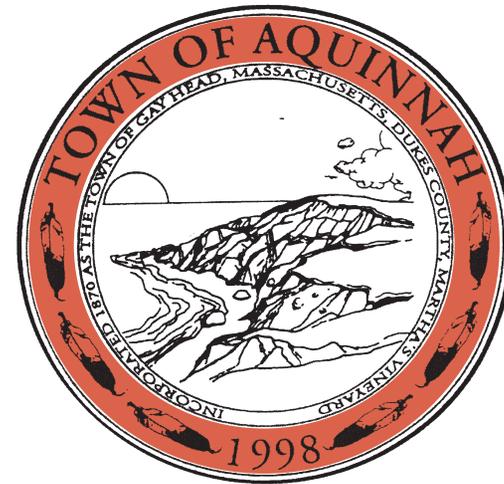


Town of Aquinnah



2023
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

Annual Financial Report
of the Town of
Aquinnah



For the Year Ending June 30

2023

with which is included the
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

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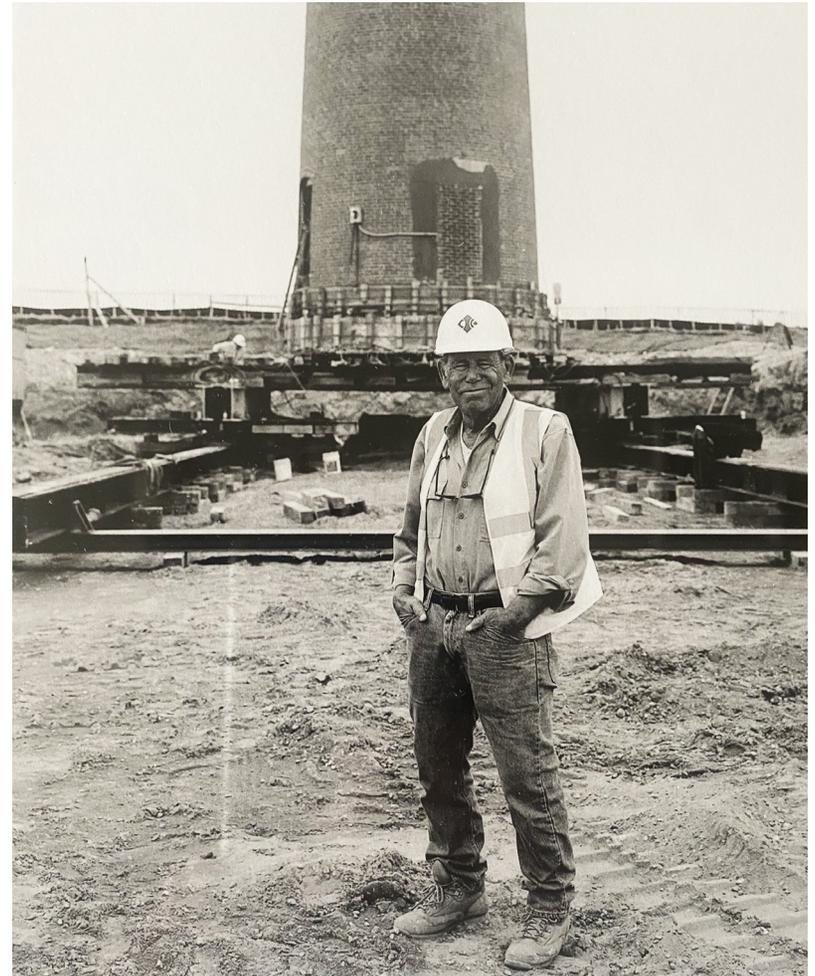
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BE GRATEFUL FOR EVERY SECOND
YOU GET TO SPEND WITH
PEOPLE YOU LOVE.
LIFE IS SO PRECIOUS.
WE DIDN'T GET ENOUGH TIME
WITH THESE GUYS,
WE LOVE THEM . . . STILL.
THEY WILL LIVE FOREVER IN
OUR HEARTS.

LEN BUTLER

YOSSI MONAHAN

WAYLON MADISON-SAUER



Leonard Butler

1948-2023



Yossi Monahan

2005-2023



Waylon Madison-Sauer

2006-2023

Aquinnah Town Officers

ELECTED

	Term Expires
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
Thomas Murphy	2024
Gary Haley	2025
Julianne Vanderhoop	2026
TOWN CLERK	
Gabriella Camilleri	2026
MODERATOR	
Michael Hebert	2025
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Kathy Newman	2024
Gerald Green	2025
Jim Benoit	2026
CONSTABLES	
Christopher Manning	2024
Roxanne Ackerman	2024
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Kathie Olsen	2024
Sophia Welch	2025
Marjorie Spitz	2026

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION
Carole Vandal 2024

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Roxanne Ackerman 2026
James Newman 2026

PLANNING BOARD

James Wallen, Chair 2026
James Newman 2026
Heidi Vanderhoop 2025
Isaac Taylor 2025
Amera Ignacio (alt.) 2025
James Mahoney 2024

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION

Sarah Thulin 2024

APPOINTMENTS

(All terms expire on June 30, 2024 except as noted)

GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Open

ASSESSORS

Harald Scheid David Golden
Kayla Manning Darcy

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Inspector, Adam Petkus
Electrical Inspector, Gary Haley
Gas & Plumbing Inspector, Ron Ferreira
Smoke/Oil Burner Inspector, Simon Bolin

BOARD OF APPEALS

Jay Theise Peter Ives
Tim Collins Michael Didiuk
Sibel Suman

BOARD OF HEALTH ASSISTANT

Marina Lent

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mallory Butler Carolyn Feltz
Kathie Olsen Marjorie Spitz
Gabriella Camilleri

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

Bill Lake

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Eleanor Hebert Fulton Malonson
Stefanie Hecht

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

Derrill Bazy Beth Green
Marshall Lee Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Kathy Newman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kathy Newman Mary Elizabeth Pratt
Jay Bodnar Sarah Thulin, Chair
Steve Yaffe

PUBLIC WORKS

Jay Smalley, *Director*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Forrest Filler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Allen Rugg, *Chair* Jim Newman
Howard Goldstein

FIRE CHIEF

Simon Bolin

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Michael Hebert, *Chair* Vera Dello Russo
Mary Elizabeth Pratt Sophia Welch
Rudy Sanfilippo Adam Gross, *Alternate*

LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD

Kathy Newman, *Selectman Rep.*
Sarah Thulin, *Conservation Commission*
Peter Temple, *Planning Board Rep.*
Durwood Vanderhoop, *Board of Health Rep.*

LIBRARY

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

LIGHTHOUSE ADVISORY BOARD

Bill Lake Taylor Ives
Christopher Manning, *Lighthouse Keeper*
Isaac Taylor, Assistant *Lighthouse Keeper*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Paul Manning, *Employee Rep* Alexandra Taylor
Susan Collins Christine Murphy

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Christopher Manning Bradley Fielder
Cory Medeiros Bret Stearns

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

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Emily Day

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeffrey Madison

TOWN COUNSEL

Ronald Rappaport, Esq.

TREASURER

Jamie Vanderhoop

REGIONAL OFFICERS

DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD

James Newman

**DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING
AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Rudy Sanfilippo

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

Open

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Penny Weinstein Duncan Caldwell
Berta Welch

MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Kristina Hook-Leslie

MARTHA'S VINEYARD T.V. ADVISORY BOARD

Open

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REFUSE DISPOSAL &
RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT**

James Glavin

**SELECT BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION**

Kathy Newman

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

James Newman

UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING

Jean Lince

Kathie Olsen

Report of the Town Administrator

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

This year seemed to fly by. Not sure that circumstance provides license to make a shorter report. But I'm taking advantage of the excuse anyway. The fiscal year began with the decision to scrap efforts to totally upgrade our Town Hall complex and construct additional rest rooms at Aquinnah Circle. The year ended with notice that the U.S. Coast Guard will be replacing the existing lantern at the Lighthouse. In between, as the Lighthouse beacon continues to sweep across Vineyard Sound, what follows is a brief acknowledgement of events in Aquinnah this year.

A few sections of Moshup Trail, Church Street, Old South Road and Lobsterville Road were paved using State funds under a State WRAP program. During the process we were able to widen Church Street to provide parking and improved pedestrian access to the town Library.

Throughout the year there were ongoing discussions with several development companies who will install renewable power windmills off our southerly shores. This was necessary to assure that our Town received mitigation funds for impacts to our historic sites impacted by the development. To date efforts of the Aquinnah Circle District Committee have resulted in commitments from developers that will fund nearly two million dollars that will be used to improve the Vanderhoop Homestead, Gay Head Lighthouse and access path to the Cliffs Lookout.

Of particular note on the lands at Aquinnah Circle, we were saddened by the passing of Len Butler. We all remember how devoted Len has been in the Town's efforts to move the Lighthouse and its

subsequent rehab. Len's passing was marked by a ceremony to re-name lands around the Lighthouse as Len Butler Park. I know I speak for our entire community when I say that Len's steady hand will be missed as we continue to upgrade our Lighthouse.

Although the budgetary constraints forced the Town to abandon a full renovation of Town Hall and the Town Office, we were able to begin what is hoped to be a regular schedule of building of municipal building upgrades. We replaced windows, repaired and resided the south wall of the Police Department, replaced Fire Station garage doors, replaced underground water lines that supply water to the shops at Cliffs, repaired and painted restrooms and installed heat pumps at the Town Offices.

In an attempt to lessen impact of rising administrative costs the Select Board voted to increase the cost of fees for building permits. At the recommendation of Building Inspector, Adam Petkus, permits are now available at \$10/\$1000 of construction cost. The Select Board implemented a waiver for qualifying local residents. First to take advantage of the waiver were Kate Taylor and Jim Wallen whose building permits were granted upon paying a reduced fee of One Thousand Dollars.

As much as the Select Board tried to provide pushback to rising costs there remains significant costs over which they have no power. This year will mark the first year Aquinnah will be required to contribute to costs of a new Tri-Town Ambulance barn in Chilmark. Aquinnah, West Tisbury and Chilmark split the cost of that development with each town paying one-third of the cost.

Our school costs this year increased as well. Increases were not a result of more students from our town this year. Rather our required contribution increased due to a decreased enrollment from other district towns.

Unlike other Vineyard towns that fund cost increases by collecting more tax revenues on developed properties, Aquinnah's revenue sources through its tax base is continually eroded by acquisition of conservation lands and demanding zoning regulations that inhibit building resulting in higher taxes for everyone in our community.

In closing, let me say that the loss of Yossi Monahan and Waylon Madison Sauer were traumatic to our Town and the Vineyard Community. These two young men left us this year and their deaths remind us of how precious life is. Love your family. Love your community. None of us are here forever.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY L. MADISON
Aquinnah Town Administrator

Report of the Town Accountant

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
 JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP		
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	GENERAL	LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	
			TRUST & AGENCY		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,410,212	\$ 1,398,652	\$ 9,461	\$ 182,091	\$ -	\$ 3,000,415
RECEIVABLES:						
PROPERTY TAXES	647,398	-	-	-	-	647,398
TAX LIENS	877,793	-	-	-	-	877,793
MOTOR VEHICLE & OTHER EXCISE TAX	84,681	-	-	-	-	84,681
DEPARTMENTAL	-	34,295	-	-	-	34,295
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER ASSETS	12,774	-	-	-	-	12,774
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR						
RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM						
OBLIGATIONS:	-	-	340,000	-	54,030	394,030
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 3,032,857	\$ 1,432,946	\$ 349,461	\$ 182,091	\$ 54,030	\$ 5,051,385

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	GENERAL	LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS
			TRUST & AGENCY		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER LIABILITIES	6,185	-	-	-	-
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,612,376	34,295	-	(12,258)	(6,073)
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	10,270	-	-	-	1,646,670
NOTES PAYABLE	-	-	340,000	-	10,270
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	340,000
BONDS PAYABLE	-	120,000	-	54,030	54,030
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,628,830	154,295	340,000	(12,258)	120,000
FUND EQUITY:					
FUND BALANCES:					
TRUST FUNDS - NONSPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-
TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVED FOR CONTINUING ARTICLES	538,253	-	-	-	538,253
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	-	-	-	-	-
DESIGNATED	-	1,278,652	9,461	194,350	1,482,462
UNDESIGNATED	865,774	-	-	-	865,774
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,404,027	1,278,652	9,461	194,350	2,886,489
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 3,032,857	\$ 1,432,946	\$ 349,461	\$ 182,091	\$ 5,051,385

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	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	\$ -	\$ 5,686,830	5,686,830	\$ 5,686,830	\$ 5,657,472	\$ -	\$ (29,358)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	9,000	9,000	9,000	21,462	-	12,462
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	-	62,000	62,000	62,000	80,150	-	18,150
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	-	51,500	51,500	51,500	128,456	-	76,956
PENALTIES & INTEREST	-	45,000	45,000	45,000	10,686	-	(34,314)
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	500	500	500	3,254	-	2,754
DEPARTMENTAL	-	327,000	327,000	327,000	584,096	-	257,096
TOTAL REVENUES	-	6,181,830	6,181,830	6,181,830	6,485,576	-	303,746
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	58,486	1,730,751	1,730,751	1,811,858	1,307,909	469,402	34,547
PUBLIC SAFETY	83,714	1,444,181	1,444,181	1,407,415	1,338,993	47,020	21,402
EDUCATION	37,671	2,023,073	2,023,073	2,023,073	2,011,686	-	11,387
PUBLIC WORKS	5,670	269,504	269,504	286,883	286,832	-	51
HUMAN SERVICES	134	199,792	199,792	168,806	163,176	134	5,496
CULTURE & RECREATION	18,783	371,513	371,513	357,106	316,827	17,267	23,012
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	674,815	674,815	658,486	653,671	-	4,815
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	-	-	53,793	-	(53,793)
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL	-	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	-	-
INTEREST	-	1,845	1,845	1,845	1,845	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	204,457	6,795,473	6,795,473	6,795,472	6,214,733	533,823	46,917
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(204,457)	(613,642)	(613,642)	(613,642)	270,843	(533,823)	350,663
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
BOND PROCEEDS	-	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-	(62,950)	(62,950)	(62,950)	(62,950)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(32,950)	(32,950)	(32,950)	(32,950)	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ (204,457)	\$ (646,592)	(646,592)	\$ (646,592)	\$ 237,893	\$ (533,823)	\$ 350,663

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY23 INITIAL BUDGET	FY23 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY23 FINAL BUDGET	FY23 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>									
<u>PERSONNEL SERVICES</u>									
SELECTMEN		17,160	17,160	17,160	17,160	16,808	17,116	16,367	15,892
ADMINISTRATOR		122,795	122,795	135,590	135,590	115,759	111,154	106,330	112,293
ACCOUNTANT - SALARY		59,730	59,730	65,895	65,895	55,996	42,884	41,375	39,234
ACCOUNTANT - CLERK		22,214	22,214	21,051	21,051	20,972	13,840	12,933	13,379
ASSESSORS		-	-	-	-	-	-	9,244	67,931
TREASURER		63,579	63,579	64,543	64,543	62,834	60,025	57,916	55,483
TAX COLLECTOR		48,262	48,262	49,217	48,812	46,859	45,596	44,465	43,040
TOWN CLERK		41,228	41,228	41,228	41,228	38,863	36,389	27,086	25,393
BOARD OF REGISTRAR		3,000	3,000	3,000	1,808	1,566	3,993	1,257	3,000
PLANNING BOARD		36,558	36,558	36,857	36,857	33,214	31,134	30,254	28,159
BUILDING & GROUNDS - RENTAL MGT		4,000	4,000	4,067	4,067		3,334	1,760	1,500
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
GEN TOWN - TELEPHONE		14,300	14,300	21,990	21,321	19,674	21,413	15,793	17,111
GEN TOWN - ADVERTISING		9,000	9,000	5,400	5,400	9,146	8,124	6,400	16,377
GEN TOWN - POSTAGE		2,625	2,625	2,287	2,287	2,579	2,428	2,245	1,511
GEN TOWN - SUPPLIES		5,400	5,400	7,242	5,977	5,139	6,149	6,834	6,674
GEN TOWN - VEHICLE LEASE		19,199	19,199	19,199	19,199	19,261	-	-	-
MODERATOR - EXPENSES		180	180	180	-	30	20	-	-
SELECTMEN - EXPENSES		3,150	3,150	953	953	3,927	4,754	3,730	5,708
SELECTMEN - CEREMONIAL USE		180	180	64	64	43	-	38	120
SELECTMEN - CONSULTANT FEES		6,360	6,360	13,348	13,348	6,360	699	6,842	6,360
ADMINISTRATOR - EXPENSES		4,200	4,200	1,044	1,043	4,170	1,875	1,809	4,200
FINANCE COMMITTEE - RESERVE FUND		26,000	26,000	7,250	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCE COMMITTEE - EXPENSES		100	100	100	-	-	85	-	-
AUDIT		17,000	17,000	17,000	-	17,000	-	-	-
ACCOUNTANT - EXPENSES		1,500	1,500	1,105	1,105	316	873	1,413	1,500
ASSESSORS - EXPENSES		46,000	46,000	66,384	70,709	54,018	51,110	46,978	5,000
TREASURER - EXPENSES		2,450	2,450	21,201	19,453	2,451	20,261	5,542	2,450
TAX COLLECTOR - EXPENSES		4,960	4,960	4,005	2,206	3,738	3,709	3,708	4,960
TOWN COUNSEL		90,000	90,000	59,335	59,335	67,432	44,246	126,451	103,872
DATA PROCESSING		73,500	73,500	90,703	88,809	77,194	71,809	65,795	64,991
TOWN CLERK - EXPENSES		2,700	2,700	2,700	2,233	2,886	1,500	1,485	1,065
GENERAL INSURANCE		80,199	80,199	75,977	75,977	71,391	70,816	74,129	74,890
TOWN REPORT		8,000	8,000	8,000	6,538	6,494	9,774	-	6,265
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		200	200	200	(40)	93	93	91	87
PLANNING BOARD - EXPENSES		4,750	4,750	351	341	-	900	1,050	-
BOARD OF APPEALS		100	100	100	-	-	-	-	-
MV COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT		44,993	44,993	44,993	44,993	41,486	45,026	39,955	38,438
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER		18,200	18,200	11,442	11,445	19,154	55,637	-	6,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - UNIT RENTAL		1,512	1,512	1,215	1,215	1,215	775	775	1,496

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY23 INITIAL BUDGET	FY23 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY23 FINAL BUDGET	FY23 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - BLDGS & GROUNDS		27,000	27,000	84,387	84,387	31,271	21,301	7,751	9,791
UTILITIES		22,000	22,000	28,628	28,628	30,292	33,135	33,286	20,563
ARTICLES	58,486	776,467	776,467	776,467	303,973	223,989	258,047	69,892	112,579
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	58,486	1,730,751	1,730,751	1,811,858	1,307,909	1,113,620	1,100,025	870,979	917,311

