sent. Also as part of this legislation, in order for a department to employ Officers who are Special/Reserve Police Officers, these Special/Reserve Officers are required to complete an additional 200 hours of Police training. 120 hours of this training are to be completed online on various topics assigned by the Municipal Police Training Committee and the remaining 80 hours of training are "hands on/practical" training, which consists of Firearms, Defensive Tactics, and Emergency Vehicle driving. The island Police Chiefs will work with the Municipal Police Training Committee to ensure our Special/Reserve Officers receive this required training.

The Police Station needs more space

As I've stated in previous Town Reports, the Police Station is in need of more space. During this year the Town created the Aquinnah Town Projects Committee, of which I was fortunate enough to become a member of, to further investigate additional space needs of not only the Police Station, but the Town Offices, and to upgrade the public restrooms at Aquinnah Circle. The Committee met weekly to discuss the additional space needs and the public restrooms. Once we discussed these issues, the next step was to contract with professionals to continue the process. The Town issued an RFP for an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) (as is required by law) and later issued an RFP for an architect to assist us with furthering the process. I am proud to report that the Town contracted with Atlantic Construction Inc. as our Owner's Project Manager and ICON Architecture Inc. as our architect. The Committee met with both companies on a regular basis to convey our needs to them. ICON Architecture Inc., subsequently met with all Town employees and owners of the Aquinnah Circle shops to discuss the current needs. From those discussions, ICON presented various ideas to the Committee and Atlantic Con-

struction, Inc. These ideas will be presented to Town residents for comment and input. The Committee looks forward to continuing the process as the Town Offices, Police Station, and Town Hall not only need additional space, but need immediate structural or equipment related repairs. Additional funds will be needed to be approved by Town voters to complete the planning process and ultimately construction of the aforementioned buildings. We hope Town voters support these projects and approve the funding.

In closing I'd like to thank all members of the department for their continued professionalism and perseverance during this pandemic. As I've stated previously, I'm proud of the Officers of this department and the Town residents should feel fortunate to have these Officers protecting their Town. I'd also like to thank the following agencies for their continued assistance: Aquinnah Fire Department, Aquinnah Highway Department, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Natural Resources Department, Tri-Town Ambulance, the island Police agencies, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, the State agencies assigned to the island, U.S. Coast Guard – Station Menemsha, Town of Aquinnah Select Board, Board of Health, and Town employees.

Continue to be safe and best wishes for 2022!!

Listed below are the numbers and some of the types of calls for service the department responded to from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 compared with those responded to in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDHI P. BELAIN
Chief of Police

2021 AQUINNAH POLICE STATISTICS		
	2020	2021
Medical Emergencies	25	42
Alarms (Burglar)	30	50
Alarms (Fire)	30	25
Alarms (Other)	18	14
Assist Citizen (general)	34	21
Assist Outside Agency	6	10
Assist Aquinnah Fire Department	2	1
Assist Animal Control Officer	7	7
Public Utility / Hazardous Condition	2	14
Assault & Battery	4	1
B&E and Attempted B&E	1	0
Domestic Related Activity	8	8
Harassment Complaints	1	2
ID Theft/Fraud	3	2
Larceny	4	1
OUI	1	0
Other Alcohol Related Incidents	0	1
Sexual Assaults	1	1
Lewd Behavior	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0
Vandalism / Destruction of Property	1	0
Motor Vehicle Complaints	3	1
Covid-19 Related Complaints	2	0
Disputes / Disturbances	3	4
Animal Complaints	7	0
Fireworks / Gunshot Complaints	3	0
Hunting/Fishing Complaints	3	2
Noise Complaints	4	2
Parking Complaints	5	7

Trespass Complaints	1	1
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Activities	29	23
Marine Mammal Incidents	1	0
Welfare Checks	6	5
Missing Person	0	1
Child Welfare	3	4
Marine Watercraft Incidents	0	0
Bicycle Accidents	0	1
Moped Accidents	0	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	9
Motor Vehicle vs. Deer / Other Animal	7	3
Deaths	0	1
By-Law Violations	1	0
Arrests	7	2
Protective Custody	0	0
Criminal Complaint Applications	7	10
Incidents on Tribal Lands	24	24
Total Incidents		
Motor Vehicle Stops	173	205
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	28	45
Parking Tickets Issued	541	675

Report of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

It is my pleasure to present the 2021 annual report of the Aquinnah Fire Department.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in learning more about what our department does, please stop by the station on Sunday mornings at 10:00am during radio check.

Our Current Members are

Chief Simon Bollin , Deputy Chief Gordon Perry, Captain Ken Cottrell, FF Darren Leport, FF Russell Long, FF Ben Moreau, FF Dan Marshall, FF Russell Fenty , FF Paul Manning, FF Bruce Palmer, FF Chris Manning, FF Mike Parker.

The number of emergency calls this year have been lower then last year. This year our department responded to a total of 48 calls for service. These calls included alarms, motor vehicle accidents, rescues and fires. We have also completed 21 fire inspections including Smoke/CO detectors, oil burning equipment and propane tank installations.

A couple of friendly reminders: The lifespan of a smoke detector is 10 years. All detectors are labeled with a manufacturer's date. If your detector does not have a label, it is already more than 10 years old and should be replaced. Please remember that working smoke alarms provide early warning of danger and are the single most important step in preventing fatal fires. Additionally, you should change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors at least once a year. An easy way to remember is "Change your clocks, change your batteries".

If you have any questions, concerns or need help to accomplish this, please feel free to contact the department and we will be happy to stop by and assist.

In case of Emergency please call 911 and report the issue, if it's not an emergency but you need to contact the Fire Department you can call 508-693-1212 and they can dispatch one of the members to reach out to you, You can also call the Fire Chief's cell phone at 508-958-2033 if there is no answer please use the 508-693-1212 number so they can dispatch us as needed. Cell service is still not the best coverage up island .

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the department for their continued dedication to the Town and its residents. The support from the Selectmen and community has been critical to the continued success of the Fire Department as we strive to provide the best protection for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON BOLLIN,
Fire Chief

Report of the Board of Health

Greetings to the Honorable Select Board
and People of Aquinnah,

This Report reflects the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. During the above time-period, the use of private, seasonal homes to full-time usage surged along with the pandemic.

Population increase in Aquinnah was reported to be 25%.

<u>PERMITS & LICENSES:</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>
Septic Pump Out Permits	26	43
Septic Construction Permits	4	20
Septic Installer Permits	10	6
Septage Hauler Permits	5	2
Well Drilling Permits	4	2
Food Establishment Licenses	3	4
Residential Kitchen Licenses	2	0
Temporary Food License	2	1
Inn Holder's License	2	0
Children's Camp Licenses	0	0

Permits and Licenses issued show a dramatic increase in Septic Construction Permits.

The majority of these new septic systems were replacements or "upgrades" for failed systems.

Private homeowners are advised to review the basic guidelines to maintain the health of their septic systems. Information can be easily found on the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) or EPA websites.

COVID-19:

Many thanks to the People of Aquinnah and its governing bodies for keeping yourselves and your neighbors safe during the pandemic.

It was a difficult social hardship to mask, self-quarantine, and isolate for so long.

TICKS:

Tick-borne illnesses remain our primary source of concern for the health of our residents.

The Lone Star tick (with white dot on its back) has taken a fairly new but prominent place in Aquinnah.

Please continue to be vigilant of your exposure to ticks and perform daily personal "tick checks." (There were more cases of tick-borne diseases reported than COVID-19 cases.)

Much more information about ticks is available at the Aquinnah Town Hall and the [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) website.

Also available at Town Hall are free COVID-19 Test Kits and construction type N-95 masks in 2 sizes.

Many thanks to Karen Colombo, Health Agent for her continuing excellent work for the Board. We also want to thank Natalie Francis, LDO Attendant for her outstanding care of our Town "dump."

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH SALTONSTALL RN, Chairman of the Board
GERALD GREEN MD, Board Member
KATHY NEWMAN PSYD, Board Member

Report of the Building Inspector

Dear Citizens of Aquinnah,

Forty (40) Building/Demolition permits were issued in the calendar year 2021.

The breakdown is as follows:

New single-family residences	2
Accessory buildings (2 garages, 4 sheds, 1 detached bedroom)	7
Additions	7
Renovations	1
Alterations	10
Decks/Deck additions	2
Regular repairs	6
Solar	2
Demolitions	2
Miscellaneous	1

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD JASON JR.
Building Inspector

Report of the Tri-Town Ambulance

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Tri-Town Ambulance is proudly staffed by a team of dedicated and well trained Emergency Medical Technicians (at the Basic, Advanced, and Paramedic levels) who are committed to serving their island community. Tri-Town Ambulance continues to change and adapt to the changing needs of its community, as well as its residents. The volunteers, that make up the majority of Tri-Town Ambulance, are dedicated to providing top notch care to both summer and year round residents, and without them Tri-Town Ambulance would not be able to function.

There are several significant changes that have occurred over the past year.

- We are happy to welcome Adele Anderson (West Tisbury) to our squad. She has been a great addition to the team.
- Bradley Carroll (Chilmark) completed her Paramedic Training and is working in the field now. We are proud of her.
- This year was a challenging year for us, with the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. We had to adjust our staffing, as well our operations to comply with CDC guidelines, as well as State and Local guidelines and recommendations. I am happy to report that our squad has been handling the changes well, and morale and health have been great.
- During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight for breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon.

This year was a lower volume year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2021:

Total Ambulance Runs: 387

- West Tisbury: 200 Ambulance Runs (51.68% of total ambulance runs)
 - Medical Emergencies: 182
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: 16
 - Fire Standby: 2
- Chilmark: 141 Ambulance Runs (36.43%)
 - Medical Emergencies: 132
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: 8
 - Fire Standby: 1
- Aquinnah: 36 ambulance runs (9.30%)
- Medical Emergencies: 35
 - Motor Vehicle Accidents: 0
 - Fire Standby: 1
- Mutual Aid calls: 3 Ambulance Runs (1.03%)

Tri-Town Ambulance would like to thank its Committee members for their continued service and guidance. The committee is comprised of one selectman from each of the three towns as well the medical director from MVH. The committee members are as follows:

- West Tisbury Selectman Cynthia E. Mitchell
- Chilmark Selectman Warren Doty (Chairperson)
- Aquinnah Selectman James Newman
- Medical Control Dr. Karen Casper

We would like to thank the following organizations/people for their continued support over the past year. Without these organizations, we would not be able to provide the highest level of patient care to the people of Tri-Town.

- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Fire Departments
- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Police Departments
- Dukes County Sheriff's Dept: Communication Center Dispatchers
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital: Emergency Department
Personnel, Pharmacy

- Bardwell Electronics
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

Without the members of the squad, Tri-Town Ambulance would not function. These EMTs make themselves available year round to ensure that the people of their community receive high quality medical care in a timely manner. Please join us in our deep admiration and gratitude for the following:

Full Time Staff:

Benjamin Retmier, *Chief*
Matthew Montanile, *Deputy Chief*
Jason Blandini

Traci Cooney
Eamon Solway
Belinda Booker
Allison Grazcykowski

EMT—Paramedics:

Brenden Cooney
Christopher Cowan
Kyle Gatchell

Christopher Greim
Myriah Hallinan
Tracey Jones
Haley Krauss

Jeff Pratt
Heather McElhinney
Bradley Carroll

EMT—Basics:

Meg Athearn
Randhi Belain
Robyn Bollin
Simon Bollin
Jonathan Brudnick
Adele Anderson
Connor Chisholm
Diane Demoe
Jason Davey
Rebecca Cournoyer

Alan Ganapol
Dawn Gompert
Amanda Gonsalves
Bruce Haynes
Jennifer Haynes
Harry Hill
Phil Hollinger
J.“Skipper” Manter
Paul Manning
David Marinelli
Molly Martone

Sam Neubauer
Jim Osmundsen
Farley Pedler
Gary Robinson
Katherine Smith
Samantha Smith
Garrison Vieira
Nisa Webster
Adam Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN RETMIER
Tri-Town Ambulance Chief

Report of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

To the Aquinnah Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Aquinnah's Community Emergency Response Team has continued to make progress this year to help the town prepare for emergency situations. We met monthly throughout 2021, continuing our three main emphases: emergency preparedness training, improving communications capabilities when emergencies arise, and providing shelter support for residents in the event of weather-related or other emergencies.