PUBLIC SAFETY

PERSONNEL SERVICES

POLICE - CHIEF		163,219	163,219	163,219	163,219	145,575	141,128	142,209	125,322
POLICE - WAGES		484,070	484,070	453,864	453,864	464,694	443,223	448,515	416,049
POLICE - LONGEVITY		16,961	16,961	16,961	16,961	14,972	6,860	6,756	10,365
FIRE - CHIEF - PAY		41,200	41,200	41,200	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	30,000
FIRE - PAY		36,000	36,000	36,000	33,500	36,240	33,350	28,000	29,000
EMERGENCY MGT		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	500	1,000	951
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		6,000	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,700
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE -		47,796	47,796	49,080	49,080	45,916	43,647	44,044	41,637
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE - LONGEVITY		1,912	1,912	1,949	1,949	1,849	1,838	1,756	1,665
SHELLFISH SEASONAL		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-
BUILDING INSPECTOR - PAY		10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	4,167	10,000	10,000	10,556
BUILDING INSPECTOR - CLERK		1,000	1,000	4,171	3,635	2,938	2,080	-	1,440

EXPENSES

POLICE - EXPENSES		47,325	47,325	47,325	47,325	44,090	47,234	45,403	40,997
FIRE - EXPENSE		43,600	43,600	43,600	45,797	39,940	37,638	39,104	42,693
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE - ASSESSMENT		371,274	371,274	371,274	371,274	390,622	385,519	371,290	363,691
EMERGENCY MGT - EXPENSE		1,000	1,000	1,000	-	663	320	320	320
ANIMAL CONTROL - EXPENSES		1,200	1,200	-	-	-	1,391	596	-
MV SHELLFISH GROUP - ASSESSMENT		39,000	39,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000
SHELLFISH/HARBORMASTER - EXP		12,875	12,875	15,023	15,023	16,197	9,402	14,286	14,375
BUILDING INSPECTOR - EXP		1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	4	-	916

ARTICLES	83,714	116,250	116,250	116,250	51,867	13,474	46,399	10,284	29,945
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PUBLIC SAFETY	83,714	1,444,181	1,444,181	1,407,415	1,338,993	1,305,336	1,294,534	1,247,563	1,206,622
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EDUCATION

EXPENSES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		1,522,018	1,522,018	1,522,018	1,521,096	1,509,376	1,450,017	1,618,204	1,422,613
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		460,394	460,394	460,394	456,404	437,731	352,518	336,999	295,431

ARTICLES	37,671	40,661	40,661	40,661	34,187	81,987	9,502	39,537	20,121
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TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY23 INITIAL BUDGET	FY23 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY23 FINAL BUDGET	FY23 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL
EDUCATION	37,671	2,023,073	2,023,073	2,023,073	2,011,686	2,029,093	1,812,037	1,994,740	1,738,165
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
HIGHWAY DIRECTOR		103,669	103,669	103,669	103,669	99,236	93,002	90,648	85,632
HIGHWAY WAGES		72,286	72,286	72,286	72,286	68,586	56,199	57,808	55,894
HIGHWAY SEASONAL		6,568	6,568	11,264	11,264		-	-	
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		14,752	14,752	10,993	10,993	6,348	13,780	14,766	12,968
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
HIGHWAY - SNOW/ICE REMOVAL		10,759	10,759	15,947	15,947	31,790	33,680	21,363	26,122
HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS - EXPENSES		21,800	21,800	37,603	37,082	41,507	22,545	26,795	32,715
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINT		-	-	-	-	-	-	22,772	30,563
CEMETERY - EXPENSES		6,000	6,000	1,452	1,450	4,200	5,400	4,800	1,400
GAS & OIL		25,000	25,000	25,000	23,373	22,385	16,899	27,202	36,683
FERRY TRAVEL		3,000	3,000	3,000	5,098	1,548	1,086	2,401	3,141
ARTICLES	5,670	5,670	5,670	5,670	5,670	-	-	17,205	16,180
PUBLIC WORKS	5,670	269,504	269,504	286,883	286,832	275,600	242,590	285,760	301,298
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
LANDFILL		23,915	23,915	22,915	20,788	20,191	19,308	18,932	18,112
BOARD OF HEALTH		26,459	26,459	19,714	19,714	22,953	23,940	22,673	24,957
BOARD OF HEALTH - INSPECTOR		3,600	3,600	-	-	3,680	700	2,140	1,080
HOMESITE		1,000	1,000	1,000	545	656	442	224	341
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
LANDFILL - DISTRICT ASSESSMENT		24,050	24,050	24,050	24,050	25,371	25,700	23,586	22,987
LANDFILL - EXPENSES		43,500	43,500	33,000	32,944	33,711	33,574	26,782	32,554
BOARD OF HEALTH - NURSING SERVICES		6,700	6,700	750	750	750	9,014	1,485	5,449
BOARD OF HEALTH - EXPENSES		4,250	4,250	1,060	1,060	5,092	5,803	3,186	3,346
COUNCIL ON AGING - UP ISLAND SERVICES		54,369	54,369	54,369	51,760	51,850	50,938	52,224	52,171
D.C. HOUSING AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT		11,565	11,565	11,565	11,565	11,350	11,083	9,811	8,303
HOMESITE - EXPENSES		250	250	250	-	-	-	-	-
ARTICLES	134	134	134	134	-	437	-	-	-

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY23 INITIAL BUDGET	FY23 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY23 FINAL BUDGET	FY23 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL
HUMAN SERVICES	134	199,792	199,792	168,806	163,176	176,040	180,503	161,043	169,300
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
LIBRARY - SALARY		54,666	54,666	54,666	54,574	51,679	31,637	47,307	45,081
LIBRARY - WAGES		67,376	67,376	40,997	40,997	42,163	56,065	45,545	43,124
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES		55,000	55,000	41,326	41,326	49,740	47,602	97,298	102,572
LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER		12,800	12,800	12,800	12,800				
LIGHTHOUSE TOUR		32,549	32,549	34,011	34,011				
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
LIBRARY - EXPENSES		45,325	45,325	43,923	44,015	44,961	31,637	41,217	45,982
ARTS/CULTURE		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
PARK & RECREATION		8,800	8,800	35,713	34,932	24,350	-	33,000	23,338
LIGHTHOUSE MAINT		5,500	5,500	5,635	5,704				
LIGHTHOUSE - EXPENSES		4,350	4,350	2,888	3,542				
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS		48,864	48,864	48,864	42,427	43,576	232	1,500	32,607
ARTICLES	18,783	34,783	34,783	34,783	1,000	22,611	68,562	57,274	103,664
CULTURE & RECREATION	18,783	371,513	371,513	357,106	316,827	280,580	237,234	324,641	397,868
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>									
PENSION		213,295	213,295	213,295	213,295	199,946	202,555	190,910	182,519
OPEB CONTRIBUTION		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,645			
OPEB TRUST EXPENSES		750	750	750	737				
WORKERS COMPENSATION		5,928	5,928	12,517	11,306	15,041	15,289	15,300	15,870
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		12,474	12,474	1,368	1,368	11,817	14,701	8,006	3,749
HEALTH INSURANCE		396,479	396,479	384,667	380,521	281,398	269,245	266,072	263,216
MEDICARE		20,889	20,889	20,889	21,443	21,215	20,985	20,663	21,320
ARTICLES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	674,815	674,815	658,486	653,671	555,062	522,775	500,951	486,674
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>									
PRINCIPAL		80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
INTEREST - LONG TERM		1,845	1,845	1,845	1,845	2,501	8,855	15,229	4,751
DEBT SERVICE	-	81,845	81,845	81,845	81,845	82,501	88,855	95,229	84,751
<u>STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</u>									

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY23 INITIAL BUDGET	FY23 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY23 FINAL BUDGET	FY23 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL
COUNTY TAX		-	-	-	37,773	38,188	33,667	32,514	37,416
RTA		-	-	-	16,020	8,685	15,216	18,246	19,852
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	-	-	53,793	46,873	48,883	50,760	57,268
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>204,457</u>	<u>6,795,473</u>	<u>6,795,473</u>	<u>6,795,472</u>	<u>6,214,733</u>	<u>5,864,706</u>	<u>5,527,437</u>	<u>5,531,666</u>	<u>5,359,257</u>

**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, 2023**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE		
REVENUES:				
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES,				
NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$ 5,657,472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,657,472
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	21,462	146,295	-	167,757
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	80,150	-	-	80,150
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	128,456	-	-	128,456
PENALTIES & INTEREST	10,686	-	-	10,686
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	257,617	17,163	-	274,780
INVESTMENT INCOME	3,254	16,706	16,812	36,772
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	-	80,605	-	80,605
DEPARTMENTAL & OTHER INCOME	326,479	215,864	-	542,344
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>6,485,576</u>	<u>476,633</u>	<u>16,812</u>	<u>6,979,021</u>

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE		
EXPENDITURES:				
CURRENT:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,307,909	875	-	1,308,784
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,338,993	-	-	1,338,993
EDUCATION	2,011,686	-	-	2,011,686
PUBLIC WORKS	286,832	-	-	286,832
HUMAN SERVICES	163,176	-	-	163,176
CULTURE & RECREATION	316,827	224,628	-	541,455
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	653,671	-	-	653,671
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	53,793	-	-	53,793
DEBT SERVICE				
PRINCIPAL	80,000	60,000	-	140,000
INTEREST	1,845	1,147	-	2,992
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,214,733</u>	<u>286,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,501,382</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	270,843	189,984	16,812	477,638
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
BOND PROCEEDS		30,000	-	30,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN/OUT	(62,950)	-	-	(62,950)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(62,950)</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,950)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	207,893	219,984	16,812	444,688
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,196,134	1,058,668	177,538	2,441,801
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,404,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,278,652</u>	<u>\$ 194,350</u>	<u>\$ 2,886,489</u>

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, 2023

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

FY23 Report of the Treasurer

July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

To the honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah:

DEBT:

We retired \$140,000.00 in principal and paid \$21,147.09 interest.

There was new debt issued: \$309,600.00 for Affordable Housing/CPC.

We ended the fiscal year with a total debt balance of \$629,600.00:

\$150,000.00 Town Fire Truck

\$ 80,000.00 Land Acquisition

\$ 90,000.00 Vista/CPC

\$309,600.00 Affordable Housing/CPC

FY23 RECEIPTS: \$1,151,535.78

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMIE VANDERHOOP

Treasurer & Benefits Administrator

FY23 TREASURER RECEIPTS

TAX TITLE	\$39,922.37
INTEREST & PENALTIES - TAX TITLE	\$73,054.77
LANDFILL-DROP OFF FEES	\$39,852.00
PARKING LOT	\$178,790.14
PHILBIN BEACH PERMITS	\$38,974.62
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	\$850.00
GHL TOURS	\$72,827.52
LIGHT HOUSE FEES/RENTALS	\$6,600.00
PLANNING BOARD FEES	\$5,011.70
POLICE FEES (DETAILS)	\$96.00
CLIFF LOT LEASES	\$35,659.64
MENEMSHA LOT LEASES	\$17,741.50
HOMESTEAD SPECIAL EVENT LEASE	\$17,500.00
TOWN HALL LEASE	\$1,875.00
COPIES/FAXES/POSTAGE (XEROXING)	\$10.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	\$15,845.86
BAD CHECK/NSF FEES	\$10.00
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	\$1,826.00
COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH PERMIT	\$100.00
SKIFF PERMITS	\$5,475.00
BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$10.00
COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES	\$270.00
LIQUOR LICENSE FEE	\$350.00
SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMITS	\$1,425.00
DOG LICENSE FEES	\$294.00
FIREARMS PERMITS - TOWN SHARE	\$100.00
MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS	\$4,000.00
BUILDING PERMITS	\$7,449.10
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	\$75.00
PLUMBING PERMITS	\$1,510.00
SEPTIC PERMIT	\$1,675.00
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	\$4,438.00
GAS PERMITS	\$790.00
WELL PERMITS	\$200.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMITS	\$450.00

COURT FINES	\$2,942.25
VENDOR WEB - CMVI (SPEEDING TICKETS)	\$795.00
PARKING TICKETS	\$19,551.22
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$3,253.90
GENERAL MISC NON RECURRING	\$68,361.97
PRIOR YEAR REFUND - OTHER NON RECURRING	\$13,204.66
SOLAR LEASE	\$1,665.30
VENDOR WEB- SHORT TERM RENTAL TAX	\$128,456.24
VENDOR WEB- DEP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$38.90
VENDOR WEB MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$15,000.00
VENDOR WEB- HIGHWAY REIMBURSEMENT	\$27,567.81
VENDOR WEB- EXTENDED POLLS	\$540.00
VENDOR WEB - CPA STATE MATCH	\$146,295.00
INTEREST EARNED-CONSERVATION	\$969.02
POLICE GIFT DONATION	\$1,000.00
FIRE DEPT GIFT DONATION	\$1,000.00
LIBRARY GIFTS	\$5,350.00
PARKS & REC DONATION	\$57,500.00
INTEREST EARNED-GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	\$89.43
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND	\$20,670.45
MOORING PERMITS	\$23,710.00
CONSERVATION COMM. FEES	\$1,382.50
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	\$1,510.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS	\$6,300.00
GAS INSPECTIONS	\$2,955.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS	\$250.00
INTEREST EARNED-SEPTIC LOAN	\$6.10
VENDOR WEB - ELDER AFFAIRS	\$6,000.00
VENDOR WEB - LIBRARY AID	\$1,801.34
INTEREST EARNED-PHILBIN SCHOLARSHIP	\$959.17
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION	\$10,857.89
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION - B&G	\$516.39
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION - CAPITAL IMPROV	\$4,478.02
FIREARMS PERMITS - STATE SHARE	\$300.00
POLICE DETAILS	\$1,200.00
RECEIPT TOTALS	\$1,151,535.78

Report of the Tax Collector

July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

FY '06	
MVX	\$5.00
Fees/Int	\$15.29
FY '07	
Real Estate	\$3.91
FY '10	
Real Estate	\$339.96
Fees/Int	\$618.87
FY '11	
MVX	\$126.67
Fees/Int	\$185.35
FY '12	
MVX	\$133.13
Fees/Int	\$178.88
FY '13	
MVX	\$37.50
Fees/Int	\$46.76
FY '14	
Personal Property	\$23.29
Fees/Int	\$27.62

FY '17	
MVX	\$37.50
Fees/Int	\$28.39
FY '18	
Personal Property	\$257.50
Fees/Int	\$196.46
FY '19	
Personal Property	\$256.17
Real Estate	\$5,999.90
CPA	\$58.14
Fees/Int	\$1,008.10
FY '20	
MVX	\$565.80
Personal Property	\$284.21
Real Estate	\$3,528.00
CPA	\$94.59
Fees/Int	\$320.12
FY '21	
MVX	\$2,928.81
Personal Property	\$1,663.80
Real Estate	\$26,410.66
CPA	\$619.15
Fees/Int	\$6,078.89

FY '22	
MVX	\$21,362.94
Personal Property	\$3,625.12
Real Estate	\$191,572.61
CPA	\$4,174.51
Fees/Int	\$14,378.35
FY '23	
MVX	\$55,315.45
Personal Property	\$43,274.97
Real Estate	\$5,446,131.97
CPA	\$152,248.65
Fees/Int	\$11,918.04
Total Motor Vehicle Collected	\$80,512.80
Total Personal Property Collected	\$49,385.06
Total Real Estate Collected	\$5,673,987.01
Total CPA Collected	\$157,195.04
Total Fees & Interest Collected	\$35,001.12
Total Collected	\$5,996,081.03

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. This process was most recently completed in the fall of 2022 for Fiscal Year 2023.

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 FY23, twelve (12) abatements were approved, totaling \$21,292.05 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.

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,

Aquinnah Board of Assessors
KAYLA MANNING
HARALD SCHEID (RRG)
DAVID GOLDEN (RRG)

Regional Resource Group staff assigned to Aquinnah
David Golden, *Vice President*
Sherri DiPasquale, *Administrative Assessor*
Genny Daniels, *Personal Property Specialist*

Fiscal Year 2024 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class

Property Class	Levy Percent	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	97.9489%	923,801,363	6.40	5,912,328.72
Open Space	0.0000%	0	6.40	0.00
Commercial	1.1941%	11,261,728	6.40	72,075.06
Industrial	0.0000%	0	6.40	0.00
Personal Property	0.8570%	8,083,128	6.40	51,732.02
TOTALS	100.0000%	943,146,219	6.40	6,036,135.80

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Total Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy	Change
2024	6.40	943,146,219	1,041	6,036,135.80	5.2457%
2023	6.10	940,128,288	1,046	5,735,282.53	6.5845%
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%

Fiscal Year 2024 Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code/Description	Accounts	Class Valuation	Avg. Value
012 to 043 – Mixed Use Properties	3	4,819,500	1,606,500
101 – Single Family	399	708,790,691	1,776,400
102 – Condos	4	2,776,100	694,000
Miscellaneous Residential	32	101,175,900	3,161,700
104 – Two Family	0	0	0
105 – Three Family	0	0	0
111 to 125 – Apartments	1	1,368,000	1,368,000
130 to 132, 106 – Vacant Land	312	107,396,100	344,200
300 to 393 – Commercial	18	8,069,800	448,300
400 to 442 – Industrial	0	0	0
450 to 452 – Electric Generation Plants	0	0	0
501 to 508 – Personal Property	271	8,083,128	29,800
550 to 552 – Electric Generation Plants Personal Property	0	0	0
600 to 821 – Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	1	667,000	667,000
TOTALS	1041	943,146,219	

Fiscal Year 2024 Abstract of Assessments

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Prior Year Tax Rate	New Revenues	Change
2024	6,065,819	6.10	\$37,002	22.53%
2023	4,816,316	6.27	\$30,199	470.46%
2022	1,004,513	6.39	\$6,419	-43.39%
2021	1,665,059	6.81	\$11,339	-49.28%
2020	4,065,195	6.12	\$24,879	-5.66%

Report of the Town Clerk

<u>Births 2023</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parent's Names</u>
Mar. 1	Dominic Michael Cervone	Mariah Duarte Derek Cervone
June 11	Huey Desmond Ryan	Whitney Ryan Walker Ryan
Aug. 15	Wade Everett Parker	Keelan Parker Mike Parker
Dec. 31	Henry Alexander Metros	Kathren Hogan Charles Metros

Marriages Registered in Aquinnah

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Apr. 6	Natasha Betances Benjamin Kelley	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
Jul. 21	Julia Marvel Joseph Cookson	Beverly, MA Beverly, MA
Jul. 28	Nicole Malone Paul Rivera	Rancho Cucamonga, CA Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Aug. 19	Meghan Nasta Nicholas DiPietro	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
Aug. 19	Chloe Walker John Hawley	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
Aug. 26	Cecilia White-Baer Matthew Costas	Boston, MA Boston, MA
Sept. 4	Krystal Camosse-Dwyer Kelly Peters	New York, NY New York, NY
Sept. 23	Gabriela Schweizer Nicolai Elghanayan	Laguna Beach, CA Laguna Beach, CA
Oct. 14	Ashley Branum Seth Woods	Newton, MA Newton, MA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deaths</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Jan. 18	Jylene Manning	68
Jul. 5	Leonard Butler	74

Year-Round Population: 502

Number of Registered Aquinnah Voters: Total: 413
Democrat: 186 Unenrolled: 216 Republican: 10 Libertarian: 1

Annual Town Election Results: May 11, 2023

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Select Board	Julianne Vanderhoop	79
Board of Health	James Benoit	78
Planning Board		
2 positions, 3-year term	James Newman	72
	James Wallen	75
Planning Board		
1 position, 1-year term	James Mahoney (Write-in Votes)	11
Library Trustee	Marjorie Spitz	75
Town Clerk	Gabriella Camilleri	83
Question One	Yes – 64 No – 19	

Dog Licenses – 46

Respectfully submitted,
GABRIELLA CAMILLIERI,
Town Clerk
KAYLA DARCY
Assistant Town Clerk

Report of the Aquinnah Public Library

To The Select Board and Town Residents:

The Aquinnah Public Library had a busy and productive year. Rosa Parker, Library Director; Julia Matejcek, Programming Associate; and Vera Della Russo, Circulation Associate, were kept busy serving the citizens of and visitors to Aquinnah.