On communications within the town and to assess town needs and interests in volunteering, we completed our digital questionnaire project, receiving responses from approximately 213 Aquinnah households. We have now developed a database of residents who wish to be checked on in emergencies, have recruited additional volunteer assistance for emergency situations, and have information that will allow us to better understand the potential emergency shelter needs of our residents (and their pets). Our Emergency Manager, Forrest Filler, also provided invaluable assistance in setting the CERT team up with push-to-talk group communications capabilities for emergency situations. We updated and re-issued guidance on "shelter-in-place" standards for full time and seasonal residents, provided such information through the Beach pass program to summer visitors, and reached out to the public with a CERT table at the town's Public Safety Day in July.

To improve our emergency preparedness knowledge the team took Red Cross training on shelter preparedness. We also arranged a presentation by a Salvation Army representative focusing on food logistics in emergencies. Forrest Filler provided a fire safety training demonstration to interested residents.

To better prepare for possible shelter needs, over the spring and summer we reviewed capabilities of the daytime comfort shelter at the Town Hall and obtained needed supplies. Similar steps were taken with the Tribe's overnight shelter at the Community Center (open to all in times of need), which is a Red Cross approved shelter. Early planning proved useful in late August as we prepared the shelters for possible use in connection with Hurricane Henri, which fortunately turned out to be milder than predicted. That exercise did allow us to further improve our pre-emergency plans in terms of supplies and delineation of volunteer roles, including updating volunteer functional responsibilities for better shelter management. A more significant storm – a nor'easter in late October with significant loss of power - was the first major test of our sheltering capabilities as residents came to charge phones, have a snack, and fill water containers. Each of these events has provided opportunities to improve our procedures and identify additional tasks to allow us to provide the best service we can to the town in these moments.

We are grateful for a wonderful team of residents and others who have volunteered their time this year. They include Randhi Belain, Simon Bollin, Brenda Brouillette (Red Cross), Gabriella Camilleri, Curt Cetrulo, Karen Columbo, Carla Cuch, Beckie Scotten-Finn, Forrest Filler, Gary Haley, Morgan Hodgson, Bill Lake, Jeffrey Madison, Chris Manning, Paul Manning, Zachary Moreis, Kathie Olsen, Rich Reinhardson (Salvation Army), Gary Robinson, Karen Salvatore, Bret Stearns, Noli Taylor, Isaac Taylor, Barbara Wallen and Sophia Welch.

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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 Vercruysse 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 leeching into ponds from Title 5 septic systems. In order to demonstrate their effectiveness to State and Federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have functioned well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds. MVC staff continues to assist with the testing and monitoring of the pilot systems. Results have been promising.

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.

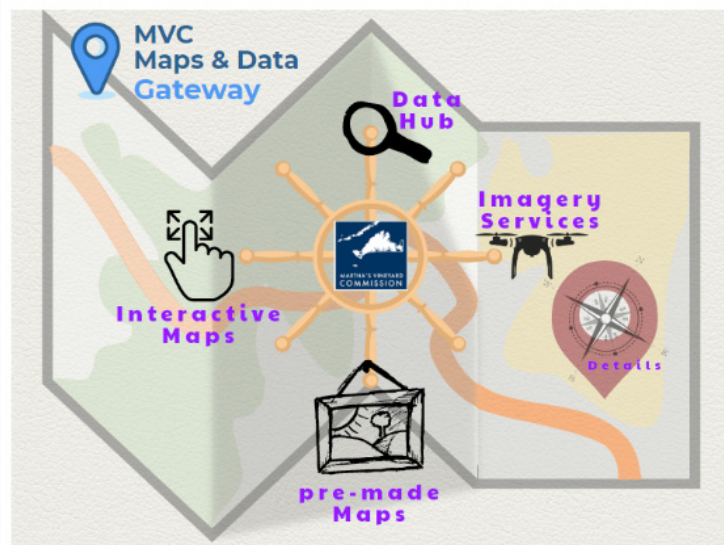
Joint Affordable Housing Group: MVC staff hosts quarterly meetings with town and island Affordable Housing Organizations to share information and discuss issues of common concern.

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

Cartography Department mapping technology



Desktop Mapping Software

- ArcMap
- AcrGIS Pro

Online Mapping

- ArcGIS Online

GPS Technology

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

Aerial Imagery Acquisition

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

Printing/Scanning Services

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

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:

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 im-

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plementation 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 Nation-

al 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 (SMASST). 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 (MIM-IC): 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 Bloom-Watch, 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" com-

munities 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.

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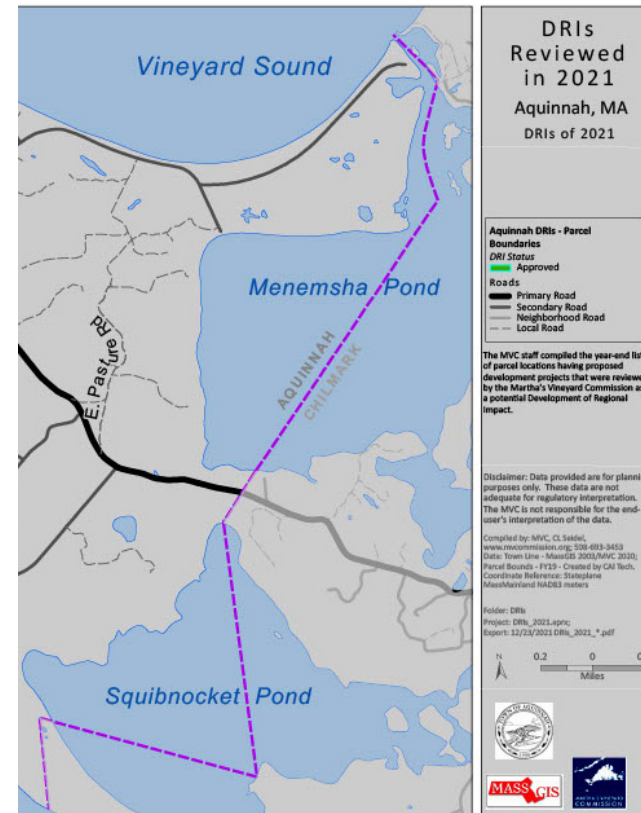
SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR AQUINNAH

Affordable Housing

MVC staff worked with The Resource Inc. (TRI), which received funding for an island-wide Community Preservation Act Application to create an island-wide Interest Free Housing Loan Program. TRI received CPA funding for a fifth year at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

Climate Change

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Listening Sessions were held with the Aquinnah Harbormaster, Highway Superintendent, and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). There was a town-wide climate change planning discussion at Aquinnah Public Library. CAP update meetings continue with Select Board, Town Administrator, and other Town Departments.



Coastal Management: Saltmarsh Elevation Monitoring:

MVC staff took measurements at an elevation monitoring station installed three years ago on Tribal lands at Lobsterville, hosted and funded by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah. MVC staff continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. This will help plan for sea level rise impacts to Aquinnah's marshes.

Geographic Information Systems

The GIS department worked with the Town's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to create an online questionnaire for residents and a Web Map App which permits approved CERT team leaders the ability to filter through those surveys and see the resulting locations on the map. For example, given the data provided in the survey, a CERT team leader can find residents who are: 75 years or older, reside year-round, and would like a CERT member to check on them during a hazard (e.g., power outage or hurricane).

Planning

MVC staff modeled marsh migration and flood risk over three different time horizons for parts of Lobsterville, using the Office of Coastal Zone Management's SLAMM (Sea Level Affecting Marsh Migration) model and MassDOT's MA Coast Flood Risk Model.

Transportation

- **Data Collection:** The MVC restarted its traffic counting program in July 2021. Counts were conducted along State Road near Moshup Trail. The current 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality.
- **Local Technical Assistance:** The MVC continued to work with different stakeholders to create a short- and long-term concept plan for the Aquinnah Circle that would improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation and improve vehicular use of the existing paved areas - both parking and departing.
- **Support of the 3C Process:** Staff met with the Town Administrator and Planning Board on continued outreach through the Martha's Vineyard Commission Joint Transportation Committee (JTC).
- **Inter-Regional Transportation Activities:** Appointed MVC staff has been attending the Steamship Authority Noise and Traffic Mitigation Working Group meetings.

Water Quality

- **Menemsha, Squibnocket, and Nashaquitsa Ponds:** MVC staff conducted water sampling and on-station field data collection in Menemsha, Squibnocket and Nashaquitsa Ponds to assess changes in nutrient concentration and salinity. Sampling was done in cooperation with the Shellfish Warden, the Aquinnah Wampanoag Water Resource Department and the Buzzards Bay Coalition. In 2021, samples were taken for analysis four times over the course of the summer season.
- **Cyanobacteria Monitoring:** Commission staff identified and documented locations of cyanobacteria to establish baseline conditions and monitor for blooms in Menemsha and Squibnocket Pond. Samples were tested for the toxins produced by cyanobacteria, Anatoxin, Microcystin and β -methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA). Staff

also sampled, tested and helped identify algal blooms that occurred in Squibnocket Pond over the course of the year. 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 Aquinnah Wampanoag Natural Resources Department, Island Pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria Bloom-Watch, and UNH in 2022.

- **Community Assistance:** Staff met with the Board of Health and other interested individuals to discuss the results of water quality and cyanobacteria testing.

Developments of Regional Impact

- One project in Aquinnah was reviewed by the MVC in 2021: **122 Lighthouse Road Partial Demolition** (DRI 702) *Expansion of a single-family residence more than 100 years old and listed in MAC-RIS*. The MVC approved the project on June 17, 2021. The written decision was approved on July 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of the Land Bank

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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 Priester'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: CROSS-ISLAND HIKE

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:

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.

Budget

	Fiscal year 2021 budgeted	fiscal year 2021 actual	fiscal year 2022 budgeted
	cash amount & percentage of total	cash amount & percentage of total	cash amount & 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 asterisk (*) indicates the land bank's revenue projection.

Transfer fee revenues

Fiscal Year 2021 transfer fee revenues were:

	Transfer fee revenues received July 1, 2020- 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.

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**. 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 Kiesel, 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

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group

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 (SEMAG) 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 af-

fectured 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 Pond: In 2021 we set 1 million oyster larvae onto shell at the Hughes Hatchery for the third year of an ongoing project in Sengekontacket. The spat-on-shell will be kept in cages, safe from predators, until September of 2022, at which point it will be planted onto beds of shells and oysters which were established in 2018. In the fall of 2021, we planted the seed 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





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Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2021

	Bay Scallops	Quahogs		
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	--		

	Eggs Released	Larvae Released	Remote Set	Singles
Oysters				
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

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 SEMACE 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.

Thank you for bivalvifying* the Vineyard with us.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GREEN-BEACH

Executive Director and Biologist

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*Bivalvify: to add bivalves to a body of water to improve water quality and biodiversity.

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

Report of the Cape Light Compact

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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 in-

novative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2021, the Compact had approximately 514 electric accounts in the Town of Aquinnah 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.

Energy Efficiency

Jan – Dec 2021	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	1	\$351.80	1,759	\$2,056.72
Residential	24	\$523.60	2,618	\$33,626.25
Commercial	5	\$523.40	2,617	\$2,226.55
Total	30	\$1,398.80	6,994	\$37,909.52

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).Respectfully submitted,

FORREST FILLER
Aquinnah Representative

Report of the Up-Island Council on Aging

To the Select Board:

The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center is a branch of municipal government of the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. We are responsible for the administration, development and coordination of elder programs. We are committed to expanding our programs to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of elders. Funding sources include local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Senior Center is open for both scheduled and drop-in activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; and is home to a variety of social/cultural, educational and health programs.

We have all been affected in some way by the COVID virus.

The ability to facetime/zoom, e-mail, and make home visits with clients experiencing isolation during these uncertain times have proven to be advantageous to their well-being.

Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2021

Unduplicated Count: Approximately 970 up-Island residents (seasonal & year-round) 60 years of age and older and 50 individuals under the age of 60 received services and/or participated in our programs in 2020.