There are 215 registered borrowers at our library, 109 of them with Aquinnah permanent addresses. Within its tiny, 850-square foot, house there are

4,196 adult books

285 young adult books

2,428 children's books

In addition to periodicals, DVDs,

craft kits, museum passes, readers, and more.

The hard-working staff assisted with circulation of these materials and presented 75 programs on-site, which had a total of 533 attendees. Programs included a collaboration with the Wampanoag Tribe in hosting an After-School Club on most Tuesdays of the school year.

In addition, a total of 208 people used the public computers.

Staff also produced beautifully designed monthly newsletters, disseminated to all those on their email list.

In sum, the doors were opened 2,600 times by patrons during the 871 hours that the library was open this year. It's an impressive set of accomplishments for a small part-time staff.

The fiscal year began with the addition of Sophia Welch to the Board of Trustees, who was elected by the voters of Aquinnah to replace the retiring Heidi Vanderhoop. The Board of Trustees then worked hard on several issues.

- We worked with our Library Director to clarify the difference in duties and responsibilities between Board and staff, and, using that discussion, developed an updated set of By-Laws for governance of the library.
- We took the work of the community forum from the previous year, along with the wisdom of our staff and guidance from the Massachusetts Library System, and developed and adopted a new Strategic Plan for 2023-2028. In that plan, we set six goals, each accompanied by action plans for implementation. The goals are:
 1. To encourage the interaction of its diverse community by ensuring that library patrons of all ages have programs and services that meet their recreational and educational needs.
 2. To provide adequate and up-to-date technology for staff usage and patron informational needs.
 3. To ensure that library patrons have material with content and in formats that meet their informational and recreational needs.
 4. To provide inviting and neutral space sufficient for programmatic, administrative, and patron usage needs.
 5. To make sure that the grounds are utilized to provide safe and sufficient parking and outside programmed activities for library patrons.
 6. To have sufficient qualified staff to be responsive to patron needs.

The Trustees and staff see this as a living document and review it regularly. (You may pick up a copy of the full Plan at the Library.). As the year progressed, we made progress on several of the action steps required by the Strategic Plan.

- Our beloved old, disintegrating, library sign was replaced.
- Parking safety was enhanced as staff worked with the Aquinnah DPW to widen a section of Church Street along the side of the building.
- Improvements and enhancements were made to the computer system.

— Outdoor picnic tables were purchased and installed on the side lawn.

- We spent considerable time grappling with the issue of holiday pay for our employees who work an unusual work week (we are closed on Mondays and Fridays). We are grateful to members of the Town Personnel Committee and to Town Counsel for their assistance.

Other items of note: In January, Programming Associate Julia Matejcek announced that she was leaving the area and had to resign effective at the end of February. We were sad to see her go, but were able to then welcome Sonja Josephson on board as her replacement. Sonja jumped right in and immediately began to line up programming and expand the newsletter.

The CLAMS network changed their integrated library system from Sierra to Koha in February 2023. Koha is web-based and brought quite the learning curve, but the staff and patrons adapted quickly. It has been a big shift for everyone and continues to evolve. We are grateful to the CLAMS staff, library staff, and patient patrons who have made this change with us.

A literate, informed, and entertained populace is a thing to be grateful for. We are grateful to the taxpayers, the patrons, and the donors, who make it all possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Library Trustees

KATHIE OLSEN, *Chair* (exp. 2024)

SOPHIA WELCH (exp. 2025)

MARGIE SPITZ (exp. 2026)

Report of the Planning Board Plan Review Committee

To the Honorable Select Board
and Town Residents,

As we began to settle back into some normalcy and balance life with Covid-19, the Planning Board and the Planning Board Plan Review Committee continued to meet in 2022 both in person and remotely.

In total, PBPRC held 11 meetings and approved 19 decisions ranging from the siting of new dwellings to minor renovations and accessory structures.

Under the Zoning Determination bylaw, the Zoning Administrator approved 27 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 170-sqft and not open and/or highly visible to any public way, and generators and ground mounted solar arrays serving single family residences.

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 Berta Welch as she resigns from the Aquinnah Planning Board after more than 25 years of service. Berta, along with members of the Planning Board, endlessly strived to protect the historical value of Aquinnah while trying to accommodate both Aquinnah residents and newcomers develop their properties. Many

Report of the Police Department

To the Residents of Aquinnah,

As I start this report every year, let me inform you of the personnel that worked for the department during 2023. Sgt. Paul Manning, Det. Steven Mathias, and Officer David Murphy continued in their capacities as full-time Officers for the department. Sgt. Manning has worked for the department for 22 years, Det. Steven Mathias for 15 years, and Officer David Murphy for 12 years. The Town is lucky to have a team of Officers serving for so many years. In the present time of Police Departments having difficulty in filling open positions, I feel blessed that this department doesn't have to experience this problem. Rounding out the department were Special Officer Christopher Manning and Traffic Officer Lucas Belain (yes, Lucas is my son and yes, Christopher is Sgt. Manning's son). Both of us feel blessed that our sons may be carrying on the next generation of the department.

Once again the summer of 2023 proved to be a busy summer. Officers kept busy directing traffic at Aquinnah Circle. The addition of the 90-minute parking at Aquinnah Circle and the additional public parking areas at the bottom of Aquinnah Circle and near the Gay Head Lighthouse have proved to be successful. With these additional public parking areas the public has a greater chance of finding a place to park to visit the beautiful area of Aquinnah Circle.

Officers were also kept busy with enforcing parking violations throughout Town. The Municipal Parking Lot at Aquinnah Circle and Philbin Beach Parking Lots were staffed for the majority of the summer which helped with our parking enforcement of these areas. There was an effort at the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting to purchase "pay for parking kiosks" for the Municipal Parking lot; however the vote to request the purchase did not pass. If the request passed,

times, the Board would look to Berta for her historical knowledge of Aquinnah when reviewing significant and sensitive land. Berta's knowledge and presence will be greatly missed by the Board and wish her all the best in her endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM WALLEN, *Chair*
JAMES MAHONEY
ISAAC TAYLOR

HEIDI VANDERHOOP
AMERA IGNACIO
JIM NEWMAN

this would have allowed the Town to receive additional revenue when the parking lot was not staffed with a parking attendant.

On July 15, 2023 we held our Annual Public Safety Day in partnership with the Aquinnah Fire Department, Tri-Town Ambulance, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Natural Resources Department, Dukes County Sheriff’s Department, U.S. Coast Guard Station – Menemsha, and the Massachusetts State Police. We were blessed with nice weather for the event; however the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing helicopter (which is the usual crowd pleaser) was unable to participate due to other calls for service. As in previous years, the Wampanoag Artisan’s Festival was held at the same time in the field across from us. We are honored to hold our event in conjunction with their event. We look forward to holding both events again in July 2024.

Other annual events held at Aquinnah Circle in 2023 were the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Pow-Wow in September and the Gay Head 10K “Run to the Light” Road Race in October. Both events were well attended and we enjoyed interacting with the attendees at both events.

Unfortunately our plan for a new Police Station and Town Offices came to an unfortunate end due to funding. Icon Architecture Inc. and Atlantic Construction and Management, Inc. did a terrific job working with the Aquinnah Building Committee to produce plans for both buildings; however when the plans were sent to their cost estimator, the cost proved to be too expensive. The Town could not fund for such an expensive capital project. The Building Committee was reorganized and discussed making emergency, necessary repairs to the Town buildings. The Police Station was prioritized as needing emergency repairs to the windows, shingles, and decking. As the writing of this report, I am pleased to announce these repairs have been completed! Thank you to Jed Smith and his construction crew for completing these repairs!

In closing I’d like to thank all members of the department for their continued professionalism. I’m proud of the Officers of this depart-

ment 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, and Town employees.

Listed below are the numbers and some of the types of calls for service the department responded to from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 compared with those responded to in 2022. As you will see, there was a slight increase in the total number of incidents we responded to.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDHI P. BELAIN
Chief of Police

	2022	2023
Medical Emergencies	40	53
Alarms (Burglar)	35	60
Alarms (Fire)	31	41
Alarms (Other)	16	20
Assist Citizen (general)	14	13
Assist Outside Agency	9	5
Assist Aquinnah Fire Department	6	5
Assist Animal Control Officer	19	15
Public Utility / Hazardous Condition	14	7
Assault & Battery	2	0
B&E and Attempted B&E	1	2

	2022	2023
Domestic Related Activity	9	3
Harassment Complaints	1	1
ID Theft/Fraud	0	1
Larceny	2	1
Stolen Motor Vehicle	1	0
OUI	0	1
Other Alcohol Related Incidents	1	2
Sexual Assaults	0	0
Lewd Behavior	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0
Vandalism / Destruction of Property	1	1
Motor Vehicle Complaints	1	3
Disputes / Disturbances	4	5
Animal / Wildlife Complaints	1	3
Fireworks / Gunshot Complaints	0	3
Hunting/Fishing Complaints	2	2
Noise Complaints	0	3
Illegal Dumping	0	1
Parking Complaints	3	8
Trespass Complaints	3	3
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Activities	21	15

	2022	2023
Marine Mammal Incidents	0	1
Welfare Checks	6	4
Missing Person	3	1
Child Welfare	0	0
Marine Watercraft Incidents	3	0
Bicycle Accidents	1	4
Moped Accidents	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10	7
Motor Vehicle vs. Deer / Other Animal	4	4
Deaths	0	1
By-Law Violations	1	0
Arrests	2	2
Protective Custody	1	1
Criminal Complaint Applications	11	31
Incidents on Tribal Lands	23	36
Total Incidents	279	333
Motor Vehicle Stops	91	161
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	33	61
Parking Tickets Issued	331	276

Report of the Fire Department

Greetings to the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of Aquinnah,

It is my pleasure to present the 2023 annual report of the Aquinnah Fire Department.

The year was filled with advancing our skills through training and education. Our members participated in monthly in-house training and drilled on rescue tool use and water supply. If anyone is interested in learning more about what we do, you can stop by any Sunday at 10am. We are always looking for volunteers to join our team and make a difference in the community.

The number of emergency calls continues to rise. This year our department responded to a total of 39 calls for service. These calls included fire alarms, motor vehicle accidents, rescues and fires. In addition to emergencies, 19 fire inspections were performed 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."

Remember to keep roads and thruways clear for emergency vehicle access. Every minute counts in an emergency, and you do not want help delayed because a fire truck or ambulance cannot reach your

home. If you have any questions, concerns or need help to accomplish this, please feel free to contact the department or the Fire Chief at 508-958-2033.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the department for their continued dedication to the Town and its residents. I would also like to thank our neighboring Fire Departments and Ambulance Services who provide mutual aid in times of need. As always, 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 Department of Public Work/Highway

Greetings Townspeople,

The 2023 season left our town buzzing with activity. We continue to prioritize the upkeep of this great town.

One of the larger projects we focused on in the last year was replacing the water line to the Aquinnah Cliffs. The bathrooms located in the Aquinnah circle were refreshed for the summer season.

Summer grass mowing and brush cutting on the sides of town roads is done bi-weekly and/or as needed. We were fortunate to have a mild winter season that mostly consisted of tree cleaning up and monitoring the roads for icy conditions. Road maintenance included the pavement of several areas around town and freshened line painting.

Thank you,

JAY SMALLEY
*Director of Public Works/
Highway Maintenance*

Report of the Board of Health

Greetings to the Honorable Select Board
and People of Aquinnah,

In 2023, the Board issued 20 Septic Pumpout permits; 18 septic system construction permits; 9 septic installer permits; 4 septage hauler permits; 9 Well construction permits; 9 Food Establishment permits; 7 Temporary Food events; 2 Recreational Children's Camps; and 3 Bathing Beach permits. In addition to the Town website, public health information in English and Brazilian Portuguese can also be found on the joint website for Island health departments, <https://www.mvboh.com>

The Board approved the well and septic system construction permits for the affordable housing units currently under construction on town-owned land behind the Town Hall in 2023.

Aquinnah Local Drop-Off

Aquinnah is a member of the MV Refuse District and runs the Local Drop-Off on State Road. Hours are Sundays: 10am - 4pm, Thursdays: 8am - 2pm, and Saturdays: 9am - 1pm (summer only). If you happen to miss the LDO hours, you can bring your trash and recyclables to Chilmark, West Tisbury or Edgartown. Check the MVRD website <http://www.mvrefusedistrict.com/> for their hours.

Beach Bacteria and Cyanotoxin testing:

The Board is required to test public and semi-public bathing beaches throughout the year to monitor levels of bacterial contamination and post closures for recreational use when needed. We conducted testing through a contract with the Wampanoag Lab of Gay Head/Aquinnah, who conducted testing for Cyano blooms at the access point on Squibnocket Pond. In 2023, with the exception of elevated bacterial counts for one week at Red Beach related to waterfowl, all tests showed safe levels for recreational use of our coastal waters.

Nitrogen Reduction, Title 5 and Coastal Pond Water Quality:

As the Island population grows, coastal pond water quality is increasingly threatened by excess nutrients. Some sources of nutrients within our control include the most conservative use of fertilizer, especially in areas close to a coastal pond or a stream, and nitrogen from human waste, fed by septic systems deep into the ground where it cannot be taken up by plants until it reaches the pond, where it can cause sudden, explosive algal blooms.

If you choose to use fertilizer on your property, please ensure that you are applying the right amount at the right time, when it is least likely to be washed out by rain and end up in coastal waters. Check the Board of Health webpage to see Aquinnah Fertilizer Regulations. For 2024, public health will conduct a hands-on fertilizer course in English and Portuguese to instruct landscapers on both fertilizer requirements and tick-borne illness prevention, since landscapers and gardeners are among those most likely to be exposed. We do not encourage fertilizer use.

Sharing Public Health Services on MV:

The Inter-Island Public Health Excellence Collaborative (IIPHEC) is made up of the Health Departments of Dukes and Nantucket Counties and is administered by Dukes County. The IIPHEC supports our Tick-Borne Illness Prevention and Mosquito Testing program, additional much-needed inspection services, and a public health educator who also brings the ability to fully involve the Brazilian and Hispanic communities in all public health related activities. In addition, a separate grant from the State supports an infectious case manager and an Epidemiologist who also works with towns on the Cape. There is no cost to the town to be involved in this important venture.

Tick- and Mosquito-Borne Illness Prevention:

Biologist Patrick Roden-Reynolds heads the Tick Team and is joined by Fernando Lana, Public Health Educator; Epidemiologist Lea Hamner; and Betsy VanLandingham, the Public Health Nurse who manages reportable diseases case investigation on Martha's Vineyard. This team brings Patrick's knowledge of ticks together with Betsy's

disease knowledge, Lea's analysis and assessment of available data on tick-borne illnesses here and statewide, and Fernando's communication and education activities. Together, they are reaching out to landscaping companies and conducting public education: look for them at public events around the Island.

Overall, ticks and mosquitoes both proved to be more abundant in 2023 than in 2022. Martha's Vineyard experienced average rainfall this summer compared to drought conditions in 2022, which probably played a big role. Populations are liable to fluctuate year to year so this trend will not continue forever but is likely next year. So, we urge people to practice common sense tick prevention by:

- Doing a daily tick check when you have spent time outdoors;
- Wearing Permethrin-treated clothing if you are gardening, landscaping, or walking through wooded and brushy areas;
- Going to your doctor if you develop flu-like symptoms during the summer (whether it's Covid or Lyme, you don't want to ignore it).

In 2023, Patrick completed 120 residential yard surveys May-July and continued regular monitoring of 6 public hiking trails. Virtually all Aquinnah yards reviewed by Patrick documented the presence of Lone Star ticks! Homeowners interested in having your yard surveyed for ticks, or opening your property to deer hunters, please contact Patrick at: mvticks@gmail.com or call 540-216-9618.

Aside from transmitting diseases, or the excruciatingly itchy dozens of bites after encountering a Lone Star "tick bomb," the Lone Star tick can also trigger a potentially dangerous allergy (up to and including full-blown anaphylaxis) to *alpha gal* found in mammalian products, especially, but not exclusively, in red meat. It is becoming increasingly common on the Island, and we have had a number of people in Aquinnah who have suffered from this so this definitely reflects the presence of Lone Star ticks in Aquinnah.

Hospital officials have emphasized the importance of public educa-

tion around this growing health threat. Public Health Educator Fernando Lana has taken on this education challenge with landscaping companies and on social media, in English, Portuguese and Spanish.

Public Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:

IIPHEC promotes Public Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion on Martha’s Vineyard through our Public Health Educator, Fernando Lana. Fernando is now licensed to conduct all inspections required of local public health, and works with the schools, Harbor Homes and other Island agencies and institutions to ensure that municipal public health services are equally available to Brazilian or Hispanic Islanders. In addition, he has translated the MVBOH website into Portuguese <https://www.mvboh.com/>. He is available to the town to assist our Health Agent at no cost to the town.

Reportable Diseases:

There are over 95 different infectious diseases that are required to be reported to, and investigated by, local public health in Massachusetts. Over 40 of these also entail possible quarantine, isolation, or work restrictions to prevent further spread of illness. After working with Marina Lent in coordinating Covid contact tracing and response on MV during the more active phase of the pandemic, Betsy VanLandingham, RN, now works with Lea Hamner to prepare the Island for dealing rapidly and effectively in the case of additional infectious disease outbreaks. We are well positioned to deal with this issue.

Vineyard Smiles Free Dental Cleaning

The Aquinnah Board of Health contracts with the Dukes County Health Care Access Program to provide free dental cleaning and referral to affordable dentistry to eligible Island residents. We urge Aquinnah residents to make full use of this service.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD GREEN, MD, *Board Chair*
 KATHY NEWMAN, PSYD, *Board Member*
 JAMES BENOIT, *Board Member*

Report of the Building Inspector

To the Citizens of Aquinnah:

The following reflects the types and numbers of building permits issued for calendar year 2023.