Direct Service Programs

475 seniors received direct services in the following areas:

Surplus Food Distribution	Fuel Assistance
File of Life (medical info. cards)	Notary Public Services
Housing Assistance	Health Insurance Counseling
Transportation	Home Repair Program
Case Management	Telephone Reassurance Calls
Legal Assistance	Food Stamps
Lifeline	Client Support (assistance
FEMA (Federal Emergency	with errands, companionship
Management Association)	& socialization)

In-Kind Services and Goods

Durable Medical Equipment
Fish (M.V. Bluefish Derby)
Shopping bags (Cronig's Market)
Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners)

Nutrition Programs

45 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:
Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)
Host the Mobile Food Market

Health & Fitness Programs

35 individuals received and /or participated in the following
Strength Training Class (remote)
Parkinson's Support Group (remote)
Smile Program (Free dental checks & cleanings)
Meditation Group (remote)
Community Health Nurse (home visits)
Yoga (remote)

Outreach Program

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Worker's primary role is to ensure that basic needs for housing, food mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and/or homebound by assisting them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to meet those needs. The Outreach Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as caregivers for at-risk family members. The Outreach Program served 145 elders in 2021.

UPICOA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is appointed by the Boards of Selectmen representing the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. The Board consists of nine voting members, three each from the participating towns.

Volunteers

15 volunteers contributed approximately 155 hours in 2021.
Meals on Wheel Drivers
General Office Assistance
Tax Preparers

Formula Grants

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging applied for and received \$ for the following:

- Defray utility costs
- Defray transportation costs (staff & client transportation)
- Office supplies, equipment & furnishings

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is a non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$17,200.00 in 2021, for the following:

- Grounds Maintenance
- Special Programs Support
- Monthly Cell Phone Service



Friends' Gift Fund

Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable and are struggling to put food on the table, pay for heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The Friends, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a Gift Fund to provide assistance paying for heating costs and food. The Fund was also used to purchase bus passes (VTA) and gift cards for island pharmacies. Twenty-eight households received a total of \$9,200.00 to The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

In closing, on behalf of the COA Staff I would like to thank our volunteers, program leaders and taxpayers for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE ALBERTINE,
Director

Report of Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc.

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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; per-

sonal 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 contin-

ue to work collaboratively and productively with local organizations to meet the challenges of the future. Respectfully submitted,



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 home-bound. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN PANEK,
MV Director

Report of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV)

Overview of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV)



FY22 Accomplishments

- Completion of an Island-wide Older Adult survey (2,500 respondents) and the creation of island-wide and town level analysis of findings. Shared these results with over 20+ stakeholder audiences of service agencies, town governments, etc. Mailing of summary findings to 6,000+ Older Adult households.

Benefit to Aquinnah: 70 Aquinnah residents (30% response rate) completed the survey. An Aquinnah-specific report was created and presented to the Aquinnah select board to support planning and priority setting. All 60+ Aquinnah households received survey results.

- Development of a 5 year island-wide plan for recertification as Aging-Friendly designation from the World Health Organization. Partnered with service agencies, led by C4L, to obtain dementia-friendly designation as well.
- Benefit to Aquinnah: WHO Aging-Friendly and De-**

mentia-Friendly designation in 2022 will provide access to state and national resources for Aquinnah.

- Continued and strengthened a pilot program for an island-wide Home Safety Modification Program for 65+ homeowners (or those with disabilities), working with Martha's Vineyard Builders Association and local contractors. The pilot program is referral based (from COAs, MVH, EMTs) and includes identifying participants, conducting a home assessment for minor home safety renovations (i.e. grab bars, stair railings, improved lighting, pull-out shelves etc.), matching the participant with a willing contractor to conduct the renovations, and providing a post-renovation assessment of the project

Benefit to Aquinnah: Two homes in Aquinnah have been served by this program, with a total home safety repair costs for \$2,360 covered by grants secured by HAMV. Program is open to 65+ Older Adults in Aquinnah.

- Convened and led monthly meeting with the Older Adult Transportation Coalition, consisting of over 15 service agencies, to address the needs for alternative transportation options for Older Adults, both on- and off-island. Launched the GoGoGrandparent Pilot Program to address on-island needs. Exploring models and funding for off-island medical transportation.

Benefit to Aquinnah; Program is open to Aquinnah residents. Cost of program covered by grants secured by HAMV.

- Hosted bi-monthly meetings with the Falls Prevention Coalition and oversaw island-wide efforts for Falls Prevention Month (Sept), developing a host of print and media assets on awareness, education, and empowerment available to all island service agencies.

Benefit to Aquinnah: Older Adults received printed information via COAs, MVTV shows, radio and newspaper articles on Falls Prevention practices and had the

option to attend zoom/in-person educational sessions on balance, how to recover from falling, and reducing fall risks within the home.

- Continued to educate and provide educational seminars for Advance Care Planning, strengthening our partnership with MVH and other health care providers, raising the percentage of Older Adults who have completed Health Care Proxies by over 3% in the last 6 months. 75% of those who attended educational seminars led by HAMV went on to complete a Health Care proxy.

Benefit to Aquinnah: Older Adults have access to educational information and attendance at zoom seminars.

- Submitted numerous proposals for funding to support these initiatives to Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, Tufts Foundation, Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Foundation, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Farm Neck Foundation, ARPA funding (via the county) and Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation.

Benefit to Aquinnah: Development of pilot programs to address unmet need funded by grants obtained through HAMV.

- Supported the development of the Green House model nursing home, working with MVH and Navigator Homes to bring this 10 year journey to completion, resulting in a 70 bed skilled nursinghome facility on-island that is available to residents at all income levels.
Benefit to Aquinnah: Older Adults will have access to this facility, 50% of beds are planned to be Medicaid funded.

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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 Barma-kian, 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 provide 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 & 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 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

Report of the Vineyard Health Care Access Program

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Client Services:

The Access Program's core service is connecting Island residents with Massachusetts' affordable health insurance programs and helping them to retain this coverage. We provide health care program and insurance application, enrollment, and retention services; information, referral and advocacy; referrals to medical providers; make doctor's appointments and help clients address medical debt; and we facilitate access to services like dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for Island seniors and their families.

In FY2021 we moved to a remote model of service delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, our staff was able to efficiently provide services by telephone or videoconference. It was essential for us to ensure that all Islanders got the maximum health coverage they qualify for during this unprecedented public health emergency.

In FY2021, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for 2,407 individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; 383 seniors were assisted with Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; MassHealth Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; and Disability. We provided health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and related referral assistance 2,713 times.

The Access Program is a grantee of the Massachusetts Health Connector's **Navigator Program**. The Navigator program is an outreach, education and enrollment program for health insurance

required by the Affordable Care Act. The Access Program's enrollment staff participates in extensive training and passes an annual exam to maintain certified Navigator status.

The **David Kurth Memorial Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication and medical supplies. We also provide transportation assistance for low-income Islanders and for those who need help paying for travel to medical appointments off-Island. ***In FY2021, we assisted 104 uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$2,019 in financial assistance. In conjunction with Dukes County Social Services, we distributed over \$10,000 in emergency financial assistance for basic needs in the form of grocery store gift cards, annual bus passes and other emergency assistance.*** Contributions to the fund came from the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation; the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses. This fund has provided over \$75,000 in financial assistance to help Islanders get needed medications, medical and routine transportation, and related emergency needs since its inception.

The **Vineyard Smiles** school-based mobile dental services for children in grades K-12 was suspended due to COVID in FY2021. Thanks to a collaboration with the Polished Teeth Dental Hygiene program and many local supporters, including the Boards of Health and the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation, we were able to provide dental hygiene visits to **over 240 low-income adult patients** in April and May of 2021.

Local and Regional Initiatives: Access Program employees have been involved in a number of additional health care initiatives including:

- The Dukes County Health Council
- Regional Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
- The DCHC's Oral Health Work Group
- Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard
- Elder Care Providers Work Group

Funding: The County maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the six Island Towns for the ongoing funding of the Access Program. This MOU describes the Access Program's governance structure; the County's role and services provided; Town obligations; Municipal Membership Assessments; and Indemnification and Insurance. Our total FY21 budget was \$536,715.

By having agreements in place with each town, the Access Program's funding is secured and not subject to service cuts if grant funding is reduced. When the program succeeds in obtaining grants, these will offset the Town funding in the following year. Town funding for FY21 was \$370,465.

Other FY21 funding sources totaling \$166,250 included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, and local funders including the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, the Martha's Vineyard Community Foundation and local businesses and individual donors.

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Report of Dukes County

Social Services



To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Background

In 2015 Dukes County created its Social Services Department (DCSS) in response to the community's need for assistance with safety net programs, public benefits, and resources for low-income Islanders under age 60. DCSS connects needy Islanders with a variety of programs and services that support economic self-sufficiency. The population that the department serves ranges in age, socio-economic status, and education levels. We provide services in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

DCSS Funding

The department is funded by the six towns of Martha's Vineyard and grants from the Community Action Committee for the Cape and Islands (CACCI), the USDA via DTA's SNAP Outreach Grant from UMass Medical School, and the South Shore Community Action Committee Fuel Assistance Program.

DCSS Services

The Social Services department's primary functions include, but are not limited to, application assistance for the following programs:

- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)**
- **WIC (Women, infants, and children)**
- **Fuel Assistance**
- **Utility Assistance**
- **Unemployment, both normal and Pandemic Unemployment**

- **Emergency and non-emergency food programs**
- **Social Security Disability Income and Supplemental Security Income**
- **Department of Transitional Assistance cash assistance for families with children and disabled adults**

The Department provides information and referrals to local and regional agencies that can offer services and resources to complete addressing the needs of every client and household that we serve. DCSS facilitates applications and referrals for childcare subsidy programs including Bailey Boyd and voucher programs, emergency housing and rental assistance, Cape Cod Times Needy Fund, and unemployment insurance.

Clients receive application assistance for outside agencies that address housing and homelessness and are advised of their options as to what is available to them in terms of rental assistance, housing search assistance and support, homeless shelters, and programs available as well as resources that can support presently homeless individuals. DCSS works closely with the County's Homelessness Prevention Program, the Houses of Grace, and the Warming Shelter.

Information and referrals are made to agencies like the Housing Assistance Corporation, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, the Cape Cod Organization for the Rights of the Disabled (CORD), and Community Action Committee for the Cape and Islands (CACCI). Locally, the department collaborates with organizations ranging from Elder Services, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, The Resource Institute, Salvation Army, The Clergy Fund, Vineyard Housing Office, the Vineyard Committee on Hunger, Vineyard Health Care Access Program, and many additional agencies on the island.

Local and regional agencies refer their clients to the Social Services Department as a valuable and helpful resource. The outcome of this collaboration is that clients receive complete wrap around services in a multitude of areas.

The Department sponsors in collaboration with CACCI the Vol-

unteer Income Tax Assistance Program, which is an island wide, free tax preparation program, geared towards households under the age of 65 from January through April.

COVID Impact

Our services were impacted by the pandemic in several ways. From the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 until May 2021, when vaccinations were available, our direct contact with clients was sharply reduced. We shifted to a primarily remote service provision model and conducted interviews and submitted applications with clients mostly by phone. In addition, many of the benefit programs we help people with implemented emergency protections for members, so that we did not have to provide the usual level of support for our clients. Some of our application numbers were lower for FY21 than previously as a result. One area that increased dramatically was assistance with unemployment benefits, which saw a dramatic increase in FY21 due to the much higher number of claimants.

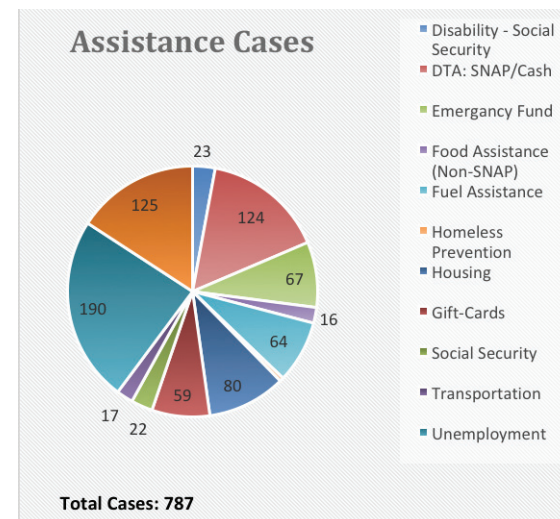
Another area of impact from the pandemic is in the provision of emergency assistance. We were fortunate to be included in the front line public service agencies that received funding to provide emergency assistance to our community. The MV Community Foundation – grant --

Applications

Applications submitted in FY21 for state and federal assistance on behalf of individuals and families who are Island residents.

In FY21 DCSS submitted:

- 53 SNAP applications on behalf of 76 individuals
- 29 Fuel Assistance applications on behalf of 58 individuals
- 4 Social Security Disability Applications
- 12 Emergency Cash Assistance applications for 18 individuals
- 21 Utility Assistance Applications on behalf of 31 individuals
- 9 Housing Assistance Applications on behalf of 17 individuals
- 16 Unemployment applications were made



DCSS is a SNAP Outreach Partner via our contract with the Commonwealth Medicine SNAP Unit at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. We participate in trainings and receive regular updates to stay current on changes to SNAP and related programs. The County also hosts an annual site review to ensure we are meeting our program goals and objectives. Sarah Kuh is an Island representative to the Department of Transitional Assistance Cape and Islands Advisory Board.

Assistance

Assistance includes information, referral, follow-up and advocacy for social services related to client self-sufficiency.

SS, SS Disability x 45

DTA (follow up) 124

Gift Cards, Food Assistance : 79 Food, Utilities: 21

Housing/Homeless Assistance x 84

Unemployment x 190

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Report of Dukes County Homeless Prevention Case Worker Accomplishments

August 2021- March 2022

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Resource and Referral: The case manager met with residents to discuss housing insecurities and complete referrals. She has provided phone numbers and applications to on Island and off Island housing assistance programs.

Shelter: The case manager has helped facilitate the registration of individuals interested in going to the Harbor Homes shelter. She has provided homeless Islanders with contact information for off island shelters.

Permanent Supportive Housing: The case manager has screened four (4) chronically homeless individuals for entry onto the Cape and Islands regional permanent supportive housing wait list.

Regional Meetings: The case manager has attended regional meetings of the Cape and Islands Regional Network on Homeless Prevention and learned about new grants and programs for the homeless population.

Collaboration: The case worker has worked collaboratively with community agencies to provide support services to residents who are struggling with being homeless. They include Dukes County Re-

gional Housing Authority, Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, Island Police Departments, Dukes County Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Island Health Care, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, and Island Clergy

Database: The case manager has kept files and progress notes on all individuals requesting assistance or advice. The case manager has collected the following data during her employment in 2021/22.

Total # Referrals: 76

Individuals: 66

Families: 10

Coordination: The case manager has managed the Warming Center that provided lunch, laundry and showers to homeless residents in the winter months. She has also served as the case manager for the women's congregate housing program in Oak Bluffs.

Report of MVTV

To: the Aquinnah Select Board:
Greetings:

MVTV is entering its 19th year of providing public access television to the Martha's Vineyard Community. We opened the doors on July 1, 2003 in the renovated tractor shed at the High School. We moved to our present facility at 58 Edgartown Vineyard Have Rd. in 2013. In that time, we have seen the technological advances in media delivery go from video tape to computer chip to streaming live events on the internet. All along the way we have kept up with the mission of providing the opportunity for media production to the island and beyond with Video on Demand.

The past 2 years have been especially challenging with the pandemic interrupting our smooth operation of covering government meetings in person as well as other events island wide that produced by people who have been trained on the equipment we have. The number of new shows aired this past year were 194 on Ch 13; 35 on Ch. 14; and 266 on Ch. 15. The government ZOOM meetings are still occurring and available on our website MVTV.org and aired on CH. 15. We look forward to getting back to "normal" soon.

Although COVID changed some of the dynamics of productions, the connection to the community with regard to digital media education, support and coverage is ongoing. We went back to the fair grounds and streamed the Ag Fair live for 4 days and MVRHS Graduation was streamed live and on Ch. 14. We collaborated with the League of Women Voters, The MV Diversity Coalition, Featherstone, the VTA, MV Signs Then and Now, among other organizations. The studio shows of This Week on The Vineyard, Tank Talk and the Vineyard View fill their time slots as well.

We always display the artwork of Island artists in our main common area. We invite everyone to come to the station and check the artwork out, see the production studio, the podcast set-up, the kitchen studio and join us in getting fresh content on the air. Do-it-Yourself media is where it is at!

Sincerely:
ANNE WHITING, Chair, Board of Directors
(member elected)
ANN BASSET, Vice Chair (member elected)
RICHARD KNABEL, Treasurer
(member elected)
REBECCA BARCA-TINUS, Secretary
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ROBERT TANKAND (Tisbury appointee)
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JOHN MCCORMICK (member elected)

Report of the Chilmark School Principal

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

The year of 2021 has continued to be a growth year at the Chilmark School. Our class sizes have stayed high with 58 students. We tried to celebrate as many of our previous traditions as possible, following all of the Covid 19 Protocols. We completed the 2021 school year having avoided any Covid cases within our school. Students continue to participate in many arts classes, along with all of their academic curriculum.

In June, our 5th graders had graduation as a live event at the Chilmark Community Center, with all windows open and students on the stage. The graduates gave their speeches and we were able to show the movie of the graduates that is made for each graduating class. It was almost back to normal!

As we start our 2021-2022 school year, we again began with all of our students back in the building, following all the protocol guidelines. Luckily, the Chilmark School could easily follow the new protocols since we have outside entrances to each classroom. This allowed us to keep student crossover to a minimum. Since the guidelines changed to 3 feet apart we were able to go back to multi-age classrooms. This year we have a kindergarten/first, a first/second, a second/third and a fourth/fifth.

Our faculty includes: Ellen Rossi and Drew Dubno in K/ 1, Jessica Whiteley in the 1/ 2, Robyn Dori in 2/ 3, and Mariah MacGregor in the 4/5. Jackie Guzalak has returned part time as our math special-

ist. Our teaching assistants include: Lauren Giglio, Suzy Fairstein, Pam Thomas, Kyra Whalen and Melissa McNickles.

We still have an all-school morning circle daily to start our day as a community: on Mondays it is inside, but Tues – Fri it is outside. During this time, we celebrate birthdays, have a thought for the day, pledge the flag, sing a song, (only outside) share news, and end with a symphonic musical selection from the “MusicWorks! Everyday” program developed by the Cape Cod Symphony (only when inside).

The Responsive classroom is the social curriculum of choice at the Chilmark School. This approach to building a learning community is built around six central components that integrate teaching, learning, and caring into the daily routine. These components are expressed in the context of commonly-shared values such as honesty, fairness, and respect. They are implemented through the development and strengthening of social skills such as cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. In addition, our counselor, Joan Rice, visits each classroom weekly to share activities discussing Social Emotional Learning. In past years, she has utilized the Second Step Program, but this year all schools are using the Michigan model for SEL. In addition to this program, Joan also uses a large bibliotherapy library, packed with children's books on a wide variety of sensitive topics. She focuses on integrating social-emotional learning into the classrooms and schoolwide. This school year we have added a new full-time nurse, Bea Whiting, who will be using the Michigan Model to teach Health and Wellness lessons.

We have a strong arts program at the Chilmark School. Every week all students attend art, music, theater, dance, library, and gym. Students in grades 2 – 5 can participate in strings, and in grades 4 and 5, in band. This is our 3rd year of Arts Integration. This one-hour class focuses on learning through the arts. This teacher works with the classroom teacher to select a topic and then comes up with lessons to teach this concept using music, theater, or movement. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance. This year we have been allowed to utilize the Chilmark Community Center as a learning space, so many of our specials classes are taught there.

Our hot lunch program continues to grow as we promote Island-grown foods and healthy lunches. Outdoor recesses during the day help promote healthy living, as well.

We are in our 4th year of utilizing “Math in Focus- Singapore Math.” We have also added AimsWeb for progress monitoring, as well as lessons from Math Investigations. Additionally, this year we have a math specialist, who is able to work with kids who need more math instruction.

The Lucy Calkins Writing Program helps students produce a great product in the area of writing. This year, teachers continue to work together monthly to be sure that students’ compositions are graded similarly based on required skills and elements.

In the computer lab, students utilize various programs to improve their skills on the computer while participating in academic learning. They use “Typing Club” for keyboarding skills, “Aleks” for math, and “Lexia” for reading. These programs are web-based, which allows students to work at their own pace at both school and home. Students also work with the web-based Suite, developed by Google, which incorporates creating documents, spreadsheets, drawing, and more.

Our teachers have become more adept at utilizing remote instruction after attending a variety of trainings regarding landing pages, programs to use, synchronous and asynchronous learning, and flipping classes. We also have purchased enough ipads, and/or Chromebooks for each student to have one to use at home and at school. Teachers are utilizing this time when we are in school to practice using technology, just in case we need to return to remote learning.

Many traditions that make our school special have had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak; however, we have been trying to alter them to still give students some form of the traditions, starting with the Turkey Trot which is outside, so we can keep it as it has been in the past. We will try to include all special days that we can alter to fit the Covid 19 guidelines this year. These traditions foster commu-

nity involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school, so it is important to us that we keep some form of them going if we can. For more details and photos of what is going on at the Chilmark School please visit our website at www.chilmarkschool.org.

There are many contributors that support the Chilmark School’s success. The staff, a group of talented individuals, work closely to meet the needs of all students. The school PTO and School Advisory Council put in countless hours and are a valuable resource. The Chilmark School parent body makes the school a true community. Volunteers bring their unique experiences and expertise, giving students another perspective. The Up-Island School Committee works to help our school be successful. I would like to thank all those who have contributed and helped the Chilmark School continue to be a place where children come “to live, to love, to learn.”

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN STEVENS
Head of SchoolChilmark School

Report of the West Tisbury School Principal

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.
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Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar 2021 at the West Tisbury School. I have highlighted significant aspects of the year, as well as staffing changes. We continue to build upon the excellence that has been characteristic of the West Tisbury School and for which it is well known and widely admired. "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." These words by John Dewey align with our mission and provide a motto for us to reflect on as we strive for continuous improvement.

Our student enrollment increased to 352. New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Brooke Avakian, Olivia Becchio, Lisa Benson, Victoria Campbell, Katie Cademartori, Cana Courtney, Sarah DeBettencourt, Lydia Fischer, Jonathan Fleischmann, Danielle Fogg, Treather Gassmann, Janice Gulland, Annie Ollen, Sarah Rivers, Ava Thors, and Kathy Verner. We had two staff members retire this year: Ruth Chapman and Victoria Phillips. We thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the West Tisbury School and its community.

In January of 2021, we were able to welcome back all grades to five days a week of in-person learning. We continued our remote classes for parents who chose for their children to remain remote, but this number significantly decreased throughout the remaining months of the school year. In September, we returned fully to in-

person for all students. Along with having a high percentage of our staff and students vaccinated, we continue our preventative measures of mask wearing, hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, cleaning and maintaining a healthy facility, monitoring for virus symptoms, and participating in a robust testing program in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The pandemic impacted our students and their families in many ways. As a result of this impact, we focused this year on the following three main areas:

- 1) Prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff
- 2) Supporting students' social, emotional, and mental health
- 3) Accelerating student academic learning

We monitored student gains and achievement, as we provided interventions through a multi-tiered system of support model. These supports are proving successful and we will continue them into 2022.

We were also fortunate to receive several grants to support our three priorities. Grant funding allowed us to significantly expand our summer school to provide individual and small group instruction; expand our after school programming providing social and enriching opportunities for students; provide therapists to students and families; and support our mitigation strategies by funding supplies and contracted services, e.g. additional cleaning. We were also able to continue to run a homework support club for students in third through eighth grade and provide professional development opportunities for staff members.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) has prioritized three school improvement goals its members identified for the current school year in the areas of student social-emotional wellness, sustainability and greening our school, and investigating universal preschool. We are partnering with the Chilmark SAC on the last two goals. Thank you to Samuel Hall, Graham Houghton, Elle Lash, and Wenonah Madison for their continued dedication to continuous improvement of our school.