• New Single Family Residence —*includes 2 Duplex	4
• Single Family Residence: Additions/Alterations/ Renovations — *includes 5 major & 7 minor	12
• Shed/Deck/Porch/Generator	5
• Commercial: Additions/Alterations/Renovations	1
• Miscellaneous:	
Solar Array	9
Shingle	3
Insulation/Weatherization	7
Demolition	2
Total:	43

This year was a year of change for the Aquinnah Building Department. We said goodbye to longtime Building Inspector and local legend, Leonard “Lenny” Jason. I would like to personally acknowledge your 30+ years of excellent service to our community and celebrating the legacy of hard work and commitment you leave behind. I wish you good health, and success as you move forward in life. In the years you’ve been Building Inspector, you have made a tremendous difference. Congratulations on your retirement, Town Hall will not be the same without you.

With Lenny leaving, Billy Dillon took the helm and did a tremendous job keeping the ship a float and the wheels moving until I was able to take over as a full time Building Inspector. Billy has brought a wealth of experience and fairness to this position. I am profoundly lucky to have his guidance and support settling into this new position. Coming into this position I could feel the full support of the Select

Board and the entirety of the Town Hall. The community is very lucky to have such a dedicated, capable and friendly roster of employees. It was my goal to hit the ground running.

This year we re-structured the permit application process as well as all building permit applications. After 30-plus years we have adjusted the permit fee schedule, finally taking the cost off of taxpayers and allowing the optional process of applying for a building permit to pay for the essential public safety service we provide.

Of course, I would like to specifically thank the extremely efficient, gracious and professional Carolyn Feltz. I am lucky to have your continued help steering this department in the right direction. The constant and continued professionalism of Gas Inspector, Ron Ferreira, and Wiring Inspector, Gary Haley, are always appreciated and respected.

In short, the Building department is operating at full speed, ready to take on the new building code slated to be adopted this upcoming July and any other new laws or ordinances which might come into effect before then. We remain dedicated to serve the citizens of Aquinnah by providing competency and professionalism in all aspects of public service. Thank you for the opportunity to fill this role and to serve the community I care so much about. Until next year, look for the rock on the freshly poured foundation wall.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM PETKUS
Inspector of Buildings

	2021	2023
New Single Family Residence	2	3
Single Family Residence Additions/Alterations	21	12
Garage/Barn	3	0
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	6	5
New Commercial	0	0
Commercial Additions/Alterations	0	1
Swimming Pools	0	0
Miscellaneous	11	22
TOTALS	40	43

Report of the Tri-Town Ambulance

To the Honorable Select Board
and Residents of the Town 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 changes that have occurred over the past year.

- We are happy to welcome Yuliya Bilzerian (Tisbury) and Jim Davin (Tisbury) to our squad. They have been a great addition to the team.
- This year construction finished on our new headquarters, in Chilmark. We are moved in and operating out of the new station, and are very happy with it.
- 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 more traditional year for our call volume, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2022:

TOTAL AMBULANCE RUNS: 421

WEST TISBURY: 233 Ambulance Runs
(55.35% of total ambulance runs)

- Medical Emergencies: 208
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: 22
- Fire Standby: 3

CHILMARK: 127 Ambulance Runs
(30.16% of the total ambulance runs)

- Medical Emergencies: 119
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: 7
- Fire Standby: 1

AQUINNAH: 46 ambulance runs
(8.12% of the total ambulance runs)

- Medical Emergencies: 46
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: 0
- Fire Standby: 0

MUTUAL AID & NON EMERGENT

TRANSPORT CALLS: 14 Ambulance Runs
(3.32% of the total ambulance runs)

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 MV Hospital. The committee members are as follows:

- West Tisbury- Selectman Cynthia E. Mitchell
- Chilmark- Selectman Marie Larsen
- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman, *Chairperson*
- 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
- The Dukes County Sheriff's Department: Communication Center Dispatchers
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital: Emergency Department Personnel, Pharmacy Personnel
- 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.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN RETMIER
Ambulance Chief

Full Time Staff:

Benjamin Retmier-Chief
Matthew Montanile-Deputy Chief
Jason Blandini
Trulayna Rose
Eamon Solway
Belinda Booker
Allison Grazcykowski

EMT-Basics:

Meg Athearn
Randhi Belain
Robyn Maciel
Simon Bollin
Jonathan Brudnick
Adele Anderson
Jim Davin
Diane Demoe
Jason Davey
Dawn Gompert
Amanda Gonsalves
Bruce Haynes
Jennifer Haynes
Phil Hollinger
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter
Paul Manning
David Marinelli
Emma Mayhew
Yuliya Bilzerian
Jim Osmundsen
Farley Pedler
Katherine Smith
Samantha Smith
Garrison Vieira
Ashley Wood
Ashley Moreis

EMT-Paramedics:

Tracey Jones
Haley Krauss
Heather McElhinney
Bradley Carroll
Nisa Webster
Traci Cooney

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

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

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Select Board, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2023 were Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Chair; Brian Smith of Oak Bluffs, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of fourteen, two of whom are vision fellows. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, www.mvcommission.org.

COMMISSION FOCUS 2023

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 2023, Commission staff completed the eighth year of extensive 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 will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2023. A trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study will also be completed for 2023. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible to the public.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies. Two years of monthly monitoring and testing for efficacy of the permeable reactive barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury has been completed. Results from the testing have shown almost complete removal of nitrogen through the barrier. Another site for a PRB in the Lagoon Pond system is being explored with hopes for implementation in 2024.

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 of the pilot systems. Results have been promising and several of the installations were conditioned in MVC DRIs. Mass DEP has implemented amendments to the Title 5; these implementations are not currently required on Martha's Vineyard but will be put in place within the next several years. The MVC will work with Towns to meet these new proposed regulations.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD STATISTICAL PROFILE — In December 2023, the MVC updated the Martha's Vineyard Statistical Profile, which includes hundreds of datasets and highlights trends in demographics, land use, the economy, health and education, housing and real estate, transportation, energy and the environment, and taxes and town services in Dukes County. This update covers several important developments since the previous version in 2019, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Census, the 2022 Vineyard Climate Action Plan, and the 2024-2044 Regional Transportation Plan. A PDF version of the report is available on the MVC's website and print copies are available at the Town Halls, libraries and the MVC building.

MVC QUARTERLY — In June, the MVC released the first issue of the MVC Quarterly, a newsletter covering the MVC's planning activities. The MVC has periodically issued newsletters on various topics since 1974, including early publications on fisheries and water quality. MVC Quarterly revives this tradition with a focus on general planning. Each issue is posted on the MVC's website and distributed via email. To join the email list, please contact Alex Elvin elvin@mvcommission.org.

Total Revenues	\$2,130,998	100%
Town Assessments	\$1,365,389	64.07%
Grants and Contracts	\$615,356	28.88%
DRI Fees	\$30,074	1.41%
Other Income	\$120,179	5.64%

Total Expenses	\$2,448,126	100%
Salaries	\$1,203,645	49.17%
Salary Related Costs	\$428,902	17.52%
Legal Fees	\$209,534	8.56%
Other Expenses	\$563,234	23.00%
Mortgage Interest payments for two MVC-owned properties	\$42,811	1.75%

FINANCES — The Commission's FY2023 income was \$2,130,998 and expenses totaled \$2,448,126 comprised of the following components: The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants showed fiscal soundness. The FY2024 budget and FY2022 audited financial statements are available on the website.

ALL-ISLAND EFFORTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Launch of the MVC Housing Action Task Force: The MVC coordinated bi-monthly workshops bringing Island governmental officials, boards, committees and agencies together with regional and State resources and our legislative delegation for the pursuit of comprehensive Island housing solutions. Meetings were either hybrid or virtual and were widely publicized and open to the public. All meetings were recorded and posted to the MVC YouTube channel and housing playlist. Some of the topics included:

- **The State of Housing Workshop** provided easy-to-access data baseline, outlined depth and scale of the housing crisis, and began to set actionable goals for the community.
- **Provincetown's All-of-the-Above Housing Strategy:** Hybrid workshop with Provincetown's Town Manager Alex Morse and Select Board member Leslie Sandberg on Provincetown's two-year multi-pronged approach to scaling up year-round housing inventory and related programs at all income levels.
- **Zoning for Year-Round and Affordable Housing:** Virtual workshop with Christine Madore of Mass Housing Partnership.
- **Incentivizing Year-Round Rentals:** Virtual workshop with Kai Frolich of Place-mate.com • **Complete Neighborhoods Initiative:** An in-depth presentation on Mass Housing Partnership's regional grant program for housing solutions through a climate-forward lens geared for Town governments.

Joint Affordable Housing Group (JAHG): The MVC has restructured and re-launched the JAHG as a think tank/planning platform for the Town's affordable housing committees and trusts and Island housing groups to share resources and progress.

Fractional Ownership/Interval Use/Timeshare (FOITs) Ordinances — The MVC supported the Towns and regional partners with research and resources on emerging investment platforms targeting residential housing stock in resort communities. In Spring 2023, Tisbury passed the first FOITs bylaw in the Commonwealth. Edgartown and Chilmark and at work on bylaws expected at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Municipal Employee Workforce Housing Initiative — At the request of all six towns, MVC staff has initiated a partnership with Nantucket's Housing Director, regional legislators, and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to forge a new legal pathway for the use of public funds for municipal employee workforce housing, including preferences in state-funded projects for town hall, emergency services, and school district staff.

Affordable Housing Inventory Analysis — The MVC has begun to work with all six towns to create an inventory of all deed-restricted housing across the Island at all income levels, and to update the Towns' subsidized housing inventories.

Housing to Protect Cape Cod — MVC staff established a strong Island presence, in partnership with Nantucket, in this regional policy development coalition. The group is working with the Governor's office and regional legislative delegation to elevate regional housing policy priorities.

Grants: — The MVC secured a grant for a consultant to support the update of the 2014 Affordable and Community Housing Zoning Analysis and filed a joint grant application on behalf of all six towns for Mass Housing Partnership's Complete Neighborhoods Initiative.

Community Outreach and Education Efforts — The MVC's housing planner attends community meetings as an invited speaker to educate community groups and the public about the Island housing crisis and potential courses of action to address it.

MVC Biochar Vision Fellowship 2023

- Demonstrated how to use a flame cap kiln at IGI using brush from John Keene Excavation. The biochar produced went to the IGI fruit tree orchard.
- In October, hosted a team of scientists to collect data at John Keene Excavation on flame cap kiln emissions and efficiency, to quantify the amount of carbon sequestered and the emissions produced by this technology. The data will be presented in a formal report and inform an instruction manual of best practices tailored to Island climate and feedstock. The approximately 1.5 tons of biochar created will be "charged" over winter by nutrients from composting, urine, manure, and animal bedding, in preparation for spring plantings. The charred logs were used in a "Chargulkultur" berm to help capture run off from the IGI compost facility.
- Presented to the public at the MV Agricultural Society Harvest Festival and a pot-luck in the Ag. Hall.
- Presented to the Water Alliance and Mill Brook Watershed Committee about how biochar can help restore pond ecosystems by capturing nutrient-rich run off.
- Sourced feedstock for winter kiln demonstrations, diverting woody debris from the waste stream with help from Island partners: invasive plant material from Biodiversity Works, scrap wood from South Mountain Company, tree prunings from Hagerty Tree and brush from the Oak Bluffs Transfer Station. (Kiln demonstrations were postponed due to rain and high winds.)
- Sourced free materials to build a brick kiln at Native Earth Teaching Farm.

CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING

- **Climate Action Task Force:** MVC staff has provided support to the political working group and convened a series of meetings with Senator Markey's office. The MVC hosted separate meetings with Tisbury and Oak Bluffs partners, along with Senator Markey, to coordinate formal Water Resources Development Act authorization requests through the US Army Corps. MVC staff also facilitated several sessions for high school students to participate in a Day of Dialogue focused on climate issues and their intersection with local, State and Federal policies.
- **Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation** www.thevineyardway.org

The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and Federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards. Coastal planning in 2019 focused on hazard mitigation and especially climate change adaptation. There is very little doubt that climate change has begun to produce significant effects on the Vineyard, and that it is accelerating. However, there are many ways that the impacts can be mitigated. Adaptation to sea-level rise, in particular, involves a choice of retreat, abandonment, or elevation of buildings and infrastructure—all necessary and costly options. There are difficult choices ahead for Island leaders, homeowners, and business owners. As planning professionals, it is the responsibility of MVC staff to provide material for thoughtful solutions and to encourage responsible and clear-headed decision making.

- **Ecosystem Resilience Grant:** The MVC was awarded an MA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant to address ecosystem resilience. This collaborative project includes updating the Island’s vegetation maps, eelgrass delineation maps to identify potential aquaculture sites, a campaign aimed at promoting resilient landscaping, and planning for the 2024 Climate Action Fair.
- The **Climate Action Plan Community Coordinating Committee** meets on the second Friday of the month with representatives from the Town Climate Committees to coordinate climate change actions.
- **Climate Action Fair 2023:** Held on May 7, 2023 at the Ag Hall, the Climate Action Fair had a general focus on waste management, and was a huge success. There were workshops on mending clothes, composting, and there were onsite energy consultants, raffles and giveaways, food and dancing.
- **WMVY Series:** In the spring of 2023 WMVY Radio held a series of zoom panel discussions called Walking Through the Vineyard Climate Action Plan. The discussions can be viewed on WMVY’s website, Community Outreach page. The topics include: Managed Retreat from the Coast, Consumption and Waste, Public Health, Climate Change and the Local Economy, and Renewable Energy. A special thank you to the former WMVY community outreach director Laurel Reddington for organizing and moderating the series.
- **New MV Times Climate Connections Column:** Launched in June 2023, a new monthly MV Times column called Climate Connections looks at what is being done on the Island to address climate change and highlight what everyone can do to help make a positive difference. The column is written by retired educator Doris Ward, with Liz Durkee providing guidance and background.

ENERGY

In 2022, the Martha’s Vineyard Vision Fellowship awarded a two-year fellowship to the MVC for an Energy Planner. Kate Warner was chosen to develop this new role. The Energy Planner’s job is focused on the regional level on the Island’s transition away from fossil fuel use and towards 100% electricity from renewable sources to address the climate crisis and increase our Island’s energy resilience. The Energy Planner works to influence major Island players, such as Eversource and the Steamship Authority, and support resilience projects to encourage the necessary transition.

- **Eversource:** Quarterly meetings with Eversource, with representation from each of the Towns, the County, the MVC and Vineyard Power, have focused on strategies to increase and modernize our electrical infrastructure as demand for electricity rises. Additionally, to increase our energy resilience, discussion has included how to work with Eversource to interconnect microgrid - with solar and batteries - for Town and Island critical facilities that would allow them to continue to operate during times of power failure. Eversource will be installing one new cable and one replacement cable by 2025 which will provide adequate power for our summer peak demand and our projected power needs at least through 2050. The new cables will also allow for the end of the use of five diesel generators and the Tisbury temporary generators.

- **Steamship Authority:** The Energy Planner held an event in March called “Ferries Now” to raise awareness about the transition of ferries away from fossil-fuel propulsion. Speakers from Denmark, Maine and Washington State spoke about their electrification plans. The goal was to support the Steamship in moving towards electrification. The Steamship is beginning to address how they will meet the State’s mandated climate goals for 2050 using alternative propulsion methods. Emissions reductions will also provide health benefits to residents of the port towns, in particular. Letters of support to the Steamship to encourage this work would be appreciated.
- **Energy Resilience:** A technical assistance grant from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)/US Department of Energy called the Energy Transition Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) has been obtained to look at strengthening the resilience of the down-Island water departments in times of prolonged power failure. Having adequate water- for the public and for wildfire prevention- and energy supply continue to be a challenge in other places after major weather events.
- **Getting to Net Zero:** The Energy Planner has developed a Getting to Net Zero document to provide information about our Island’s energy use and address the non-binding resolution passed at each town meeting with a goal of 100% electric from renewable sources by 2040 and the State’s mandated decarbonization goals by 2050. This report is available on the MVC website and in other public places.

GIS (GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM) DEPARTMENT

The MVC’s mapping department continued to support primarily regional projects in 2023. Projects were either lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island.

What we do: The MVC’s mapping department provides the following to all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees within Dukes County.

1. We **make maps**. Either delivered as static JPEG or PDF images or as interactive online maps.
2. We **create digital spatial data, deliver data, and disseminate data**.
 - a. Spatial data is compiled through either GPS or extracted from authoritative basemaps and subsequent GIS analysis.
 - b. Deliver spatial/GIS data to Town’s hired consultants via our ArcGIS OnLine data hub and direct delivery for custom requests.
 - c. Dissemination of our GIS spatial data is done through our Gateway. The links on the Gateway lead one directly to the GIS data for download but also to our On-line Gallery of interactive dashboards and story maps that engage and inform.
 - d. Curated Gallery of online interactive maps created by *other* organizations that provide useful information to Town employees and residents on a wide range of topics.

3. We **provide GIS software technical support** and guidance/mentorship to all the entities who participate in our Regional GIS software contract with ESRI.

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

• Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects, Grant Applications, Reports & Miscellaneous Town Request:

1. **Vegetation Delineation, Potential Aquaculture Sites, and Wildlife Corridors - MVP Grant FY24 "Eco-Resilience"** There are several projects within this grant that the MVC's GIS Department is involved in. First, *vegetation mapping/delineation*. The MVC GIS staff spent the first half of 2023 garnering project support & input from local conservation groups and MassWildlife/Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and key research groups like Harvard Forest and Woodwell Climate Research Center to identify the project's scope and approach. The second half of 2023 included hiring the consultant and providing baseline datasets to, Thomson Environmental Consultants to map the Vineyard's vegetation habitats per the NHESP Natural Communities classification scheme. Vegetation on MV was last mapped in circa 2000 by The Nature Conservancy and UMass Amherst. This update of vegetation communities is critical to habitat management and climate change/resiliency planning. A draft dataset is anticipated by the end of 2023 and the final version in the Spring of 2024.
2. The second project within this grant is **Potential Aquaculture Siting** within Tashmoo, Lagoon, and Sengekontacket Ponds. The GIS department has created a series of datasets which detail areas where aquaculture is excluded. Eelgrass surveys will be conducted outside the exclusion areas to further pinpoint where future aquaculture could be sited.
3. The third project within the MVP Grant is to map **wildlife corridors**. This is a collaboration of the MVC with BiodiversityWorks. Knowing the location of the critical wildlife corridors will inform the final delineation of Ecosystem Resilience Prioritization Areas, which will be done in collaboration with all the local conservation groups. The MVC and BiodiversityWorks have met several times this fall to discuss the methods for mapping the wildlife corridors.

All work within the MVP24 Eco-Resilience grant supports the implementation of the Climate Action Plan of 2022.