As always, the support of community members is paramount to the success of our school. I thank all for their unstinting support of the West Tisbury School and its mission. I am eager to continue this successful collaboration with educators, parents, volunteers, community members, organizations, and business partners to ensure the advancement of our school and the achievements and success of all our students in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT
Principal

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Principal

Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

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 mas-

sive 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 I 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 book-talks, 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 report-

ed 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 DINGLEDY
Principal

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Kate DeVane, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency
All-Island School Committee

Dear Ms. DeVane:

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.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHEW D'ANDREA, LP.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Office of the Treasurer

4 PINE STREET
VINEYARD HAVEN, MA 02568

January 27, 2022
To the Citizens of Aquinnah:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

FY2021 Assessment

FY2021 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

FY2021 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — FY21 Assessment

DESCRIPTION	FY21 AMOUNT					
Operating & Capital Budget	\$	22,736,676.80				
Charter School/School Choice Tuition		778,829.00	23,515,505.80			
Less						
Chapter 70 State Aid		2,835,120.00				
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid		224,057.00				
Other Revenues		326,113.50				
E&D Offset		625,000.00	4,010,290.50			
FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	\$		19,505,215.30			
Town Apportionments						
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	172,685.00	456,381.00	2,294,241.00	2,272,162.00	2,106,456.00	1,233,463.00
(iii) Transportation	173,968.14	553,535.04	2,656,968.52	3,004,904.70	2,736,044.80	1,486,637.09
(iii) Capital	7,751.87	24,665.04	118,392.18	133,895.91	121,915.75	66,243.24
(iii) Other Costs	8,318.11	26,466.73	127,040.30	143,676.53	130,821.26	71,082.07
Gross Assessments	40.98	130.4	625.93	707.9	644.56	350.22
Less E&D Offset	362,764.11	1,061,178.21	5,197,267.94	5,555,347.04	5,095,882.38	2,857,775.63
FY19 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	10,245.90	32,600.59	156,482.87	176,974.66	161,140.09	87,555.89
	352,518.21	1,028,577.61	5,040,785.07	5,378,372.37	4,934,742.29	2,770,219.74
						19,505,215.30

This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.
Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment Method (voted by School Committee)

Numbers may be off due to rounding.

1.98%	4.96%	23.51%	28.33%	26.91%	14.31%	100.00%
14	35	166	200	190	101	700
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/21)						

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2021

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	\$ 168,947.67	\$ 165,099.11	\$ 3,848.56
Administration: Expenses	11,105.00	10,172.90	932.10
Administration Subtotal	180,052.67	175,272.01	4,780.66
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	286,440.69	285,890.44	550.25
Instruction: Expenses	37,200.00	18,998.92	18,201.08
Instruction Subtotal	323,640.69	304,889.36	18,751.33
Supt/Shared Services: Operations and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	-	-
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	26,720.00	21,592.46	5,127.54
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	26,720.00	21,592.46	5,127.54
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Cost			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	19,966.60	19,966.59	0.01
Fixed Costs: Expenses	40,647.63	41,064.43	(416.80)
	60,614.23	61,031.02	(416.79)
Fix Costs Subtotal	591,027.59	562,784.85	28,242.74
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services			
High School Programs: Administration			
Administration: Salaries	148,039.00	121,332.48	26,706.52
Administration: Expenses	125,798.78	126,316.41	(517.63)
Administration Total	273,837.78	247,648.89	26,188.89

High School Programs: Instruction			
Instruction: Salaries	10,447,548.75	10,169,797.37	277,751.38
Instruction: Expenses	682,544.51	745,483.75	(62,939.24)
	11,130,093.26	10,915,281.12	214,812.14
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	2,102,317.37	1,870,838.36	231,479.01
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	726,486.64	697,781.51	28,705.13
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(1,272,002.50)	(1,172,113.83)	(99,888.67)
Other School & Community Subtotal	1,556,801.51	1,396,506.04	160,295.47
High School Programs: Operations and Maintenance of Plant			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	500,055.43	501,146.02	(1,090.59)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,360,041.18	1,206,473.95	153,567.23
Operations and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,860,096.61	1,707,619.97	152,476.64
High School Programs: Fixed Costs			
Employee Retirement	376,095.57	399,170.74	(23,075.17)
Retired Municipal Teachers	603,638.41	745,177.59	(141,539.18)
Other Post Employment Benefits	958,314.00	958,314.00	-
Employee Separations Costs	10,430.00	43,059.00	(32,629.00)
Insurance - Employee Related	2,294,261.37	2,162,338.64	131,922.73
Insurance -School Related	748,409.12	666,861.45	81,547.67
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Bus/Vehicle Purchases	308,505.00	258,121.88	50,383.12
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	18,900.00	18,900.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	1,223,766.59	1,096,909.65	126,856.94
Contingency Reserve/Contingency/COVID 19	600,000.00		600,000.00
Fixed Costs Subtotal	7,324,820.06	6,530,852.95	793,967.11
TOTAL High School Programs	22,145,649.22	20,797,908.97	1,347,740.25
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 22,736,676.81	\$ 21,360,693.82	\$ 1,375,982.99

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
Assets							
Cash and Investments	\$ 6,141,192.61	\$ 878,483.91	\$ 322,832.95	\$ -	\$ 637,622.37	\$ -	\$ 7,980,131.84
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	540,000.00	540,000.00
Total Assets	6,141,192.61	878,483.91	322,832.95	-	637,622.37	540,000.00	8,520,131.84
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	1,020,492.84	151,548.24	-	-	61,688.25	-	1,233,729.33
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,627,469.61	72,378.50	-	-	445,464.75	-	2,145,312.86
Other Liabilities	59,092.85	190.36	-	-	-	-	59,283.21
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	(1,515,537.52)	-	(1,515,537.52)
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	540,000.00	540,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,707,055.30	224,117.10	-	-	(1,008,384.52)	540,000.00	2,462,787.88
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumbrances	496,976.61	-	-	-	-	-	496,976.61
Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	600,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	600,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	2,337,160.70	654,366.81	322,832.95	-	1,646,006.89	-	4,960,367.35
Total Fund Equity	3,434,137.31	654,366.81	322,832.95	-	1,646,006.89	-	6,057,343.96
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 6,141,192.61	\$ 878,483.91	\$ 322,832.95	\$ -	\$ 637,622.37	\$ 540,000.00	\$ 8,520,131.84

Up-Island Regional School District of Martha's Vineyard

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January 27, 2022
To the Citizens of Aquinnah:

In compliance with Section VIII of the Up-Island Regional School District Agreement under which the District was formed and according to the recommendations of the Office of the Directors of Accounts, we submit the following financial reports of the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

FY2021 Assessment

FY2021 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

FY2021 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Up-Island Regional School District — FY2021 Assessment

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)					
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	\$	221,010.69	313,098.48	1,095,763.19	1,629,872.36
School Committee Medicaid Offset		281,576.20	398,899.62	1,396,044.85	2,076,520.67
		(1,437.36)	(2,036.26)	(7,126.38)	(10,600.00)
TOTAL PART A & B	\$	\$501,149.54	\$709,961.84	\$2,484,681.66	\$3,695,793.04
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,351,673.62	415,909.97	571,893.11	363,870.54	1,351,673.62
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(45,485.72)	(13,995.96)	(19,245.01)	(12,244.76)	(45,485.72)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	7,261,086.55	769,675.17	1,105,863.48	5,385,547.89	7,261,086.55
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	(12,500.00)	(1,325.00)	(1,903.75)	(9,271.25)	(12,500.00)
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(279,412.28)	(29,617.70)	(42,554.49)	(207,240.09)	(279,412.28)
TOTAL PART C	\$	\$1,140,646.49	\$1,614,053.34	\$5,520,662.34	\$8,275,362.17
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	159,375.00	13,084.69	18,790.31	127,500.00	159,375.00
Short-Term Borrowing - WT	79,920.00	6,561.43	9,422.57	63,936.00	79,920.00
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	31,080.00	3,316.24	24,864.00	2,899.76	31,080.00
TOTAL PART D	\$	\$22,962.36	\$53,076.88	\$194,335.76	\$270,375.00
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$	\$12,241,530.21	\$2,377,092.07	\$8,199,679.76	\$12,241,530.21

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE	CIRCUIT BREAKER	MEDICAID
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT				
Chapter 70 - State Aid	866,452.00	(\$324,898 to be used to offset FY20 Budget; see above)	(\$12,500 to be used to offset FY20 Budget; see above)	(\$10,600 to be used to offset FY20 Budget; see above)
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	167,608.00			
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,140,900.00)			
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	61,091.00		112,500.00	
SPED Circuit Breaker	112,500.00			10,600.00
Medicaid Reimbursements	95,000.00			
School Choice Sending Tuition	(67,000.00)	324,898.00		
School Choice Receiving Tuition				
Total Reimbursements	94,751.00	324,898.00	112,500.00	10,600.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

E&D Offset	-
Interest Income	9,500.00
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenues	13,500.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$	\$108,251.00	\$14,673.84	\$20,795.02	\$72,777.15	\$108,251.00
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$	\$12,133,279.21	\$1,650,079.55	\$2,356,297.05	\$8,126,902.62	\$12,133,279.21

UIRSD FY 2020 FORMULAS

Town of Residence	Chilmark	School Attended	West Tisbury	Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
Aquinnah	16	32		48	Charter School 50
Chilmark	22	46		68	School Choice 13
West Tisbury	14	224		238	Shared Services 4
District Enrollment	52	302		354	Residential 1
School Choice	7	44		51	
Total Enrollment	59	346		405	FY19 Foundation Enrollment = 422

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"		Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.	
Aquinnah = 13.56%	Chilmark =	19.21%	W. Tisbury = 67.23%
Supt & Sch. Comm.:			

Up-Island Regional School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2021

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
SUPT/SHARED SERVICES	\$ 1,629,872.37	\$ 1,861,429.19	\$ (231,556.82)
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	425,895.04	428,192.80	(2,297.76)
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,059,612.62	2,985,494.15	74,118.47
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	122,562.00	107,957.56	14,604.44
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	14,140.00	6,843.28	7,296.72
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	30,950.00	27,014.96	3,935.04
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VI	207,189.34	190,950.55	16,238.79
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	10,000.00	9,236.01	763.99
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	912,030.53	775,271.87	136,758.66
WT LIBRARY SERVICES	130,426.34	143,637.16	(13,210.82)
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	215,059.00	214,989.81	69.19
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	98,240.00	105,333.10	(7,093.10)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES	267,789.00	265,161.88	2,627.12
WT UTILITIES	92,600.00	70,983.66	21,616.34
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	178,280.00	176,140.48	2,139.52
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,099,460.40	1,092,397.40	7,063.00
WT INSURANCE	104,940.00	124,578.23	(19,638.23)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL	6,969,174.27	6,724,182.90	244,991.37

CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	166,464.20	167,581.80	(1,117.60)
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	546,680.36	477,239.99	69,440.37
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	29,350.00	27,885.35	1,464.65
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	19,402.00	16,454.58	2,947.42
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	3,200.00	2,244.00	956.00
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS	73,590.00	73,651.41	(61.41)
CH FURNITURE	300.00	474.63	(174.63)
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	73,813.00	91,300.43	(17,487.43)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES	2,000.00	1,997.59	2.41
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT	41,436.00	42,265.20	(829.20)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	12,034.80	7,796.82	4,237.98
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES	84,286.00	89,726.51	(5,440.51)
CH UTILITIES	29,000.00	24,283.87	4,716.13
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	62,925.00	63,111.95	(186.95)
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	138,368.54	115,375.35	22,993.19
CH INSURANCE	23,338.00	19,910.20	3,427.80
TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL	1,306,187.90	1,221,299.68	84,888.22
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	1,806,567.67	1,720,603.14	85,964.53
DEBT	270,375.00	273,974.35	(3,599.35)
TRANSPORTATION	259,353.00	168,590.10	90,762.90
TRANSFERS TO REVOLVING SCHOOL LUNCH	-	9,698.52	(9,698.52)
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2,336,295.67	2,172,866.11	163,429.56
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,241,530.21	\$ 11,979,777.88	\$ 261,752.33

Up-Island Regional School District
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2021