• **Fire Hydrants:** Continuing to support the fire departments of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, & West Tisbury with their First Due planning & responding software, the MVC GIS Department digitized the hydrant locations for Edgartown and Tisbury. For both towns, the hydrant locations existed on paper maps but not as digital GIS data. These data have now been created and submitted to the FirstDue company for inclusion in the Town's FirstDue software program. Per the Edgartown Fire Department's request, the MVC created an online interactive

map showing the hydrants and parcel boundaries. This map is not shared with the public, per the Edgartown Water Department's request, and so no URL link to the map is provided here.

- **Storm Tide Pathways:** The MVC GIS staff continue to educate and promote the Storm Tide Pathways data and its applicability to impending storm preparation and future sea level rise impacts. See this document for links to Storm Tide Pathways resources and a town-wide map for each Island town showing the potential inundation based on the National Weather Service Flood Stage Categories.
- **Statistical Profile Maps:** Every so many years the MVC updates the County-wide Statistical Profile report and 2023 was one of those years. This a great go-to resource for baseline info covering many fronts – transportation, census, economy, etc. The MVC GIS staff created several maps for the statistical profile. Check them out!
- **Miscellaneous:** Supporting the MVC GIS Department's motto of "New Day – New Map" there are a multitude of requests for maps from MVC staff and Town employees throughout the year. Here are some notables from 2023:
 - Community Neighborhoods Initiative
 - Regional Transportation Plan - Percent Racial Minority Block Group 2020
 - Zoning Maps requested by Town Boards
 - State of Housing on MV Presentation
 - West Tisbury Visionary Map requested by Town Planning Board. Includes: Building Ownership by Seasonal or Year-Round resident
Building Use - Residential or Other
Affordable Housing Sites - Complete inventory as of 2019
- **Ongoing Data Updates:** The MVC continually maintains a **trails and open space/conservation land database** for Dukes County with input from the Island Conservation Partnership. This data changes frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. These data are shared with the public in our ArcGIS OnLine cloud space (open space, trails). From that portal, the data are pushed into the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation's TrailsMV App as well as the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank's online map. These resources allow the public to appreciate this work and the beauty of the Island. Maintaining these datasets also benefits the Towns for completion of their Open Space Plans (required by the State) and planning of special ways, scenic ways, and expansion of the Island's Shared Use Paths and signed bike routes.

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

TRANSPORTATION

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, VTA, Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, MassDOT, and the public.

Support of the 3C Process: 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. MVC staff also participates in weekly Land Use Planning Committee Meetings (LUPC), weekly Commission public hearings (MVC), staff applicant meetings for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), municipal Select Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Conservation Commission meetings.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes and provides budgetary information for the transportation planning tasks and activities, which are to be conducted in the region during the coming year. The Unified Planning Work Program is a federally required certification document, which must be prepared and endorsed annually by the Martha's Vineyard MPO, prior to the start of the planning program. The Martha's Vineyard Commission has the responsibility of preparing the Unified Planning Work Program. The planning activities are organized first by work element in a format that will allow efficient administration, management, and reporting. The transportation planning activities are described as a procedure under specific work tasks. For each procedure, the anticipated accomplishment or product and the estimated manpower resources needed are also given. For each work task the total staffing requirements, task budget, and sources of funding are given. MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately **\$373,966** to the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, Regional Traffic Counting, Bicycle and Pedestrian activities, and an update to the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). In addition to these activities, the MVC provides support to the municipalities with local planning technical assistance.

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 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, **\$930,352** in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. 2023 TIP projects included the following:

- Steamship Authority Amendment:** Two new vehicle transfer bridges and gallows - #S12843
- VTA Amendment:** Re-allocation of state monies to cover the costs for operating assistance, facility and system modernization, facility and vehicle maintenance, fleet upgrades, vehicle replacement, and technical assistance.
- Tisbury Drainage Improvements #609459:** Advanced to 25% design stage.

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transportation Plan 2024-2044: The MVC Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) adopted its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for 2024-2044, setting the stage for more targeted transportation planning in the years ahead. The RTP is updated every four years and includes detailed analysis of the transportation network, specific objectives and actions related to each transportation mode (ferry, bike, automobile, etc.) and proposed funding allocations over the next 20 years. Some highlights include discussion of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and expanded sections on the environment, demographics, and the Steamship Authority. A PDF version of the plan is available on the MVC's website, and a limited number of paper copies are available at the MVC building.

Title VI and Environmental Justice: Staff completed the 2023 Title VI report as well as the 2023 Title VI update. The MVC continues to work with the Communication Ambassador Partnership (CAP) for its translation services.

Public Participation: Long-Range Transportation Plan Update, Edge Lane Road Community Forums, Tisbury Master Plan, Climate Action Plan "The Vineyard Way," TIP Amendments, release of the UPWP, and permanent traffic counter locations are all activities that included heavy public participation. Online surveys were distributed. Articles and flyers in the newspaper, social media postings were all methods of getting information to include public participation.

Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC coordinated siting with MassDOT, its designer, along with the manufacturer for the Island's first automated permanent bicycle/pedestrian counter along the newly installed Oak Bluffs shared use path along Eastville Ave.

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 Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, 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. The group is also focusing on connecting the missing links and pavement conditions throughout the entire SUP network. Staff assisted municipalities through the vulnerable road user sign process.

—For the second year, the BPAC ran a full-page public service announcement of SMART tips for bicyclists. This year, with the Dukes County support of specialty license plate revenues, the PSA was published in the Vineyard Visitor Guide from spring through the fall.

—The BPAC filmed a PSA illustrating the new Massachusetts law stipulating a 4-foot distance between motorists and cyclists or pedestrians. The PSA was shared across Facebook pages and other digital platforms.

—Given the frenetic evolution of e-bikes and other personal e-devices, BPAC and town police chiefs agreed to focus on getting operators to not exceed 20 mph when on Share Use Paths (a.k.a. Bike Paths), with emphasis on moderating speeds for traffic conditions.

—BPAC suggested to the Town of Oak Bluffs signs at the roundabout to guide bicyclists headed downtown to use the County Road SUP. The Town supported the idea and asked BPAC to seek input and support from the other towns to develop a consistent design for such bike signs.

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. This is an ongoing project.

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. Staff also work closely with open space committees on establishing new networks and connections.

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

Island Transportation Engineer: The MVC offered all Towns the opportunity to opt into the Island Transportation Engineering resource, managed by MVC staff. Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury and Aquinnah advanced projects during 2023. With input from the Towns, the MVC has structured a cost-sharing agreement where towns could secure these engineering services once again in FY2025.

Data Collection/Permanent Traffic Counters: The MVC analyzed and presented data on the Island's six permanent traffic counting stations. Data on traffic volumes, speeds, and vehicle classes can be found on the MS2 portal on the MVC website. The MVC conducted a total of 107 automated traffic recorder counts in 2023. A total of 80 counts were conducted along Island roadways, 27 counts were conducted along the shared-use paths. Staff also conducted 7 turning movement counts by hand. The MVC also assisted the Town of Edgartown in counting volumes on the Dike Bridge from July-October. Staff began data collection efforts along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road Corridor for a future corridor study.

Geographic Information Systems: Staff continued to create maps for trails, soil types, bike path data, development of historic trends and future predictions, modeling location and quantity of potential development, environmental justice map, maps for climate action plan and long-range regional transportation plan, road

maps for the statistical profile, special ways maps, and hazard impact maps. **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. MVC is working with the Town's Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, and Planning Board on a scope of work that focuses on traffic and bicycle and pedestrian improvements along the Edgartown-West Tisbury Road corridor, specifically the intersection of Barnes Road and Edgartown- West Tisbury Road and Airport Road and Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. Staff are currently evaluating the crash history as well as existing conditions to set up future meetings with all stakeholders. Staff are working with Oak Bluffs roads and byways committee identifying safety deficiencies in and around the network of crosswalks throughout the Seaview Avenue area. Staff are working with Chilmark on evaluating removable speed bumps on Basin Road.

Project Reviews/Developments of Regional Impact: The Transportation Program Manager provided traffic impact analysis and local technical assistance for the following project reviews/DRI's: Scrubby Neck Road, West Chop Club, Big Sky Tents, Outermost Inn, Old Stone Bank, Tisbury Marine Terminal, Southern Tier, Refuse District, Kuehn's Way, Four Sisters Inn, Airport Hanger Lot, Meshacket Commons, Safe Harbor, Navigator Homes, North Bluff roundabout, The Yard, Stillpoint Meadows, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Edgartown Gardens, Black Dog, Sea Bags, Beecher Park, Arlington Avenue, Lagoon Pond Road, Surke Meadow, Crackatuxet Cove, Northern Pines, Dukes County Avenue, Island Food Pantry, Island Grown Initiative, Nina's dine and dash, MVRHS Athletic Fields, Bangs Subdivision, 3 Uncas Avenue, Caleb Prouty House, and Red Arrow Road. The program manager also works with the applicant's consultants throughout the DRI process. For some projects the DRI process can last over a year.

Inter-Regional Transportation Activities: Staff continued to work with groups such as Healthy Aging MV to address elderly transportation concerns. Staff assisted a fellow who is on Island conducting biochar presentations. The MVC is coordinating with Nantucket and FRCOG on a Safe Streets 4 All grant that was just awarded.

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 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior and after the opening of the ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, and the Towns of Oak Bluffs and

Tisbury Wastewater Committees 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 that the down-Island towns, each of which have their own wastewater collection and treatment facilities. The MVC has compiled available data and created a summary of pond conditions. A list of traditional and non-traditional nitrogen management options were created, and these methods will be considered for use in evaluating a management plan. The MVC is working with Pond working groups, Boards of Health and Conservation Commissions to develop the best plan for each Town and Pond.

Water Testing: In 2023, MVC staff again collected water samples from Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, Cape Pogue, Pocha, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, and Squibnocket ponds, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, for analysis at the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the MEP, to determine the status of the coastal ponds. Staff also collaborated with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

Water Alliance and Associations: The Water Alliance continues to meet over zoom. The MVC Water Resource Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC building. Staff also attend and present at meetings of all Island pond advisory committees, and in 2019 staff presented their findings 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). Two years of testing and monitoring the PRB installation was completed in 2023. Preliminary results are excellent.

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

Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA): The Com-

mission is one of thirteen regional planning agencies across the Commonwealth that are advisory bodies to local municipalities, 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.

Citizen Planning Education and Training: The MVC hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the public. Each year the Commission offers Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) workshops at no cost to attendees. These sessions aid planning and zoning board members in fulfilling their duties. The Zoning with Overlay Districts workshop originally set for November was rescheduled to early January 2024.

Translation Services: Considering the growing number of Dukes County residents with limited English proficiency, the MVC has begun exploring options for increased translation services related to its planning and regulatory activities. This may include automated translated captions for hybrid and zoom meetings, and various outreach methods for the non-English speaking community. According to the American Community Survey, about 6.4% of Dukes County residents aged five years and over speak English "less than very well," which has almost doubled since 2016. The figure for residents aged 18 years and over is about 2.8%. At the same time, school enrollment data shows that 30% of Island students do not speak English as a first language.

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 Economic Development. RPAC is charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the well-being of residents. Much of its focus is on the limited local capacity of smaller communities to meet mandated standards or to apply for or manage existing assistance programs. 2023 saw the state's creation and appointment of a Director of Rural Affairs to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level – the top priority of RPAC since it was established in 2016.

Transportation Safety Action Plan: The Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Franklin County regional planning agencies were awarded a Federal Highway Administration grant of \$575,000 to create Comprehensive Safety Action Plans for each region. This project is an opportunity for the geographically distinct communities to work collaboratively to discuss and develop solutions to rural roadway safety issues. A consultant has been engaged to assist with the development of the plans. Outreach to towns and the public will begin by Spring 2024 and plans completed by mid-2025.

Commonwealth Socio-economic Projections: MVC staff joined other regional planning agencies in reviewing and commenting on Mass Department of Transportation's completion of a multi-year effort to update population, employment, and housing forecasts for use in long-range transportation planning. As these pro-

jections are required to be for typical (Spring and Fall) periods, at the request of the Cape and Islands and the Berkshires RPAs, a separate task had the UMass Donahue Institute examine various ways to quantify seasonal populations. After sampling methods locally and from across the nation, it recommended a framework for conducting population estimates and projections in seasonal regions.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) —In 2023, 45 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 16 projects were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, 7 were approved with conditions, two are on hold at the request of the applicants, and 7 remain under review at the end of the year. 11 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, 8 were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, one was determined by MVC staff to be a premature referral and the project will come back to the MVC when it is ready, two were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings at the request of the applicants, and of those, one was approved with conditions and the other remains under review at the end of the year.

12 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, three were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were remanded back to their respective Towns for approval, one was partially approved and partially denied, one was granted an extension, five modifications were reviewed as full DRIs with public hearings at the request of the applicants, and three remain under review at the end of the year. Five projects were reviewed by the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) for post-approval plans such as landscape and lighting plans. A total of 11 projects remain under review at the end of the year.

In January 2023, the MVC welcomed Rich Saltzberg as the new DRI Coordinator replacing Alex Elvin who has since become the MVC's Research & Communications Manager.

DRI Checklist Review: In 2023, the MVC formed a committee to review the DRI Checklist for its biennial review of the DRI Checklist.

New Policies for DRI Review: The MVC is currently working on two new policies to assist Commissioners in the review of DRIs. A new **Flood Risk Policy** for projects within flood risk areas is intended to prevent or minimize environmental, health, and property damage resulting from climate change impacts. The MVC is also working on a new **Materials Policy** to address the environmental and human health impacts of construction materials. Public input on these new policies will be gathered in the new year.

Districts of Critical Planning Concern: The Commission designates DCPCs to afford additional protection to sensitive areas, in support of special town regulations. In 2023, MVC staff provided responses to many queries from Town boards, attorneys, and property owners. In an otherwise quiet year for DCPCs, MVC staff assisted with the smooth functioning of the Districts in many ways.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR AQUINNAH

CLIMATE CHANGE — Saltmarsh Elevation Monitoring: MVC staff took measurements at an elevation monitoring station installed last year 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.

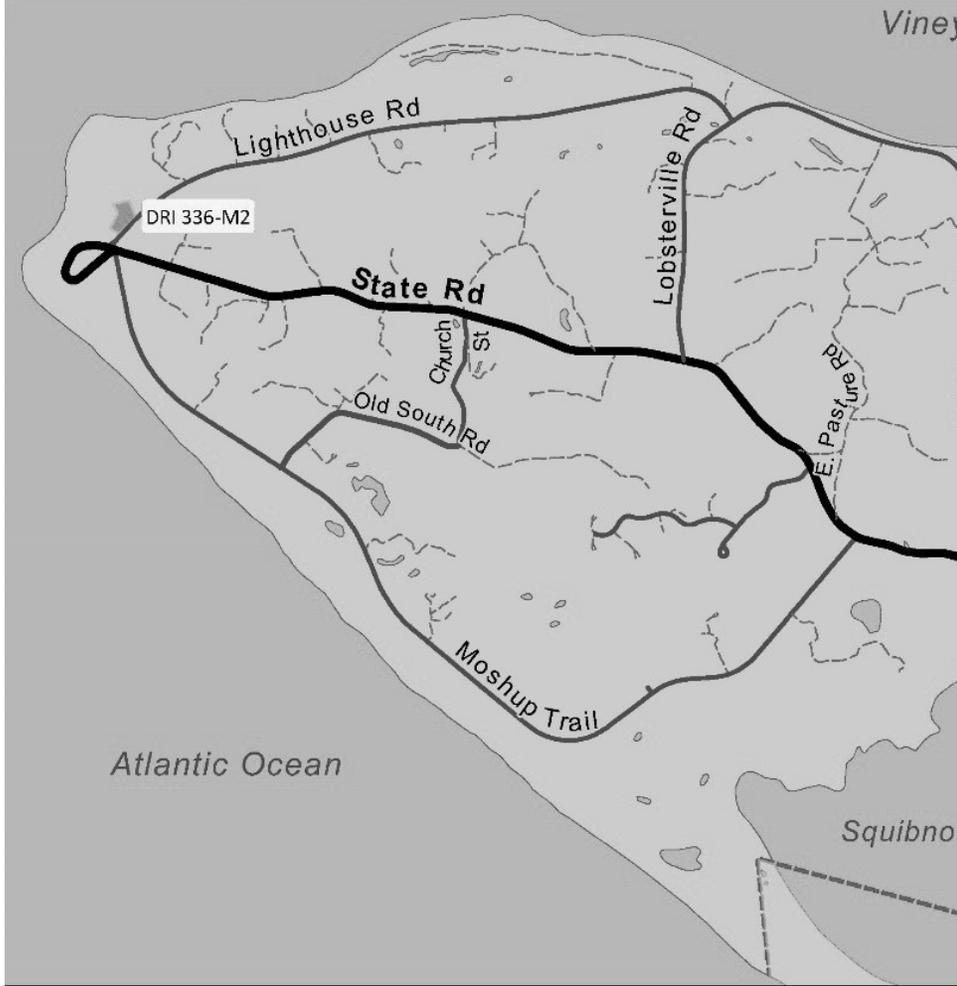
TRANSPORTATION — Data Collection: The MVC conducted Automated Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts at 8 locations in Aquinnah and a Turning Movement Count (TMC) at the Aquinnah Circle intersection. The current 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality.

Local Technical Assistance — The MVC continued to work with different stakeholders to create a short-term and long-term concept plan for Aquinnah Circle that would improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation and improve vehicular use of existing paved areas — both parking and departing. Staff are continuing to evaluate the use of Edge Lane Roads (ELRs) along Lobsterville Road to increase safety while promoting all modes of transportation, i.e., motor vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

WATER QUALITY — Menemsha, Squibnocket, and Nashaquitsa Ponds: MVC staff conducted water sampling and on-station field data collection in Mememsha, 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 2023, samples were taken for analysis four times over the course of the summer season. Staff assisted the Shellfish Warden with collection for bacteria and eDNA sampling. Results from testing will be available in a concise one-page summary.

Community Assistance: MVC staff met with the Board of Health and other interested individuals to discuss the results of water quality testing.

DRI Number	Project Name	DRI Type	Status	Map Lot
336-M2	Outermost Inn	Modification - applicant opted for PH	Approved	6_32



DRIs Reviewed in 2023
Aquinnah, MA

DRIs - Parcel Boundaries

Status

- Approved*

Roads

- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Neighborhood Road
- Local Road

The MVC staff compiled the year-end list of parcel locations having proposed development projects that were reviewed by the Martha's Vineyard Commission as a potential Development of Regional Impact.

*Conditions may apply

Disclaimer: Data provided are for planning purposes only. These data are not adequate for regulatory interpretation. The MVC is not responsible for the end-user's interpretation of the data.