Assets	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	General	
						Long-Term Obligations	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,530,725.79	\$ 347,498.82	\$ 460,544.31	\$ -	\$ 57,364.04	\$ -	\$ 3,396,132.96
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	647,500.00	647,500.00
Total Assets	2,530,725.79	347,498.82	460,544.31	-	57,364.04	647,500.00	\$ 4,043,632.96
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	691,479.76	2,206.79	2,250.00	-	-	-	\$ 695,936.55
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	790,657.90	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 790,657.90
Other Liabilities	23,168.32	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 23,168.32
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	30,086.71	-	\$ 30,086.71
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	497,500.00	\$ 497,500.00
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Total Liabilities	1,505,305.98	2,206.79	2,250.00	-	30,086.71	647,500.00	\$ 2,187,349.48
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumbrances	80,461.04	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 80,461.04
Reserved for Expenditures	98,779.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 98,779.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	846,179.77	345,292.03	458,294.31	-	27,277.33	-	\$ 1,677,043.44
Total Fund Equity	1,025,419.81	345,292.03	458,294.31	-	27,277.33	-	\$ 1,856,283.48
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 2,530,725.79	\$ 347,498.82	\$ 460,544.31	\$ -	\$ 57,364.04	\$ 647,500.00	\$ 4,043,632.96



	FY 2021		FY 2022		FY 2023	
	Final Budget		Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Telephone	\$ 20,624	\$	14,300	\$ 14,300		
Advertising	\$ 8,000	\$	9,000	\$ 9,000		
Postage	\$ 2,500	\$	2,625	\$ 2,625		
Supplies	\$ 5,960	\$	5,400	\$ 5,400		
Vehicle Lease	\$ -	\$	19,199	\$ 19,199		
General Town Expenses	\$ 37,084	\$ 50,524	\$ 50,524	\$ 50,524	\$ 0	0.0%
Moderator	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ -	0.0%
Selectmen - Salaries	\$ 16,708	\$ 17,189	\$ 17,189	\$ 17,160		
Selectmen - Consultant Fees	\$ 6,360	\$ 6,360	\$ 6,360	\$ 6,360		
Selectmen - Expenses	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150		
Selectmen - Ceremonial Use	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180		
Selectmen	\$ 26,398	\$ 26,879	\$ 26,879	\$ 26,850	\$ (29)	-0.1%
Administrator - Salary	\$ 109,098	\$ 115,759	\$ 115,759	\$ 122,795		
Administrator - Expenses	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200		
Administrator	\$ 113,298	\$ 119,959	\$ 119,959	\$ 126,995	\$ 7,036	5.9%
Finance Committee Reserve Fund	\$ 15,616	\$ 26,100	\$ 26,100	\$ 26,100	\$ -	0.0%
Financial Audit	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ -	0.0%
Town Accountant - Wages	\$ 42,459	\$ 56,311	\$ 56,311	\$ 59,729		
Accounting Clerk - Wages	\$ 14,476	\$ 20,945	\$ 20,945	\$ 22,214		
Town Accountant - Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
Town Accountant	\$ 58,435	\$ 78,756	\$ 78,756	\$ 83,443	\$ 4,687	6.0%
Assessor/Appraiser - Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Assessor - Expenses	\$ 51,137	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000		
Assessors	\$ 51,137	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ -	0.0%
Treasurer Salary	\$ 55,625	\$ 42,459	\$ 42,459	\$ 54,951		
Treasurer Wages	\$ 31,845	\$ 31,845	\$ 31,845	\$ 8,628		
Treasurer - Expenses	\$ 17,662	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450		
Treasurer	\$ 73,287	\$ 76,754	\$ 76,754	\$ 66,029	\$ (10,725)	-14.0%
Tax Collector - Wages	\$ 45,049	\$ 46,395	\$ 46,395	\$ 47,784		
Tax Collector - Longevity	\$ 450	\$ 464	\$ 464	\$ 478		
Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -		
Tax Collector - Expenses	\$ 4,960	\$ 4,960	\$ 4,960	\$ 4,960		
Tax Collector	\$ 51,459	\$ 52,819	\$ 52,819	\$ 53,222	\$ 403	0.8%
Legal	\$ 63,681	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	0.0%
Data Processing	\$ 75,835	\$ 66,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 73,500	\$ 7,500	11.4%
Town Clerk - Salary	\$ 36,635	\$ 38,858	\$ 38,858	\$ 41,228		
Town Clerk - Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700		
Town Clerk	\$ 38,135	\$ 41,558	\$ 41,558	\$ 43,928	\$ 2,370	5.7%
Elections	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	100.0%
Insurance	\$ 71,316	\$ 79,405	\$ 79,405	\$ 80,199	\$ 794	1.0%
Town Report	\$ 9,774	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 705,636	\$ 781,433	\$ 781,433	\$ 794,970	\$ 13,537	1.7%

PUBLIC WORKS/BLDGS & GROUNDS

	FY 2021		FY 2022		FY 2023	
	Final Budget		Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
PW Director - Public Works Salary	\$ 92,081	\$	97,698	\$ 103,669		
Highway/Public Works Foreman	\$ 56,199	\$	63,873	\$ 72,286		
Highway/Public Works Temporary/Seasonal	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 6,568		
Building Maintenance - Wages	\$ 15,798	\$	14,339	\$ 14,752		
Property Management - Wages	\$ 1,500	\$	2,000	\$ 2,000		
Public Works - Snow/Ice Removal	\$ 33,680	\$	10,759	\$ 10,759		
Highway - Road Maintenance Contractors	\$ 20,307	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000		
Highway - Continuing Ed/Training	\$ 1,500	\$	1,500	\$ 1,500		
Highway - Supplies/Expense	\$ 19,040	\$	13,300	\$ 13,300		
Highway - Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 4,000	\$	4,000	\$ 4,000		
Bldgs/Grounds - Expenses	\$ 27,000	\$	27,000	\$ 27,000		
Bldgs/Grounds - Supplies	\$ 12,200	\$	12,200	\$ 12,200		
Bldgs/Grounds - Utilities	\$ 20,000	\$	22,000	\$ 22,000		
Bldgs/Grounds - Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 13,135	\$	6,000	\$ 6,000		
Bldgs/Grounds - Lighthouse	\$ -	\$	5,500	\$ 5,500		
Cemetery - Maintenance Expenses	\$ 5,400	\$	6,000	\$ 6,000		
Storage Unit - Rental	\$ 1,512	\$	1,512	\$ 1,512		
PUBLIC WORKS/BLDGS & GROUNDS	\$ 323,352	\$	292,681	\$ 314,046	\$ 21,365	7.3%

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief - Salary	\$ 141,128	\$	145,367	\$ 149,738		
Police Officers - Wages	\$ 443,223	\$	487,294	\$ 497,551		
Police Officers - Longevity	\$ 13,538	\$	14,809	\$ 16,961		
Police Department - Expenses	\$ 47,325	\$	45,825	\$ 47,325		
Police Department	\$ 645,214	\$	693,295	\$ 711,575	\$ 18,280	2.6%
Fire Chief - Salary	\$ 40,000	\$	41,200	\$ 41,200		
Firefighters - Wages	\$ 34,000	\$	34,000	\$ 36,000		
Fire Department - Expenses	\$ 43,600	\$	43,600	\$ 43,600		
Fire Department	\$ 117,600	\$	118,800	\$ 120,800	\$ 2,000	1.7%

Ambulance Service

	\$ 385,519	\$	390,622	\$ 371,274	\$ (19,348)	-5.0%
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Emergency Mgmt. - Pay

	\$ 1,000	\$	1,000	\$ 1,000		
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Emergency Mgmt. - Expenses

	\$ 1,000	\$	1,000	\$ 1,000		
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Emergency Management

	\$ 2,000	\$	2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.0%
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Animal Control Officer - Pay

	\$ 6,000	\$	6,000	\$ 6,000		
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Animal Officer - Expenses

	\$ 1,200	\$	1,200	\$ 1,200		
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Dog Officer

	\$ 7,200	\$	7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ -	0.0%
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Shellfish Constable - Wages

	\$ 45,059	\$	46,403	\$ 47,796		
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Shellfish Constable - Longevity

	\$ 1,802	\$	1,856	\$ 1,912		
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Temporary/Seasonal Employee

	\$ 1,500	\$	1,500	\$ 1,500		
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MV Shellfish Group Assessment

	\$ 38,000	\$	38,000	\$ 39,000		
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Shellfish/Harbornmaster - Expenses

	\$ 12,875	\$	12,875	\$ 12,875		
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Shellfish / Harbornmaster

	\$ 99,236	\$	100,634	\$ 103,083	\$ 2,449	2.4%
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,256,769	\$	1,312,551	\$ 1,315,932	\$ 3,381	0.3%
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TRAVEL	\$ 19,820	\$	28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ -	0.0%
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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE**Landfill Drop-off - Wages**

	\$ 21,204	\$	20,496	\$ 23,915		
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Landfill Drop-off - District Assess.

	\$ 23,589	\$	23,604	\$ 24,050		
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Landfill Drop-off - Expenses

	\$ 42,000	\$	43,500	\$ 43,500		
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Board of Health - Landfill

	\$ 86,793	\$	87,600	\$ 91,465	\$ 3,865	4.4%
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Board of Health Clerk - Wages

	\$ 23,969	\$	26,322	\$ 26,459		
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Board of Health Inspector - Wages

	\$ 3,100	\$	3,600	\$ 3,600		
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Board of Health - Nursing

	\$ 6,700	\$	6,700	\$ 6,700		
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Board of Health - Expenses

	\$ 5,803	\$	4,250	\$ 4,250		
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Board of Health - General

	\$ 39,572	\$	40,872	\$ 41,009	\$ 137	0.3%
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	FY 2021		FY 2022		FY 2023	
	Final Budget		Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
Up-Island COA Services	\$	51,234	\$	53,500	\$	54,369
Board of Health - Councils on Aging	\$	51,234	\$	53,500	\$	54,369
					\$	869
						1.6%
Homesite Clerk - Wages	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Homesite Committee - Expenses	\$	250	\$	250	\$	250
DC Housing Authority Asses.	\$	11,083	\$	11,350	\$	11,565
Affordable Housing	\$	12,333	\$	12,600	\$	12,815
					\$	215
						1.7%
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE	\$	189,932	\$	194,572	\$	199,658
					\$	5,086
						2.6%
LAND USE						
Conservation Commission	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
						0.0%
Planning Board Clerk - Wages	\$	34,027		36,094		36,558
Planning Board - Expenses	\$	4,750	\$	4,750	\$	4,750
Planning Board	\$	38,777	\$	40,844	\$	41,308
					\$	464
						1.1%
Board of Appeals	\$	100	\$	100	\$	100
						0.0%
M.V. Commission	\$	45,177	\$	41,486	\$	44,993
					\$	3,507
						8.5%
Building Inspector - Pay	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000
Building Inspector Clerk - Wages	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Building Inspector - Expenses	\$	1,000	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Building Inspector	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	\$	12,000
					\$	-
						0.0%
TOTAL LAND USE	\$	96,254	\$	94,630	\$	98,601
					\$	3,971
						4.2%

CULTURE AND RECREATION						
Library Director - Salary	\$	48,572	\$	51,521	\$	54,666
Library - Wages	\$	59,728	\$	64,605	\$	67,376
Library - Expenses	\$	34,450	\$	45,725	\$	45,325
Library	\$	142,750	\$	161,851	\$	167,367
					\$	5,516
						3.4%
Arts / Culture	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
						0.0%
Parking/Restrooms Wages	\$	55,000	\$	55,000	\$	55,000
Parking/Restrooms Expenses	\$	8,800	\$	8,800	\$	8,800
Recreational Facilities	\$	63,800	\$	63,800	\$	63,800
					\$	-
						0.0%
Lighthouse Wages						
Lighthouse Keeper	\$	13,183	\$	12,281	\$	32,549
Lighthouse Expenses	\$	-	\$	2,250	\$	4,350
Recreational Facilities	\$	13,183	\$	14,531	\$	49,699
					\$	35,168
						242.0%
Community Programs Expenses	\$	3,000	\$	3,000	\$	3,000
Dukes County - Vineyard Health Care Access	\$		\$	11,815	\$	12,517
Dukes County - Social Services Program	\$		\$	1,352	\$	1,485
Dukes County - Homelessness Prevention	\$		\$	1,674	\$	1,664
Dukes County - SUD Coalition	\$		\$	-	\$	1,450
Dukes County - MV Center for Living	\$		\$	15,614	\$	14,819
Dukes County - CORE program	\$		\$	3,066	\$	2,955
Dukes County - First Stop	\$		\$	281	\$	271
Dukes County - Healthy Aging MV	\$		\$	3,208	\$	3,092
Dukes County - Overhead	\$		\$	-	\$	1,891
Dukes County - HHS building debt	\$		\$	5,850	\$	5,720
Community Programs	\$	3,000	\$	45,860	\$	48,864
					\$	3,004
						6.6%
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$	224,232	\$	287,542	\$	331,230
					\$	43,688
						15.2%

	FY 2021		FY 2022		FY 2023	
	Final Budget		Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
EDUCATION						
Elementary School Assessment	\$ 1,500,940	\$	1,538,994	\$ 1,522,018		
High School Assessment	\$ 352,518	\$	458,532	\$ 460,394		
EDUCATION	\$ 1,853,458	\$	1,997,526	\$ 1,982,412	\$ (15,114)	-0.8%
DEBT						
Temporary Debt Principal & Interest	\$ 33,007	\$	30,855	\$ 30,598		
Long-Term Debt Principal & Interest	\$ 55,848	\$	51,645	\$ 51,247		
DEBT	\$ 88,855	\$	82,500	\$ 81,845	\$ (655)	-0.8%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-RETIREMENT						
County Retirement Assessment	\$ 202,555	\$	199,946	\$ 213,295		
OPEB Trust Contribution	\$	\$	25,000	\$ 25,000		
OPEB Trust Fiduciary Assessment	\$ 420	\$	750	\$ 750		
Workers Compensation	\$ 9,007	\$	5,928	\$ 5,928		
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 12,474	\$	12,474	\$ 12,474		
Health/Dental/Life Insurance	\$ 278,230	\$	288,054	\$ 396,479		
Medicare/Social Security - Town	\$ 21,009	\$	21,009	\$ 20,889		
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-RETIREMENT	\$ 523,695	\$	553,161	\$ 674,815	\$ 121,654	22.0%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 5,282,003	\$	5,624,598	\$ 5,821,509	\$ 196,911	3.5%

Warrant for Aquinnah Annual Town Meeting

TOWN OF AQUINNAH THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Dukes County, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Aquinnah

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in the election and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall on the Tenth day of May, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. then and there to act upon the articles of this Warrant, with the exception of Article One. And to meet again at the Aquinnah Town Hall on the Twelfth day of May, 2022 at twelve noon, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of offices, ballot questions and any required override found on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will open at 12:00 P.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

ARTICLE ONE: To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot
To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot

One member of the Board of Selectmen for three years

Two members of the Planning Board for three years

One member of the Planning Board for one year

One Planning Board Associate for three years

One Moderator for three years

One Library Trustee for three years

One member of the Board of Health for three years

Question One:

Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to assess an additional Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding engineering and the schematic phase of planning for a new comfort station at Aquinnah Circle and renovation to the Town Hall/Town Offices for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022? Yes ____ No ____

Question Two:

Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to assess an additional Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) in real and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing parking voucher dispensers for the municipal parking lot for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022? Yes ____ No ____

(Recommended by FinCom)

Question Three:

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

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

WHEREAS, the National Academies of Sciences has determined there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation,

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has the authority to stop the dumping;

THEREFORE, shall the people of the Town of Aquinnah direct the

local government to communicate with Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, and the State Legislature to employ all means available to ensure that Holtec commits to immediately withdraw any plans to dump any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay? Yes ____ No ____

Question Four:

Shall the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, be authorized to file a home rule petition asking the Legislature to create a Housing Bank which would impose a 2% transfer fee on real estate sales of \$1,000,000.00 and above to provide year-round and housing affordable to those earning up to 240% of the Dukes County median income? Yes ____ No ____

ARTICLE TWO: To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money required to defray the general expenses of the Town as itemized in the FY 2023 operating budget and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers and employees of the Town as itemized therein, and to fund said appropriation through the tax levy. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for passage of a special law establishing a Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank (the "Housing Bank") as set forth in the document entitled "An Act Establishing the Martha's Vineyard Housing Bank" (the "Housing Bank Act") on file with the Town Clerk, subject to approval by a majority of the voters voting on such question at an annual or special Town election held in the same year as the Town Meeting vote approving submission of this petition to the General Court; provided, however, that submission of such petition to the General Court shall be contingent upon approval of this petition by not less than four towns located on Martha's Vineyard. The Housing Bank Act may be amended prior to submission to the General

Court by a body composed of one designee appointed by the Select Board of each town on Martha's Vineyard that approves this article (the "Housing Bank Review Committee"), provided that the Housing Bank Act shall be subject, to the maximum extent possible, to the following parameters:

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

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

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

for purposes of the State Conflict of Interest Law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

shall preserve a minimum of 40% of the property as open space and minimize tree removal, in order to promote clustering and preserve undeveloped property. All projects shall minimize disturbances to the local ecology.

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

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

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

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

Withdrawal and Sunset: Any member town may withdraw

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

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

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

The Housing Bank Act is subject to approval by the General Court, which may only make clerical or editorial changes of form to the bill unless the Select Boards of at least two thirds of the towns that approve this article vote to approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. Approval of this article authorizes the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the Housing Bank Act. Adoption of the Housing Bank Act by any town, in the final form approved by the General Court, must be approved by the affirma-

tive vote of a majority of the voters at any regular or special town election at which the question of acceptance has been placed on the ballot. The Housing Bank Act shall become effective on the date on which no less than four towns located on Martha's Vineyard accept its provisions as provided for in this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the purpose of funding engineering and schematic design costs related to renovating the Town Hall/Town Offices and Comfort Station at Aquinnah Circle. No amounts shall be raised and appropriated or expended pursuant to this vote unless the Town shall have voted to override the limitation on the property tax levy set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 59, § 21C (also known as Proposition 2 ½) by a majority of voters casting ballots on Question 1 at the Annual Town Election held on May 12, 2022; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from available funds to pay toward Transportation Engineering services for design work and/or technical analyses on Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, for Fiscal Year 2023. The Transportation Engineering Services program is a renewal of services authorized in FY22 under this same contractual arrangement. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$5,885.00) from available funds to pay for the prior year's Local Aid Shortfall Payments to the Massachusetts State Treasury. Nine-Tenths Majority Required (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from available funds to pay the Town share of salary and expenses to hire an Island-wide Emergency

Management Coordinator, or take any other action relative thereto. This appropriation is contingent upon approval of all other towns in Dukes County. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$35,852.00) for highway construction or improvements from the Town of Aquinnah's Chapter 90 local transportation aid apportionment from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for FY 2023, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$26,649.00) from available funds to support the maintenance costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2023 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$7,970.00) from available funds to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to an Emergency Generator for the Chilmark School building, including 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; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 13E of the Massachusetts General Laws permitting the Up-Island Regional School District to establish a Special Ed-

ucation Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$23,228.00) from available funds to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the additional costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing a portion of the Roof in or on the West Tisbury School building, including 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; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adopting Chapter XXIX entitled "Electrification of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings," as set forth below. This proposed By-law, if approved by the Town, will become effective only if the Town authorizes the Select Board to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to ratify and authorize the Town's approval of the By-law, as proposed in Article 16, and the General Court passes the requested special legislation.

CHAPTER XXIX: Electrification of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings

1. Purpose

The Town of Aquinnah adopts this By-Law under the authority granted by Article 89, § 6, of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, and by General Laws c. 40, § 21(1) and (18), § 21D, and c. 43B, § 13, to require New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings to use electricity instead of fossil fuels for heating, cooling, and hot water. The By-Law will protect the health and welfare of the Town's inhabitants and the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which cause climate change, and by reducing other air pollutants.

2. Definitions

“Effective Date” means the date six months following the date on which special legislation ratifying and authorizing the Town’s adoption of an amendment to its General By-laws, approved at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and entitled “Chapter XXIX Electrification of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings,” becomes effective and on which the Town Clerk posts this By-law, in its approved form, and the special legislation enacted by the General Court, at Town Hall and on the Town’s website.

“New Building” means a structure with a roof, not in existence at the time of the filing of an associated building permit application on or after the Effective Date, designed or intended for the shelter of persons or animals or the storage of property.

“Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building” means a renovation project that requires a building permit, for which a building permit application has been filed after the Effective Date and that includes the reconfiguration of space or building systems, in which the Work Area is greater than 50% of the gross floor area, as defined by the Massachusetts Building Code, prior to the project.

“Work Area” means the aggregate area of those portions of a building affected by renovations for the reconfiguration of space or building systems, including new floor area added as a result of renovation, as indicated in the drawings associated with a building permit application. Portions of a building where only repairs, refinishing, or incidental work occur are excluded from the calculation of Work Area.

“Review Board” (RB) means a Town Board, established and appointed by the Select Board, whose members shall have the experience and expertise necessary to perform the functions and requirements of reviewing waivers and appeals as set out in Sections XXIX.6 and .7A of this By-law. The RB shall have at least three (3) members serving three-year staggered terms. RB members shall be considered special municipal employees for purposes of G. L. c. 268A. The Select Board, in its discretion, can serve as the RB, if the Select Board decides not to appoint RB members.

3. Applicability

This By-Law shall apply to all building permit applications for New or Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings proposed to be

located in whole or in part within the Town of Aquinnah, except for:

- A. Indoor and outdoor cooking appliances; and
- B. Emergency generators.

4. Building Permits. On and after the Effective Date,

- A. Any application for a building permit for a New Building or a Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building must identify the means of heating, cooling, and hot water that will be used in the building.
- B. The Town will grant a building permit for a New Building or a Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building only if the building will use electricity instead of fossil fuels for heating, cooling, and hot water.

5. Enforcement

On and after the Effective Date, the Town shall not issue any building permit for the construction of a New or Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building except as provided by this By-Law.

6. Waivers

- A. The RB may grant a waiver from the provisions of this By-Law in the event that compliance makes a project financially infeasible or impractical to implement. Compliance with this By-Law may be considered infeasible or impractical to implement if, without limitation:
 - 1. as a result of factors beyond the control of the proponent, the additional cost of the project over the long term, including any available subsidies, would make the project economically unviable; or
 - 2. technological or other factors would make the project unsuitable for its intended purpose.
- A. Waiver requests shall be supported by a detailed cost comparison, including available rebates and credits.
- B. Waivers may be subject to reasonable conditions. Where possible, waivers shall be issued for specific portions of a project that are infeasible or impractical to implement, rather than for entire projects.
- C. The RB, or the Select Board if in its sole discretion it chooses,

may issue guidance on the granting of waivers and the imposition of conditions, to be periodically amended in light of experience under this By-law. The RB shall submit its proposed guidance to the Select Board for review before becoming effective, which may offer amendments or additions. If the Select Board elects not to propose amendments or additions within sixty (60) days of the submission of proposed guidance to the Town Administrator, then the proposed guidance shall become effective. The RB's decisions on waiver requests shall be final, with the exception of an appeal seeking for judicial review as provided for in Section XXIX.7(B).

7. Appeals

- A. An appeal from a decision by the Building Inspector under this By-law may be taken to the RB and must be filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen (14) days of the decision appealed. The RB shall hold a public hearing within a reasonable time after the appeal is filed, but is not required to provide notice other than what is required by the Open Meeting Law. The RB shall reverse the decision of the Building Inspector only if the decision was arbitrary, capricious, or not supported by substantial evidence. The RB shall consider only the record or documents provided to the Building Inspector, shall not conduct a de novo review or proceeding, and shall issue its decision in writing, which decision shall be final.
- B. An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the RB under Sections XXIX.6 or XXIX.7(A) may seek judicial review only in the Dukes County Superior Court under the provisions of G. L. c. 249, § 4.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adopting Chapter XXX entitled "Wiring of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings" as set forth below. This proposed By-law, if approved by the Town, will become effective only if the Town authorizes the Select Board to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to ratify and authorize the Town's approval of the By-law, as proposed in Article 16, and the General

Court passes the requested special legislation.