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Data: Town Line - MassGIS 2003/MVC 2020; Parcel Bounds - CAI Technologies Inc. (FY22-Aq & Os, FY23 - Ed & Wt, FY24 - T)
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Miles

- Greg Martino, Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
- Kathy Newman, Aquinnah**, appointed by the Select Board
- Kate Putnam, Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
- Ben Robinson, Tisbury, elected at-large,
- Doug Sederholm, West Tisbury, elected at-large
- Linda Sibley, West Tisbury, elected at-large
- Brian Smith, Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board
- Ernie Thomas, *Clerk-Treasurer*, West Tisbury appointed by the Select Board
- Carole Vandal, Aquinnah**, elected at-large
- Peter Wharton, County Appointee

STAFF

- Adam Turner, Executive Director
- Sheri Caseau, Water Resources Planner
- Maggie Craig, Biochar Specialist - Vision Fellow
- Dan Doyle, Special Projects Planner
- Liz Durkee, Climate Change Coordinator
- Alex Elvin, Research & Communications Manager
- Mike Mauro, Transportation Program Manager
- Lucy Morrison, Executive Assistant
- Rich Saltzberg, DRI Coordinator
- Curt Schroeder, Administrator
- Chris Seidel, GIS Coordinator
- Laura Silber, Housing Planner
- Bill Venno, Senior Planner,
- Kate Warner, Energy Planner - Vision Fellow

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT — In 2023, one project from Aquinnah was reviewed by the MVC as a DRI:

OUTERMOST INN Modifications (DRI 336-M2) Construction of a permanent canopy to replace a temporary covering for a recently added outdoor seating area, and extension of a patio beneath the canopy. The application was approved with conditions after two public hearings; the written decision was approved on May 4, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMISSIONERS

- Jeff Agnoli, Edgartown, elected at-large
- Trip Barnes, Tisbury, elected at-large
- Christina Brown, Edgartown, elected at-large
- Jay Grossman, Chilmark, elected at-large
- Fred Hancock, Oak Bluffs, elected at-large
- Michael Kim, Governor's Appointee
- Joan Malkin, *Chair*, Chilmark appointed by the Select Board

Commissioner Attendance 2

AGNOLI, Jeff	Edg	E	22	88%
BARNES, Trip	Tis	E	21	84%
BROWN, Christina	Edg	E	20	80%
CONNELL, Peter	Gov NV	A	0	0%
GROSSMAN, Jay	CH	E	23	92%
HANCOCK, Fred J.	OB	E	24	96%
KIM, Michael	Gov V	A	19	76%
MALKIN, Joan Chair	CH	A	23	92%
MARTINO, Greg	Tis	A	18	72%
NEWMAN, Kathy	AQ	A	19	76%
PUTNAM, Kate	Edg	A	24	96%
ROBINSON, Ben	Tis	E	25	100%
SEDERHOLM, Doug E.	WT	E	25	100%
SIBLEY, Linda	WT	E	15	60%
SMITH, Brian Vice-Chair	OB	A	25	100%
THOMAS, Ernest R. Treasurer	WT	A	25	100%
VANDAL, Carole	AQ	E	23	92%
WHARTON, Peter	County	A	25	100%

E = Elected
A = Appointed
Gov V = Governor's Voting Appointee
Gov NV = Governor's Non-Voting Appointee

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank

4102 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

A septempartite arrangement, perfectly complicated, was concluded. It resulted in the conservation of 4.9 acres of backdune, stream and pond, as the Elder Jeffers' Pond Preserve. The seller was the Moshup Trail Limited Partnership and the price was \$185,000. The tangles to be resolved in advance included pre-existing encroachments, boundary-line juggling and the disposition of overdue taxes. The seven parties included the land bank and its private-sector counterpart, the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, as well as the town and the tribe, the latter two of which received donations of off-site property interests as a result of the land bank's efforts. The town's lot is slated to be used for affordable housing.

Affordable housing also figured in a second up-Island transaction. The land bank expanded its Gay Head Moraine property by purchasing, for \$90,400, a 4.5-acre shrub swamp owned by the Island Housing Trust Corporation.

And it figured in a down-Island transaction. The land bank and the town of Oak Bluffs exchanged fungible 24-acre properties at the Southern Woodlands Reservation, so that the town's would now have access back to a public road. The land bank had sought to effect the exchange in 2004, when the reservation was being assembled, but the town wasn't ready. The commonwealth legislature and governor had to approve the trade. Islanders knew their priorities when they established the land bank thirty-seven years ago. One was the protection of old family farms — and in 2023 the land bank completed one of its goals-since-inception when it conserved the 34.9-acre northerly field and environs at the venerable Flat Point Farm. This complimented the 2013 conservation of its 38.4-acre southerly pasture. The price was \$2,533,875 and the sellers were siblings Arnold Fischer, Jr., Eleanor Neubert and Jean O'Reilly. It is integrated into the land bank's Short Cove Preserve.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many land bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Black Brook Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Elder Jeffers Pond Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Ocean View Farm, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Peaked Hill Reservation, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Priester's Pond Preserve, Quenomica Preserve, Squibnocket Pond Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

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.

	<u>fiscal</u> <u>year 2023</u> budgeted	<u>fiscal</u> <u>year 2023</u> actual	<u>fiscal</u> <u>year 2024</u> budgeted
	cash	cash	cash
	amount and percentage of total	amount and percentage of total	amount and percentage of total
revenues	\$17,000,000	\$16,338,172	\$13,000,000 *
administrative	(\$ 736,988)	(\$ 656,157)	(\$ 754,698)
expenses	4%	4%	6%
land management	(\$ 3,302,764)	(\$ 1,949,647)	(\$ 2,771,535)
expenses	19%	12%	21%
debt service	(\$ 7,857,137)	(\$ 7,879,942)	(\$ 8,190,837)
expenses	46%	48%	62%
reserve	(\$ 100,000)	(\$ 50,000)	(\$ 50,000)
expenses	1%	0%	1%
unencumbered	\$ 5,003,081	\$ 5,802,426	\$ 1,232,930
new receipts	29%	36%	10%

As of December 1, 2023 the land bank treasury contained some \$12,365,000 in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties. The asterisk (*) indicates the land bank's revenue projection.

Per statute, first-time homebuyers paid no land bank fee on purchase prices at or below \$800,000; in 2024 the threshold will be \$900,000. This is called the "m" exemption and 34 transactions qualified for it in 2023.

The commonwealth is reviewing the Quenomica Preserve draft management plan. Staff is preparing applications — under the various town bylaws, the wetlands protection act and the endangered species act — necessary to the opening of the Squibnocket Pond Reservation.

General public access to a stretch of Lambert's Cove was achieved with the opening of the James Pond Preserve. But the preserve is more than its beach: the loop trail capitalizes on the prismatic nature of the property, as hikers on the path will observe the pond, the dune, the sound and Naushon Island shifting in and out of view. A reservation system, first used at the Manaquayak Preserve, will be used to allocate parking in the summer.

Upgrades included the installation of aluminum beach-access stairs at the Great

Rock Bight Preserve escarpment, as well as replacement of the fishing pier and causeway boardwalk at the Blackwater Pond Reservation. Deteriorated decking on the walkways spanning the Fulling Mill Brook was targeted; the work is expected to be completed before the summer.

Habitat was improved. A cluster of old sheds was removed at the John Presbury Norton Farm — but two of the concrete basements were retained, one for snakes and the other for bats. Staff uprooted pines that were encroaching into the sand-plain grassland at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve, buckthorn that was colonizing the Farm Pond Preserve and Japanese stiltgrass that overran a portion of the Great Rock Bight Preserve.

Aspiring, more or less hopelessly, to thwart the ravaging southern pine-beetle, the land bank felled infested pitch pine at the Ripley’s Field Preserve.

Thickening vegetation along both the North Road and Menemsha Crossroad sides of the beautiful Bliss Pond Farm was cut down. The vista is expansive. Likewise the vista at the Toms Neck Preserve, across Pease’s Pond, and the Sepiessa Point savanna. Trailheads were installed or expanded at the Caleb’s Pond Preserve, Waskosim’s Rock Reservation and Whippoorwill Farm. New trails were created — at the Ripley’s Field Preserve, per a request from neighbors to supplement the Red Coat Hill Path ancient way, and at the Wilfrid’s Pond Preserve. Staff addressed erosion along the steep trails at the Great Rock Bight Preserve and Tisbury Meadow Preserve.

The land bank’s livestock herd — comprising some 173 goats, including 36 kids born in the spring — systematically grazed 72 acres Island-wide, as part of the agency’s grassland restoration protocol. The land bank goatherd bred 20 does, using the institution’s own arapawa buck plus an alpine buck borrowed from Flat Point Farm.

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

40-44 MEETINGHOUSE WAY, EDGARTOWN __

After 32 years at 167 Main Street in Edgartown center, the land bank office moved to 40 Meetinghouse Way ... and after 17 years at the Southern Woodlands Reservation, the land bank land management workshop moved to 44 Meetinghouse Way. Purchase of the conjoined properties allowed the land bank for the first time to conjoin in one location all of its activities and functions — administration, property management, staff housing and, as needed, pasturing of livestock, as 40-44 Meetinghouse Way abuts the land bank’s Quenomica Preserve North and its fields. The Edgartown town meeting will decide in 2024 whether to purchase 167 Main Street, at the discounted price of \$1,550,000.

XIH

The 31st annual Cross-Island Hike ranged 17.3 miles from the Long Point Wildlife Refuge in West Tisbury to the Tashmoo inlet in Vineyard Haven. Approximately ninety people participated in the cross-Island trek. Some 75 started; 43 — the most ever — completed the entire hike. The route passed along 12 conservation properties and 8 named ancient ways.

TRANSFER FEE REVENUES		
	transfer fee	
	revenues received	
	July 1, 2022	
	through	percent
	June 30, 2023	of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 176,120	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 612,720	4 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,603,504	22 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 1,659,147	10 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 1,165,586	7 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 958,450	6 %
central fund	\$ 8,175,527	50%
	\$ 16,338,172	100%
This represented a 27% decrease over the previous year.		

GIFTS

The land bank gratefully accepted the following gifts: (1.) Robert and Patricia Ivry, \$72, in honor of Richard Kazis; and (2.) Tammy Kallman, \$100, in memory of Wayne Kallman.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The land bank commission currently comprises the following members: Steven Ewing, Edgartown; Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Kristen Reimann, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; Nancy Weaver, Tisbury; and Peter Wells, West Tisbury. The year-round land bank staff comprises the following individuals: Janette Andrews, fiscal officer; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, office manager; Zachary Jessee, goatherd; Harrison Kisiel, land superintendent; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; James Lengyel, executive director; Antone Lima, crew manager; Julie Russell, ecologist; Timothy Sheran, conservation land assistant; Blake Wasson, conservation land assistant; and Bryn Willingham, ecology assistant

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

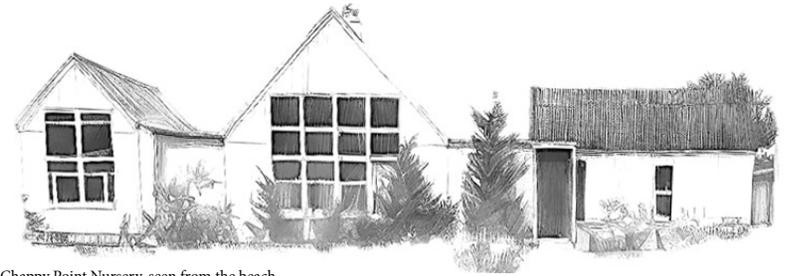
Report of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group

To the Honorable Select Board:

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

In 2022, MVSG received funding from all six Island towns in the form of a membership to the Group which includes an equal share of the shellfish seed produced by MVSG. The Group operates the Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery in Vineyard Haven, the John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station in Oak Bluffs, and the Chappy Point Nursery on Chappaquiddick. Each site serves a different role to maximize the quantity and quality of seed we grow. In 2022, these 3 facilities produced millions of seed for the towns. The seed is grown to an average of 1mm before it is evenly distributed to each town's Shellfish Departments. The Constables grow the seed in nursery systems such as floating cages, bags and rafts where they are safe from boats, people and predators. At the end of the summer, these larger seeds are released to good shellfish habitat where they improve water clarity and ecosystem functioning and may be harvested by recreational and commercial harvesters. We also released millions of quahog, scallop and oyster eggs and larvae to help supplement the wild populations.

The natural resources in each town offer a multitude of different habitats and we cater to each one. West Tisbury, for instance, receives only oyster seed because there is no quahog or scallop habitat in that town. The Tisbury Great Pond supports a wild, commercial oyster harvest, though it is constantly challenged by an oyster disease (which does not affect humans) and environmental stressors. The remaining five towns only receive quahog and scallop seed for municipal purposes. Since Edgartown Great Pond's wild oyster population also is challenged by disease, it is host to an oyster restoration project which is funded by a private grant, and therefore receives oyster seed as well. We monitor and study the oyster disease levels in the Great Ponds to maximize the effectiveness of our programs.



The Chappy Point Nursery, seen from the beach.



Aged, recycled shells are added back to Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds to improve pH of the bottom and oyster habitat, with the help of the Shellfish Departments and volunteers.



Above, children handled and observed marine invertebrates at the MV Agricultural Society's Harvest Festival, one of several public events which MVSG provided learning opportunities.



Shellfish larvae and post-sets are cleaned and fed seven days a week. It takes about 8 weeks from spawning for a quahog to reach 1mm.



MVSG has managed **oyster restoration projects** in Tisbury Great Pond for 30+ years (funded largely by the Town of West Tisbury) and in Edgartown Great Pond for 14 years (funded by a private grant). The primary restoration strategies are production of spat-on-shell and planting of loose shell. The addition of shell to the ponds helps to harden the bottom of the pond, so that oysters aren't suffocated when they sink into soft mud. It also helps to provide calcium-based substrate for wild oyster larvae to set on and acts like a natural antacid by buffering against increasingly acidic conditions. These processes depend on shell and only recently have we been able to save shells from the trash to repurpose them in a natural way.

Since 2011 **the Shell Recovery Partnership** has committed to rescuing shells from the waste stream by collecting it from Island restaurants, letting it age for at least a year, then returning it to the Great Ponds. After a reduced collection resulting from the pandemic, the 2022 volume surpassed pre-pandemic levels by working with restaurants including Beach Road, the Clambulance Rescue Raw Bar, Edgartown Yacht Club, Ietole, Lookout Tavern, Outermost Inn, Port Hunter, Net Result and Larsen's Fish Market. *Want to participate?* We always need more Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce their waste and help restore oyster populations! Not affiliated with a restaurant? Not a problem! Anyone can recycle their shells at the Hughes Hatchery (former Lobster Hatchery) on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs.

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

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

Eel grass restoration in Lagoon Pond is growing, as the Shellfish Group and volunteers work together to gather and replant close to 2,000 shoots this year. Over a thousand eel grass seeds from various locations have been planted in the hatchery over winter to germinate into seedlings. We hope to have opportunities for the community to lend a hand on this project in the near future.

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

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

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

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

For more information or to schedule a tour of the shellfish hatchery, call (508) 693-0391, visit www.mvshellfishgroup.org, or email mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com. Thank you for your sustained support for shellfish resources on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GREEN-BEACH
Executive Director and Biologist
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Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2023

	Bay	Oysters	Oyster
	Scallops	Quahogs	Remote set
			singles
Edgartown, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Aquinnah, Chilmark	2,650,000	2,426,000	-
Chatham ²	-	300,000	-
Gosnold ¹	100,000	-	-
Wampanoag Tribe NRD ²	150,000	-	-
Local growers ²	70,000	-	5,000
Stony Brook University ³	2,000	-	-
Tisbury Great Pond	-	-	5,000,000
Edgartown Great Pond ³	-	-	200,000
Sengekontacket ³	-	-	1,000,000
Univ. of Rhode Island ³	-	-	-
Total Seed	13,572,000	12,430,000	6,200,000
Eggs released	12,000,000	14,600,000	243,500,000
larvae released	24,400,000	1,000,000	63,500,000
Provided under: ¹ State funding; ² contract; ³ grant funding			

Report of the Cape Light Compact

Town of Aquinnah Activities

Aquinnah Representative – FORREST FILLER

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

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

POWER SUPPLY

During calendar year 2023 (CY23), 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 CY23 remained below the utility’s basic service residential price, while also being 100% renewable.

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

As part of its power supply product, the Compact receives energy and RECs from a solar photovoltaic (PV) project, Farmington Solar, in Maine. The Compact entered into a long-term fixed price contract for energy and Class 1 RECS from just under 5 MW of this project as part of the Compact’s commitment to renewable energy and price stability.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing spikes dur-

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

This past winter (2022-2023) especially, consumers saw a significant increase in electricity prices. These increases in prices reflected the increase in New England-wide wholesale electricity market prices, which was largely driven by increased natural gas prices due to the war in Ukraine and a reduction of alternative sources of electricity generation (e.g., coal, nuclear). While prices did not dramatically spike this winter (2023-2024), they remain elevated when compared to past years and are unlikely to decline over the next few years. The Compact will continue to seek ways to help customers reduce their electricity costs through innovative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2023, the Compact had approximately 3,557 electric accounts in the Town of Oak Bluffs 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 CY23, the Compact focused on the following regulatory proceedings at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU):

- Grid modernization (DPU docket 21-80):

—The Compact continued to participate in this docket with a focus on ensuring that customers on the Cape and Vineyard are able to benefit from Eversource’s proposed grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) investments. The Compact’s key concern is that municipal aggregations and their competitive suppliers be able to access the data available through smart meters in order to design and offer time varying electric rates (TVR) to their customers.

—In CY23, the Compact participated in monthly AMI stakeholder sessions that were required as part of the DPU’s order in this docket regarding TVR and data access for competitive suppliers.

- Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (DPU Docket 22-55)

—The Compact participated in this docket advocating for the approval of Eversource’s Cape Cod Capital Investment Project (CIP). Cape Cod CIP seeks to resolve the significant barriers to interconnection faced by distributed energy resource facilities requesting to interconnect to the electric power system in the Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard area.

- Municipal Aggregation Investigation (DPU Docket 23-67)

—The Compact and several other Massachusetts cities and towns are participating in an investigation the DPU opened into Municipal Aggregation. Specifically, the

DPU proposed a draft Guideline and Template Plan for Municipal Aggregations that the Compact views as being overly prescriptive. The Compact is advocating for recognition of municipal control and decision-making in the operation of aggregations.

- Eversource Electric Sector Modernization Plan (DPU Docket 24-10)

—In the fall of CY23, Eversource filed a draft plan with the Grid Modernization Advisory Council. The Compact submitted comments on the draft plan highlighting Cape specific issues. Eversource will be required to file its Electric Sector Modernization Plan with the DPU in early CY24. The Compact plans to participate in the adjudicatory process at the DPU when it begins.

In the fall of 2022, the Compact redesigned its Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) to align with legislation that passed as part of the Massachusetts Climate Act in the summer of 2022. The Compact filed its redesigned CVEO with the DPU in November 2022 and received approval in January 2023. The Compact began implementing the program in June of 2023. The redesigned CVEO will serve 100 non-gas heated low- and moderate-income participants, installing cold climate heat pumps and solar PV. A limited number of customers will also receive battery storage.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer “energy conservation” charge on each customers’ electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$0.03301 for residential customers and \$0.01589 for commercial and industrial customers).