CHAPTER XXX: Wiring of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings

1. Purpose

The Town of Aquinnah adopts this By-Law under the authority granted by Article 89, § 6, of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, and by General Laws c. 40, § 21(1) and (18), § 21D, and c. 43B, § 13, to require New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings to be wired to accommodate installation of an Electric Vehicle Charger. The By-Law will protect the health and welfare of the Town's inhabitants and the environment by ensuring that newly constructed or substantially modified buildings will be capable of accommodating anticipated future action to reduce the use of fossil fuels and emission of greenhouse gases.

2. Definitions

"Effective Date" means the date six months following the date on which special legislation ratifying and authorizing the Town's adoption of an amendment to its General By-laws, approved at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and entitled "Chapter XXX Wiring of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings," becomes effective and on which the Town Clerk posts this By-law, in its approved form, and the special legislation enacted by the General Court, at Town Hall and on the Town's website.

"Electric Vehicle Charger" means a Level 2 device for charging of electric vehicles.

"New Building" means a structure with a roof, not in existence at the time of the filing of an associated building permit application on or after the Effective Date, designed or intended for the shelter of persons or vehicles.

"Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building" means a renovation project that requires a building permit, for which a building permit application has been filed after the Effective Date and that includes the reconfiguration of space or building systems, in which the Work Area is greater than 50% of the gross floor area, as defined by the Massachusetts Building Code, prior to the project.

"Work Area" means the aggregate area of those portions of a

building affected by renovations for the reconfiguration of space or building systems, including new floor area added as a result of renovation, as indicated in the drawings associated with a building permit application. Portions of a building where only repairs, refinishing, or incidental work occur are excluded from the calculation of Work Area.

“Review Board” (RB) means a Town Board, established and appointed by the Select Board, whose members shall have the experience and expertise necessary to perform the functions and requirements of reviewing waivers and appeals as set out in Sections XXX.6 and .7A of this By-law. The RB shall have at least three (3) members serving three-year staggered terms. RB members shall be considered special municipal employees for purposes of G. L. c. 268A. The Select Board, in its discretion, can serve as the RB, if the Select Board decides not to appoint RB members.

3. Applicability

This By-Law shall apply to all building permit applications for New or Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings proposed to be located in whole or in part within the Town of Aquinnah.

4. Building Permits

On and after the Effective Date, any application for a building permit for a New Building or a Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building must:

- A. Indicate a pathway for routing of conduit from the service panel to a location appropriate and convenient for Level 2 charging of an electric vehicle; and
- B. Indicate that the main electrical service panel will have a reserved space to allow installation of a dual pole circuit breaker for present or future installation of an Electric Vehicle Charger. The reserved space shall be positioned at the opposite (load) end from the input feeder location or main circuit location and shall be appropriately labeled.

5. Enforcement

On and after the Effective Date, the Town shall not issue any building permit for the construction of a New or Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Building unless the building permit application

contains the indications required by this By-Law.

6. Waivers

- A. The RB may grant a waiver from the provisions of this By-Law in the event that compliance makes a project financially infeasible or impractical to implement. Compliance with this By-Law may be considered infeasible or impractical to implement if, without limitation:
 1. as a result of factors beyond the control of the proponent, the additional cost of the project over the long term, including any available subsidies, would make the project economically unviable; or
 2. technological or other factors would make the project unsuitable for its intended purpose.
- B. Waiver requests shall be supported by a detailed cost comparison, including available rebates and credits.
- C. Waivers may be subject to reasonable conditions. Where possible, waivers shall be issued for specific portions of a project that are infeasible or impractical to implement, rather than for entire projects.
- D. The RB, or the Select Board if in its sole discretion it chooses, may issue guidance on the granting of waivers and the imposition of conditions, to be periodically amended in light of experience under this By-law. The RB shall submit its proposed guidance to the Select Board for review before becoming effective, which may offer amendments or additions. If the Select Board elects not to propose amendments or additions within sixty (60) days of the submission of proposed guidance to the Town Administrator, then the proposed guidance shall become effective. The RB's decisions on waiver requests shall be final, with the exception of an appeal seeking judicial review as provided for in Section XXX.7(B).

7. Appeals

- A. An appeal from a decision by the Building Inspector under this By-law may be taken to the RB and must be filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen (14) days of the decision

appealed. The RB shall hold a public hearing within a reasonable time after the appeal is filed, but is not required to provide notice other than what is required by the Open Meeting Law. The RB shall reverse the decision of the Building Inspector only if the decision was arbitrary, capricious, or not supported by substantial evidence. The RB shall consider only the record or documents provided to the Building Inspector, shall not conduct a de novo review or proceeding, and shall issue its decision in writing, which decision shall be final.

- B. An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the RB under Sections XXX.6 or XXX.7(A) may seek judicial review only in the Dukes County Superior Court under the provisions of G. L. c. 249, § 4.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to: (1) ratify the adoption, at the Spring Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Articles 14 and 15, of amendments to the Town's General By-laws by inserting Chapters XXIX and XXX, entitled "Electrification of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings" and "Wiring of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings," into the General By-laws; and (2) authorize the Building Inspector to administer these By-laws, including through the withholding of building permits; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the special legislation, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further, that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve such amendments that are within the scope of the objectives of this petition:

An Act authorizing the town of Aquinnah to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure and requiring wiring in certain construction.

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. Sections XXIX and XXX of the town of Aquinnah's general by-laws, entitled "Electrification of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings" and "Wiring of New and Substantially Remodeled or Renovated Buildings," are hereby ratified as adopted pursuant to Warrant Articles 14 and 15 of the Town's 2022 Annual Town Meeting, and shall be in full force and effect as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding chapter 164 of the General Laws, section 13 of chapter 142 of the General Laws, the State Building Code, or any other general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the town of Aquinnah is hereby authorized to adopt and further amend its general by-laws that restrict new construction or major renovation projects that do not qualify as fossil-fuel-free, as defined in section 4 of this act, and that require wiring to charge electric vehicles in new construction or major renovation projects.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 7 of chapter 40A of the General laws, or any other general or special law or regulation to the contrary, the Building Inspector of the Town of Aquinnah, or any designee thereof, shall be authorized to enforce general by-laws adopted under this act imposing restrictions on new construction and major renovation projects that do not qualify as fossil-fuel-free, as defined in section 4 of this act, or requiring new construction and major renovation projects to include wiring to charge electric vehicles, including through the withholding of building permits.

SECTION 4. As used in this act, the term "fossil fuel-free" shall refer to construction or renovation that results in an entire building or an entire condominium unit that does not utilize coal, oil, natural gas or other fossil fuels in support of its operation.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from available funds in the Waterways Fund to pay for the removal of Codium from Menemsha Pond, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) to purchase parking voucher dispensers for the municipal parking lot. No amounts shall be raised and appropriated or expended pursuant to this vote unless the Town shall have voted to override the limitation on the property tax levy set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 59, § 21C (also known as Proposition 2 ½) by a majority of voters casting ballots on Question 2 at the Annual Town Election held on May 12, 2022; or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 54 which exempts the first Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) of value of personal property from collection of a personal property tax, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Thirteen Thousand and Three Dollars (\$13,003.00) from available funds to pay for the first year of a 4 (four) year lease for a hybrid vehicle to be used by the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see whether or not the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, section 20A ½ to allow for the non-criminal disposition of parking violations, authorizing the Select Board to designate or appoint a parking clerk who shall supervise and coordinate the processing of parking notices in the town and who may, subject to appropriation, contract, by competitive bidding, for such services subject to appropriation to carry out the provisions of this section, and to authorize the Select Board to appoint Parking Enforcement Agents who need not be police officers to carry out the provisions of this law by issuing non-criminal citations to violators, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M. G. L. c. 39, § 23D, commonly known as the Mullin Rule, so as to allow participation in a session of an adjudicatory hearing where a member has missed a single hearing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve, monies for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, from projected Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation revenues of **Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000)**. Thirty percent of those funds shall be allotted in the following amounts as required by Community Preservation legislation:

\$28,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve; and,

\$28,000 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve; and,
\$28,000 to the Community Preservation Housing Reserve.

In addition, the remaining seventy percent of funds raised during the Fiscal Year 2023 shall be reserved for appropriation in the following manner as recommended by the Aquinnah Community Preservation Committee:

\$67,400 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve; and,

\$1,453 to the Community Preservation Community Historic Preservation Reserve; and,

\$123,147 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and,

\$4,000 for general administration needs, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation and Undesignated revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Historic Preservation** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$21,300 (twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars) from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the re-roofing of the MV Campgrounds Tabernacle; and,

\$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the re-furbishing of the Town Hall stage curtain; and,

\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve for the restoration and digitization of historic Gay Head Town documents, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the authority of Chapter 44B, § 11, and with the approval of the Town Select Board, to borrow the sum of \$400,000, over a 10 year term, on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee, for payment of the Town's share of the cost of design and construction of four units of affordable rental housing on parcel M5/L170.2 behind Aquinnah town hall. Annual debt service is estimated at a maximum annual cost of \$46,000; to be paid with CPA funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Two-Thirds Majority Required (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Community Housing** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$22,000 (twenty-two thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve toward the first payment on mortgage costs related to borrowing for pre-development and development costs of 4 apartments behind the Town Center; and,

\$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve toward the Town's share of the design and construction costs of 4 affordable apartments behind the Town Center; and,

\$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by Harbor Homes; and,

\$28,400 (twenty-eight thousand four hundred dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by the Island Autism Group; and,

\$52,000 (fifty-two thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA's Rental Assistance program, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Open Space and Recreation and Administrative** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for the construction of a new playground behind Town Hall; and,

\$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for the construction of a rain shelter / pavilion at the Aquinnah Circle picnic area; and,

\$61,147 (sixty-one thousand one hundred and forty seven dollars) for ongoing mortgage costs related to capital improvements at the Aquinnah Circle and the Acquisition of #13 Aquinnah Circle; and,

\$4,000 (four thousand dollars) from general Community Preservation funds for FY '23 CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.


ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer, convey or lease a portion of the Town-owned land, identified on Aquinnah Assessors Map 5, as Parcel 170.2, but more particularly shown as "Lease Lot 1" on a "Plan of

Land in Aquinnah, Mass. Prepared for the Town of Aquinnah Scale: 1" = 40' March 7, 2022," prepared by Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, Inc., which plan the Planning Board approved on March 15, 2022, to the Island Housing Trust, Inc. ("IHT"), for the creation and development of four units of affordable housing. The Town selected IHT as the developer of the four units under an RFP process conducted in 2021. Further, to authorize the Select Board to lease or convey Lease Lot 1 to IHT under the terms and conditions that the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

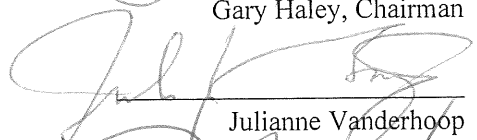
ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from available funds to pay for the purchase of an electronic voting system for use at Town Meetings, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at the School House and Town Hall in said Town, at least seven days prior to said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.


Given under our hands this 26 day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.



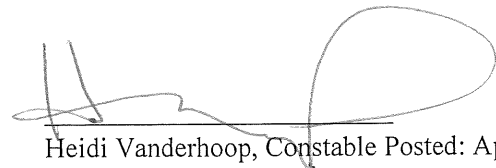
Gary Haley, Chairman



Julianne Vanderhoop



Thomas Murphy



Heidi Vanderhoop, Constable Posted: April 26, 2022

Town Hall Telephone List

DEPARTMENT	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Town Administrator & Select Board	508-955-9181
Administrative Assistant	508-645-2300
Treasurer	508-645-2301
Tax Collector	508-645-2303
Town Clerk	508-645-2304
Accountant	508-645-2305
Assessors	508-646-2306
Building Inspector	508-645-2307
Harbormaster	508-645-2307
DPW	508-645-9006
Board of Health	508-645-2309
Planning Board	508-645-2300
Animal Control	Robin Robinson 727-366-1905
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	Ron Ferreira 781-844-4153
Electrical / Wiring Inspector	Gary Haley 617-281-4684
Fax Town Hall	508-645-7884
Beach Information	508-645-2310
Police Main Line	508-645-2313
Police On-Call	508-645-2302
Police Fax	508-645-2316
Dispatch Center	508-693-1212
Fire Station	508-645-2311
Library	508-645-2314
Library Fax	508-645-2188
LDO (Dump)	508-645-2319
Town Parking Lot	508-645-3549
Philbin Beach	508-645-9555