Jan – Dec 2023	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	36	\$10,364.40	51,822	\$447,394.06
Residential	50	\$375.40	1,877	\$114,481.44
Commercial	2	\$0	0	\$11,786.83
Total	88	\$10,739.80	53,699	\$573,662.33

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.

Report of Elder Services: Cape & Islands

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 23 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 45,542 meals on MV. 309 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 re-opened and is now serving on Thursday at the Tisbury COA and up-Island COA.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders with 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 23, The Home Care Program served 242 elders on MV. There were 22,539 hours provided through; personal care assistance, medication management, light cleaning, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services contracted through our vendors. In addition, 127 elders were enrolled with a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS). Home Care can also include services provided by the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living including their Supportive Day program and Alzheimer's and Dementia coaching.

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 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 caregivers attend the support group. This program was awarded \$5,400. Martha's Vineyard Community Services also provides home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$10,000.

Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands uses federal, state, town, and private funds to provide essential community programs/services. The value of these funds is greatly enhanced by Town support, the cooperative efforts of the Councils on Aging, and the many Island residents who volunteer their time and skills. We appreciate the value of the community support we receive and expect to continue to work collaboratively and productively with local organizations to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN PANEK
MV Director



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Information & Referral: A central source of information on all services available to older adults on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as the entry point for referral to Elder Services' many programs. All referrals Call 1-800-244-4630. For additional information visit our website at www.escci.org. Martha's Vineyard Office: 508-693-4393.

Protective Services: Help is available 24/7 for anyone over the age of 60 who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect. Call 1-800-922-2275 to report 7 days a week 24 hours a day.

Home Care Program: Services are provided to help an elder remain safely in the community; Care Managers assess the needs, develop a service plan, arrange for supports, and see elders on-going to manage services, and help with resources. To qualify, individuals must be sixty or older, meet financial eligibility guidelines, and have specific unmet care needs.

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, and Up-Island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered by volunteers in every town for any elder who is homebound. Delivery is Mon-Fri usually between 10-Noon.

Family Caregiver Support Program: Provides education, advocacy, and connections to community resources that will enable the caregiver to better care for their loved ones as well as themselves.

Money Management Program: Volunteers, trained and certified, meet with elders in their homes to help them balance their checkbooks, pay bills, and oversee other routine financial management tasks.

Senior Community Services Employment Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

Senior Service Corps: A corps of volunteers who enhance the community by participating in a wide variety of service activities.

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders who are 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.

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

29 Breakdown Lane, Vineyard Haven ^a Hours: M-F 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Our Mission: M.V. Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment. Our vision is to create an age friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence and foster community engagement. The Center for Living (MVCL) is 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 FY2023, board members included Sandra Joyce, President; Shirley Dewing, Treasurer; Jane Keenan, Clerk; Gail Barmakian; Christine Burke; Martha Solinger; Rise Terney; Martina Thornton; Beverly Wright.

SUPPORTIVE DAY PROGRAM: M-F 9 AM TO 2 PM

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a day program for older adults who may experience memory challenges and a level of disability where they are unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. The SDP provides community-based support and opportunities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. Just as important is the respite we provide for caregivers. Our clients come to us with varying levels of disability; some with multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's and other dementias. The respite and support the caregiver receives by sending their loved one to the Supportive Day Program is critical for their overall wellbeing and that of their loved one. When a caregiver has a few hours for rest and self-care, the quality of life for both the caregiver and care recipient improves significantly.

In FY2023, our early efforts were focused on outreach to increase the number of families served in our programs. We successfully brought our numbers up, reaching over 50 families and providing over 21,000 hours of socialization, enrichment, and care for our clients, and as many hours of respite for their caregivers. In comparison, a conservative estimate of the cost to families paying at least \$35/hour for private duty care is \$735,000. The daily cost for the Supportive Day Program is \$60 with an additional \$10 fee for transportation. These fees are paid either privately, or by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (the regional Home Care Agency) covering some or all the cost for low to moderate income elders. MVCL also offers a modest, donation supported scholarship program.

At the Center for Living, we are "person centered" which means careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of each client, and a care plan designed to meet those needs is in place. Everyone, regardless of ability, can engage in community and enjoy the company of friends and peers in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers a wide range of activities tailored to individual needs and interests, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, discussion groups and games. We also regularly engage other community organizations

and talented individuals such as musicians and artists, to share their talents and expertise with us. A morning snack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style. With a van at our disposal, we've added weekly outings to our schedule and take small groups out to local libraries, MV Museum, Polly Hill, the YMCA, Oak Bluffs Pier or just for a ride to enjoy fresh air and our beautiful Island.

RESPITE INNOVATIONS:

In May of 2023, MVCL was awarded one of only 41 grants statewide, to provide new and innovative services to address the needs of and support family caregivers. Caregiver respite is a critical aspect of the services we provide, and Respite Innovations funding gives us the opportunity to expand our services into the home setting. Due to various circumstances, the Supportive Day program may not always be the right fit for, or be accessible to some families, and a home-based option is another opportunity for caregiver respite. The physical and emotional effects of long-term caregiving can be debilitating and even life threatening for the 24/7 unpaid family caregivers. Despite the challenges, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible and the reality is on Martha's Vineyard there are few other options. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, exacerbated by decreased levels of self-care and immune response. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical, and often financial hardship. Respite Innovations will send a trained respite worker into the home for two-hour sessions to provide companionship and person centered activities for the care recipient, so the caregiver can get break.

TRANSPORTATION

In FY2023, MVCL acquired a Lift Van from the VTA, and hired a driver to enhance our transportation services. Transportation to and from the SDP is available either on the MVCL van, or via the VTA (Vineyard Transit Authority) Lift service. The VTA manages the maintenance and upkeep of the MVCL van as well as the training and testing required of all Lift drivers.

NEW IN 2023: SHOPPING SHUTTLE:

With the Lift Van at our disposal and available during the middle of the day when we are not transporting SDP clients, we were asked to pilot a Shopping Shuttle service for older adults in the general community on behalf of the Councils on Aging. This service is for community members who no longer drive to do their own shopping and errands and was initially funded with a grant from the MV Community Foundation. Subsequently we have received a combination of two state grants, one from Elder Services Title IIIB and one from MaDOT, to continue the service for two years. We expect future funding to continue through a combination of local and government grants. The Shopping Shuttle is available three days a week: Wednesdays — Tisbury; Thursdays — Edgartown, and Fridays — Oak Bluffs, including the Island Food Pantry at the PA Club. In line with our mission, the Shopping Shuttle helps to reduce isolation, promote independence, and provides an opportunity for older adults to enjoy the social aspects of being out in the community.

MEMORY & MUSIC CAFÉ:

In FY2023, the Memory and Music Café was moved to a once a month "open house" format on the third Thursday every month from 10am to 12pm. SDP clients enjoy the Café as part of their SDP routine, and caregivers and community members

are welcome to join us every week for live music, companionship and of course dancing. Memory Cafés have spread across Massachusetts, the country, and the world, as an inclusive community engagement model for those experiencing disability, memory loss and/or cognitive impairment, along with their caregivers.

DEMENTIA FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES:

Dementia Family Support Services is funded by grants and donations outside of the town funded MVCL operating budget. It is available to families and caregivers caring for a loved one with memory loss and cognitive decline due to Alzheimer's or other dementias. We connect families and caregivers with other agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the MV Community Services CORE program, Dukes County Health Care Access program and the Elder Law program for additional support and services.

The Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets weekly on Zoom, Fridays 10am-11:30am. In 2023, 25 individual caregivers joined us from both on and off Island, to find a community of support with others experiencing the challenges and concerns raised by caring for a loved one with dementia.

In FY2023 Dementia Coaching (Habilitation Therapy) was added to our service model. Habilitation Therapy supports caregivers to create and maintain a positive environment for a person experiencing the effects of a dementia related illness. The objective is to provide education and support to the caregiver and to recommend ways to modify elements of the home environment that may exacerbate the symptoms of the disease. A Dementia Coach provides knowledge and expertise to caregivers (and the person with the disease when appropriate) in understanding the disease process, as well as techniques of communication, behavior management, structuring the environment, creating therapeutic activities, and planning for future care needs.

TV FOR LIVING:

TV for Living was created in response to the Covid pandemic, and is a series of 30-minute, informational programs aired on MV Community Television Channel 13. Topics include Healthy Aging, Caregiver tips and information, MV Center for Living programs, live demonstrated Functional Fitness work outs and art projects that can be done at home and more. There are well over 100 episodes archived and can be viewed on the MVTV website at www.mvtv.org and entering TV for Living in the search bar.

MV COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RENT & UTILITY SUPPORT 2022-2023

As a response to the pandemic and the resulting widespread loss of income and resources, the MV Community Foundation, with a combination of state funding and generous local philanthropic support, was able to provide significant relief to Islanders by funding a Utility and Rental relief assistance program. To administer and distribute these funds the MVCF sought to partner with other Island non-profit organizations with experience in these areas. MV Center for Living stepped forward to take applications and distribute nearly \$40,000, assisting 138 Island families with rent and/or utility bills. We received referrals from Dukes County Social Services, Councils on Aging, the MVCS CORE program, Morgan Woods, MV Hospital Social Workers for Island families in need of assistance.

FEMA/EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM 2022-2023

Phase 39: In FY2023, a total of \$9360 was allocated for Dukes County to assist

residents in need of emergency food and shelter assistance. Of these funds, \$5213 was designated for MVCL to Island senior residents with rent or mortgage payments.

EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living is the sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank emergency food distribution program on Martha’s Vineyard. The Edgartown, Tisbury, and Up-Island Senior Centers as well as the Serving Hands Pantry at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven are the local distribution sites. Each site orders a variety of nutritious foods monthly from the Greater Boston Food Bank and MVCL coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up these orders to come back to the Island for distribution.

The local Stop & Shop has 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 through the Serving Hands Pantry.

55PLUS TIMES: INFORMATION & 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.

M.V. REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHEON PROGRAM:

Once a month between 25 and 40 folks enjoy a delicious gourmet meal prepared and served by the MVRHS Culinary Arts students. Chef/Instructors Jack O’Malley and Kevin Crowell share their talent and expertise with the students and oversee their learning and experience in the culinary world.

HOME DELIVERED HOLIDAY MEALS:

MVCL coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Martha’s Vineyard Hospital to provide a home delivered holiday meal to older adults who are alone or homebound every year on the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. The Martha’s Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their town. On Thanksgiving Day 2022, 123 meals were delivered; Christmas Day 2022, 152 meals delivered; Easter Sunday 2023, 149 meals delivered.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT / SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM:

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Island towns through the Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2023, 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 Select Boards, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies, as well as our non-profit partners and the community at large. This support and generosity make a positive impact on the lives of many Islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP,
Executive Director

Report of the Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council

To the Honorable Selectboard and the Citizens of the Town of Aquinnah:

The mission of the Martha’s Vineyard Cultural Council (MVCC) is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants may be modest, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year, the MVCC receives and evaluates grant applications for projects that help support our mission. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at massculturalcouncil.org. The MVCC gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In 2023 the MVCC held several meetings virtually from October-December to evaluate applications. For FY24, the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$33,000 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah (\$1,500), Chilmark (\$3,500), Edgartown (\$3,500), Oak Bluffs (\$2,000), Tisbury (\$3,500), and West Tisbury (\$3,500). A number of prior year grantees were unable to follow through with their projects, and so those funds were rolled over to be distributed this year. Together, the total amount available for grants was \$63,283. This year the MVCC received 48 applications requesting a total of \$174,000.

As always, the members of the MVCC wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer/Collector Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. For each of the last 3 years, the Council has granted applicants from the town more than \$5000 in Council funding for projects that include the Annual Native Artisan Market & Festival, the Ungrateful Taking presentations, the Aquinnah Artisans Holiday Fair, and this year the Black Brook Singers at the Circle. The Council has not asked for an increase in the town’s contributions since 2020 and has also seen a marked increase in the amount of funds requested. Therefore, the Council would like to request \$5000 from Aquinnah this year so that it may continue to fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

RIZWAN MALIK, *Chair*

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Report of the Chilmark School Principal

MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Project	Funding Given
Built on Stilts	\$3,100
Islanders Write	\$2,500
A Positive Magic at the Faery Way Station	\$1,330
Cinema Circus	\$2,250
2024 Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$2,250
19th Annual Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival	\$1,650
Drive-In at the YMCA	\$2,250
Martha's Vineyard Fossil Day	\$2,775
Music & Memory Community Place	\$3,525
Abby Bender Schmantze Theatre	\$2,325
Sankofa Festival	\$1,875
6th Annual Women In Film Festival	\$1,500
Quartets, Duos and Trios, Oh my	\$1,500
17th Annual Native Artisan Market & Festival	\$4,725
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$3,653
Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$3,413
Capstone Concert: Focus on Jazz	\$350
Art of Conservation	\$1,250
Black Brook Singers at the Circle	\$2,500
Honoraria for guest musicians accompanying concerts	\$1,500
Saving Rebecca	\$3,500
LGBTQ+ Pride Weekend	\$2,500
Tales of Now & Zen: An Evening of Stories for Adults	\$250
Local Music & Dancing — Off-Season	\$2,500
Species in Focus: Martha's Vineyard's Biodiversity in 4K	\$3,750
Billy Baloo	\$1,250
Memorial Day Picnic Traditional Music	\$188
Aquinnah Artisans Holiday Fair and Childrens Art Show	\$625
Blue Minds Ocean Education Series	\$1,500
Black Children's Reading Corner	\$1,000

Richard M. Smith, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Smith:

The year of 2023 has continued to be a growth year at the Chilmark School. Our class sizes have continued to grow with 73 students. We tried to celebrate as many of our previous traditions as possible, now that we can do more activities. Students continue to participate in many arts classes, along with all of their academic curriculum.

In June, our 5th graders had graduation back in the building. 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 pretty much back to normal!

As we start our 2023-2024 school year we again began with all of our students back in the building. Since the guidelines changed regarding spacing, we were able to go back to some multi-age classrooms. This year we have two K/1 classrooms, two 2/3 classrooms and a 4/5 classroom.

Our faculty includes: Ellen Rossi and Molly Martone in K/1, and Cana Courtney and Lauren Giglio in K/1; Melissa McNickles and Pam Thomas in the 2/3; Robyn Dori and Casey Esposito in 2/ 3; and Jackie Guzalak and Caroline Fenske in the 4/5. Mariah MacGregor has returned as our 80% math specialist and 20% art. Additionally, this year we have added Georgia Halliday as our Special Ed teacher and Lynn VanAuken as our reading specialist.

The school did embark on a construction project to upgrade the HVAC system at the school. There was construction going on all

summer as well as into mid-year. A big thank you to the town of Chilmark for allowing our students to move over to the CCC for the times when their classrooms were being worked on. We couldn't have done it without their help.

We still have an all-school morning circle daily to start our day as a community. During this time, we celebrate birthdays, have a thought for the day, pledge the flag, sing a song, share news, and end with a symphonic musical selection from the "MusicWorks! Everyday" program developed by the Cape Cod Symphony.

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 continue to have a full-time nurse, Bea Whiting, who is using the Michigan Model to teach Health and Wellness lessons. Bea and Joan have teamed up to post and discuss a different character trait for children to understand and try to demonstrate. Some traits include empathy, gratitude, kindness, respect and cooperation, to name a few.

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 2nd – 5th can participate in strings, and in grades 4th and 5th, 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 les-

sons to teach this concept using music, theater, or movement. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance.

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

This year we have changed to Investigations for math. It is published by Pearson, and provides hands on activities for grades 1 – 5. Our Kindergarten continues to use Cathy Richardson hands on math and we have seen some great gains utilizing that program. We have also switched to mClass for progress monitoring. We have a math specialist, who is able to work with kids who need math remediation or those who need to move at a faster pace.

Students in 2nd – 5th learn better spelling using the Zaner Bloser Spelling Connections. In addition, we have a reading specialist who is trained in the Orton Gillingham method, as is our SPED teacher.

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 utilizing on-line educational tools during the Covid years. We also have purchased enough iPads, and/or Chromebooks for each student to have one to use 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 been able to start up again. Our first one this year was the 4/5 fundraiser for Island to Island, raising money for the food pantry in Maui. The 4/5 students

built games and a haunted house, and other grades played the games and won prizes. We also celebrated Thanksgiving with the Turkey Trot. We will try to include all special days that we can now that most Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. These traditions foster community 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."

As many of you have heard, I will be retiring in June. I will really miss the students, teachers, parents and traditions at the Chilmark School. Thank you for all your support over my 15 years here at the Chilmark School. It is truly a special place and will provide many lovely memories for me after I leave.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN STEVENS
Head of School
Chilmark School

Report of the West Tisbury School Principal

Richard Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
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Dear Dr. Richard Smith:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar year 2023 at the West Tisbury School. Here are the highlights of 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.

We had been experiencing significant growth in student body since 2012 when the school had 259 students. Our enrollment did not increase this year. On October 1, our enrollment was 315, but since that time, we have added students and our current enrollment is 327.

New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Amanda Adams, Fallon Aiello, Joanne Andrade, John Cabral, Rachel Fox, Donna Getty, Mercedes Johnson, Isabel Moore, Elizabeth O'Brien, Lara Santos, Kotchaphan Somparn, Patti Wallace, and Sean Yancey.

We continued to see the impact of the pandemic on our students and their families, but we also saw continuing improving trends resulting from our focused supports in our three priority areas:

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

We continuously monitored student gains and achievement, as we provided interventions through a multi-tiered system of support model during the school year. We are pleased that these supports are proving highly successful as measured by both local and state assessments. Our MCAS results showed gains for students in all areas and we were classified as “Substantial Progress Toward Targets.” We showed very strong growth in mathematics and our lowest-performing students, high-needs students, students with disabilities and low-income students all achieved high growth designation.

We continue to be successful in our pursuit of grant funding to support our priorities. Grant funding allowed us to hire both a math and a reading intervention teacher. We were also able to continue a second year of our Summer Boost and Adventure Programs, a four day a week, full-day program which allowed over 75 students beneficial summer academic and social-emotional interventions woven into fun-filled days that kept engagement high and gains noticeable.

A new grant supported the expansion of co-teaching in both English Language Learning and Special Education by providing stipends for planning and a halftime co-teacher for math in second grade. The grant also funded Universal Design for Learning from Harvard professional development and credentials for many staff members. Another grant provided Yondr pouches for our fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students that secure student technology, e.g. cell phones, so they are off and locked away for the school day.

Since 2012, research has shown an increase in adolescents’ and young adults’ loneliness, anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems, coinciding with heavy social media use. Having cell phones and other technology away for the school day is supporting our efforts to remove distractions from student learning and reverse the trend of negative impact on student mental health and wellness through reduction of social media exposure.

We were also able to use funds to increase our Health and Wellness department by adding a halftime teacher. We were also able to complete our grant-funded significant kitchen and regional lunch pro-

gram upgrade with installation of a new stove, ovens, mixers, wash station, freezer and dry storage, and more. Also, our grant-funded food trailer also has arrived, and we look forward to putting it to good use processing local produce more effectively and efficiently. We also received grant money to support local purchasing which has further increased our use of local foods in school lunches.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) continued to work on our school improvement goals in the areas of student social-emotional wellness, academic achievement and sustainability and greening our school. Although we continue to support Universal Preschool, we have decided to shift our focus from this being a school goal to support of an all-Island task force to pursue this effort. Thank you to Samuel Hall, Graham Houghton, Elle Lash, Wenonah Madison, Robin Moriarty and Amy Westburg 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, West Tisbury School

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January 11, 2024
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, 2023.

- FY2023 Assessment
- FY2023 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
- FY2023 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,
MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Up-Island Regional School District — Balance Sheet, June 30, 2023

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
Assets							
Cash and Investments	1,796,975.59	484,692.94	985,086.61	-	46,712.35	-	3,313,467.49
Receivables: Due from other gov'ts	66,552.00	-	-	-	-	-	66,552.00
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	298,500.00	298,500.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,863,527.59	\$ 484,692.94	\$ 985,086.61	\$ -	\$ 46,712.35	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 3,678,519.49
Liabilities and Fund Equity							
Liabilities							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	469,841.49	34,307.40	88,160.65	-	2,222.05	-	594,531.59
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	714,149.02	7,806.60	-	-	-	-	721,955.62
Other Liabilities	31,000.65	-	-	-	-	-	31,000.65
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	298,500.00	298,500.00
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,214,991.16	\$ 42,114.00	\$ 88,160.65	\$ -	\$ 2,222.05	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 1,645,987.86
Fund Equity							
Reserved for Encumbrances	27,011.74	-	-	-	-	-	27,011.74
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/Other	439,933.91	-	-	-	-	-	439,933.91
E&D/Undesignated Fund Balance	181,590.78	442,578.94	896,925.96	-	44,490.30	-	1,565,585.98
Total Fund Equity	\$ 648,536.43	\$ 442,578.94	\$ 896,925.96	\$ -	\$ 44,490.30	\$ -	\$ 2,032,531.63
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 1,863,527.59	\$ 484,692.94	\$ 985,086.61	\$ -	\$ 46,712.35	\$ 298,500.00	\$ 3,678,519.49

Up-Island Regional School District — FY2023 Assessment

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)	\$ 1,760,880.27	192,834.15	319,698.72	1,248,347.40	1,760,880.27
ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)	2,465,312.81	269,976.62	447,592.82	1,747,743.38	2,465,312.81
School Committee Medicaid Offset	(22,788.00)	(2,495.52)	(4,137.30)	(16,155.18)	(22,788.00)
TOTAL PART A & B	\$ 4,203,405.08	460,315.25	763,154.24	2,979,935.59	4,203,405.08
ASSESSMENT PART C					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,816,627.65	289,008.94	1,032,174.80	495,443.90	1,816,627.65
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(55,930.11)	(8,897.97)	(31,778.47)	(15,253.67)	(55,930.11)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	8,092,310.20	827,926.13	1,014,877.19	6,249,506.89	8,092,310.20
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(374,297.89)	(38,294.50)	(46,941.65)	(289,061.74)	(374,297.89)
TOTAL PART C	\$ 9,478,709.85	1,069,742.59	1,968,331.87	6,440,635.39	9,478,709.85
ASSESSMENT PART D					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	26,125.00	1,925.41	20,900.00	3,299.59	26,125.00
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	-	-	-	-	-
State House Note Borrowing - WT	71,640.00	6,440.44	7,887.56	57,312.00	71,640.00
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	27,860.00	2,053.28	22,288.00	3,518.72	27,860.00
TOTAL PART D	\$ \$125,625.00	10,419.13	51,075.56	64,130.31	\$125,625.00
TOTAL PART A, B, C & D	\$ \$13,807,739.93	\$1,540,476.98	\$2,782,561.67	\$9,484,701.29	\$13,807,739.93

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE	CIRCUIT BREAKER	MEDICAID
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT				
Chapter 70 - State Aid	891,082.00	(XXX,XXX to be used to offset FY23 Budget; see above)	(XXXX to be used to offset FY23 Budget; see above)	(XXXX to be used to offset FY23 Budget; see above)
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	145,162.00			
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,174,499.00)			
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	67,102.00			
SPED Circuit Breaker	-			
Medicaid Reimbursements	36,000.00			10,600.00
School Choice Sending Tuition	(93,091.00)			
School Choice Receiving Tuition	-	430,228.00		
Total Reimbursements	(128,244.00)	430,228.00	-	10,600.00

ANTICIPATED REVENUES	
E&D Offset	341,088.86
Interest Income	15,650.00
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenues	360,738.86
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ \$232,494.86
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ \$13,575,245.07

	Chilmark	Aquinnah	West Tisbury	Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
Town of Residence					
Aquinnah	7		31	38	Charter School 32
Chilmark	25		38	63	School Choice 12
West Tisbury	12		234	246	Shared Services 3
District Enrollment	44		303	347	Residential 0
School Choice	13		49	62	
Total Enrollment	57		352	409	FY22 Foundation Enrollment = 396

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.
Supt & Sch. Comm.:	Aquinnah 10.95% Chilmark = 18.16% W. Tisbury = 70.89%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 15.91% Chilmark = 56.82% W. Tisbury = 27.27%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 10.23% Chilmark = 12.54% W. Tisbury = 77.23%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.
Chilmark School:	Aquinnah 7.37% Chilmark = 80.00% W. Tisbury = 12.63%
W. Tisbury School:	Aquinnah 8.99% Chilmark = 11.01% W. Tisbury = 80.00%

Up-Island Regional School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2023

	\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL SUPT/SHARED SERVICES		1,760,880.27	1,697,690.04	63,190.23
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES		458,863.75	470,447.27	(11,583.52)
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES		3,163,605.58	3,134,853.10	28,752.48
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC		87,450.00	81,568.67	5,881.33
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS		55,852.00	48,535.95	7,316.05
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS		33,330.00	23,811.73	9,518.27
WT INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL		287,680.78	261,135.95	26,544.83
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE		10,000.00	13,128.55	(3,128.55)
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT		1,228,040.60	1,176,442.19	51,598.41
WT LIBRARY SERVICES		140,317.78	140,898.94	(581.16)
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT		232,208.67	242,782.23	(10,573.56)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		117,996.11	122,809.31	(4,813.20)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES		291,618.92	324,940.69	(33,321.77)
WT UTILITIES		94,022.76	83,556.25	10,466.51
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE		184,824.00	199,892.15	(15,068.15)
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE		1,190,861.36	1,268,329.35	(77,467.99)
WT INSURANCE		141,340.00	153,059.08	(11,719.08)
TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL		7,718,012.31	7,746,191.41	(28,179.10)

CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES		181,026.76	185,171.25	(4,144.49)
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES		789,233.48	762,222.92	27,010.56
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC		18,800.00	18,144.29	655.71
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS		30,452.00	27,128.00	3,324.00
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS		8,530.00	2,966.00	5,564.00
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS/COPIERS		98,815.00	93,601.76	5,213.24
CH FURNITURE		800.00	845.08	(45.08)
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT		110,472.00	112,826.17	(2,354.17)
CH LIBRARY SERVICES		2,000.00	1,487.26	512.74
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT		44,188.00	46,072.00	(1,884.00)
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		92,823.76	95,761.93	(2,938.17)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES		89,916.00	88,533.00	1,383.00
CH UTILITIES		30,461.87	37,502.82	(7,040.95)
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE		68,509.46	65,547.98	2,961.48
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE		168,497.21	182,027.45	(13,530.24)
CH INSURANCE		26,172.00	31,504.62	(5,332.62)
TOTAL CHILMARK		1,760,697.54	1,751,342.53	9,355.01
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT		2,030,438.05	2,012,645.67	17,792.38
DEBT		135,525.25	107,420.20	28,105.05
TRANSPORTATION		303,407.51	297,142.36	6,265.15
RESERVE DISTRICT		98,779.00	-	98,779.00
TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		2,568,149.81	2,417,208.23	150,941.58
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		13,807,739.93	13,612,432.21	195,307.72

Report of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Principal

Richard M. Smith, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Smith,

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

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: The Art, Design & Technology department continues to offer a rich variety of creative electives. We've added Art History and Intro to 3D Design. We welcome part-time instructor, Mr. George Michaels, to teach AP Computer Science. We held our annual showcase "Evening of the Arts" students also participated in exhibits at Featherstone and (with Vineyard Conservation Society) at the Film Center and Mocha Mott's. We partnered with the Martha's Vineyard Times to produce the "Art Class" newspaper supplement showcasing student art. Eighteen MVRHS student artists won a total of 23 awards in the 2023 Scholastic Art Awards. Four students won the coveted Gold Key awards, and went on to the national competition. Art school-bound students attended Portfolio Day in Boston, where their portfolios were critiqued by college admissions professionals. Art History students held field trips to RISD and Salem, and architecture students went on site visits with Hutker Architects. After-school club attendance continues to remain at record-high levels; our art & literary magazine, SEABREEZES, won a coveted "Excel-

lent" award in the 2022 NCTE state-wide REALM competition, and our new student-run film club is attracting new members, as is Art Club, Architecture Club, and Innovation Club.

ATHLETICS: There were several teams who qualified for State tournaments this year. Boys basketball, hockey, lacrosse, and tennis along with girl's hockey and tennis. The track team also sent several competitors to state championships. The boys' soccer team, girls' soccer team, and football team came out victorious in the first annual "Battle in the Atlantic" which was held in late October. Now billed as "The Battle in the Atlantic" references the annual games between Nantucket and MV when field hockey, boys' and girls' soccer, and football play on the same day. With this inaugural year, three new trophies were added called the Golden Anchor. The winning team in each of these games takes home the trophy to hold until the next year's game, similar to the Island Cup. Boys basketball, boy's lacrosse, boy's tennis, and football all were league champions. Thanks to the Touchdown Club and many donors for the updated Vineyard Pride Weight Room. Teams have begun to use the new room with much appreciation for the new facility.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: We officially welcome the Early Education and Care (EEC) program to our list of Chapter 74 approved programs. This designation is crucial to us being able to access funding and other resources earmarked for Career and Tech Ed Programs. EEC has already proved itself as a popular program with great interest from the local early childhood education community. The Auto Tech program students are training on the new alignment equipment, heavy duty lift and a state of the art on the vehicle brake lathe machine. The auto tech students have begun their OSHA certification. The students in the Medical Assisting program completed their first blood pressure clinic. The Horticulture department implemented a program in which the students began planting spring bulbs, finalized landscape plans for the front of the High School and propagation of plants for the annual spring plant sale. Culinary Art students have been preparing for OSHA Certification and have continued to host various events for local groups. Students in the Building Trades program collaboration with the architecture program on a project to

improve storage and material handling was designed and built. Students also installed split rail fencing around some of the building's perimeter. The Maritime Studies program has had several students attend Maritime colleges or with the credentials obtained through the program enter into the maritime industry. We continue to benefit from our biannual advisory meetings. Advisory groups made up of industry professionals provide valuable oversight of our programs.

ENGLISH: The English Department continues to offer skills that are critical to becoming competent and confident learners. Most students continue to perform above the state and national average on examinations. Students not only read and write an array of diverse literature, they also attend performances such as the Huntington Theater and the workshops offered at the New England Scholastic Press Association's Conference. Student publications also received state and national recognition this year. Our magazine, *Seabreezes*, received the designation of "Excellent" by the National Council of Teachers of English. The *High School View* received at the New England Scholastic Press Award ceremony, the Highest Achievement award is a testament to the quality of journalism students produce at MVRHS. Participation in the national Poetry Out Loud competition sent one student to the regional finals, where she performed beautifully. Many teachers of the English Department attended the Exeter Academy's Harkness Training for educators and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education's Universal Design for Learning course

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE, ESL: The 2022 ESL report described the department as "in the midst of change." The changes continued throughout 2023, necessitating numerous shifts in teaching and extensive professional development (PD) for the staff. The department has implemented a new schedule of benchmark assessing which will take place in October and May/June. These assessments are in addition to the Commonwealth's mandated ACCESS test in January/February. The additional assessments are intended to provide progress monitoring, so teachers can more effectively individualize lessons and student goal planning. The district has committed to ESL co-teaching. In preparation for the introduction of co-teaching in September, a new part-time ESL position was added, Jane McGroarty Sampaio,

from the World Language Department, was hired to co-teach three ESL classes.

GUIDANCE: The guidance department and school adjustment counselors worked in concert with teachers and administration to keep all students engaged academically and emotionally. Guidance continues to work with all the Island, sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming 9th graders as well as to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Counselors work hard to offer academic programming and support for the Island's growing ELL population. In 2022-2023 the guidance department was able to welcome a full time ASP who is native of Brazil and has been integral in assisting all ELL students, but particularly ELL and former ELL students. All students continue to meet with their counselors in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options. The Class of 2023 graduated a diverse group of 179 students, and the guidance department was again able to develop individual transitional plans for all students. 72% of the graduating class went on to a two or four-year college. The guidance department believes strongly that alternatives to the traditional college pathway should be explored for all students, and we are proud that almost 30% of MVRHS graduates are working and/or pursuing additional information in an area of their professional interest. This year's Class Night was another wonderfully successful culmination of the MVRHS scholarship program. Generous donors provided scholarships, grants and additional items that totaled 1.2 million dollars. 140 students in the 2023 graduating class received 505 awards.

HISTORY: The Social Studies department has added Art History, which is extremely popular with the students and teachers. Students have participated in a field trip to RISD with many more trips to come. Psychology has returned as a Social Studies elective and students have been exploring ideas of States of Consciousness as well as the benefits of sleep and sleep disorders. The American Studies classes are collaborating with the ELL and SPED department to create an interdisciplinary approach that can meet the needs of a wide range of students. The teachers are expanding the American Studies curriculum to focus on the connections between Brazil and the United States and to high-

light the idea of “the Americas” as American History. The students and teachers are collaborating to put on a Change Maker’s Fair after Thanksgiving. This opportunity will be a chance for students to interact and speak with Islanders who are making positive changes in our community. There are now two AP options from which students can choose. 10th graders can take AP US History or AP African American Studies and 11th graders can opt between AP Modern World History or AP Modern European History.

LIBRARY: The Library has supported the school community through lending, resource accessibility, and instruction. The school librarian continues to co-teach the Capstone course, which is now available to both juniors and seniors, and teaches “Navigating Digital Information” to nearly all freshmen. This mini-course focuses on foundational research skills using library databases, the ability to discern news from other information sources, and techniques to combat the spread of misinformation. Book circulation continues to increase, suggesting heightened student engagement in reading. To date, nearly 1,400 books have been checked out, a 7% increase over last year. The library provides access to essential tools such as Turnitin (a plagiarism-prevention and classroom management platform), WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform), accounts for The New York Times available to all students and staff, and state-funded research databases. The librarian provides research instruction to various classes spanning different grades and departments.

MATH: The Math Department was quite ambitious and productive this past year. Mr. Chvatal attended the Advanced Placement Summer Institute in preparation for teaching the new AP Precalculus course offered by the college board this year. Ms. Magnuson attended the APSI to gain additional experience as she gets ready to teach our AP Calculus course for the first time. Ms. Carlomagno completed curriculum maps both for our new (piloted last year) Explorations in Engineering course and the ever-evolving Financial Literacy course. Ms. Muir spent time during the summer volunteering at a summer camp for students with disabilities, the take-aways she had to share with us were quite inspiring. Mr. Lavers, whom we share with the science department, set up a proper science/math classroom which now

allows for more group activities and lab work in this larger space. Ms. Nelson finalized the new Statistics curriculum map to accurately represent this, now Dual Enrollment through Bristol Community College, course. Ms. Flanders took two online courses that focused on the AP Calculus (BC) curriculum and the use of technology to gain a deeper understanding of topics. All of these individual endeavors have added to the strengthening of our math courses and our department as a whole.

PERFORMING ARTS: The Performing Arts Department has had 12 students accepted into the South East Music Festival, and three students (Annabelle Brothers, Jack Crawford and Samuel Hines) to All State. The Minnesingers won silver in the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association competition. Orchestra and Big Band traveled to Music in the Parks, winning gold and over-all awards. 19 students auditioned for the South East Music Festival, with 11 accepted and 5 students receiving All State audition recommendations (Emma Burt, Samuel Hines, Zylar Flanders, Gabi Silveira and Aiden Weiland). We had our first department concert in October, where 7 groups performed - Orchestra, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, MV Big Band, First Year Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and the Minnesingers. We also invited 35 middle school singers to join us on stage. The annual Whaling Church show for the Minnesingers and Jazz Fest are scheduled for December.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: The Health/PE department has been really excited to spend the year continuing to improve on the work we have accomplished. Specifically, we are focusing on tightening up our 9th grade and 10th grade Health curricula—infusing Mental Health First Aid, Get Real, and Social Emotional Learning—into our daily rotation of courses. Since we all have a passion for moving and sports, we are really excited that the first and fourth quarters will be primarily dedicated to the PE portion of this 10th grade class. With the addition of the new weight room this fall, our Personal Training class is becoming more robust. We have also included an additional elective called Competitive Sports, this option is for students enthusiastic to participate in a team oriented capacity.

PROJECT VINE: Project Vine had the best-attended Chopped for Charity event to date. Students also attended a team-building challenge at 10 Pin Arcade and went on the first Boston overnight trip, touring the city in small groups and then seeing Blue Man Group. Students returned to Penikese Island for our sixth technology free retreat and the students hosted the seventh Island Lore event at the MV Museum. Project Vine graduate, Joseph Maccaferri, was the 2023 recipient of the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Charbonneau, named Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, attended a ceremony at White House and was able to speak with lawmakers representing Massachusetts about the Project Vine alternative model. She continues to work with the State Teachers of the Year cohort for 2023, and has recently spoken at Harvard's Graduate School of Education as we showcase our alternative model for other schools and students all across the state and country. She has also had the opportunity to meet with education designers at Google about using tech in the classroom.

SCIENCE: The Science Department has actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, co-teaching and collaborative teaching models, and computer-based STEM design. We welcome a new Biology teacher, Ms. Macfarlane, who came to MV after a long teaching career in Arizona. The department has worked with several local groups, including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students. We have continued to improve our co-teaching program currently offering 3 sections of Earth Science and 5 sections of Biology that are co-taught. Students continue to do well on the biology MCAS with most students scoring proficient or advanced above the state average. We continue to look to improve our growth in special populations in MCAS results.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: The Special Education Department participated in Think Kids, a professional development focusing on collaborative problem solving models by Mass General Hospital and SMARTs Curriculum for Executive Functioning. Teachers continue

to grow their expertise in the area of executive functioning and social emotional learning to better serve students with a variety of needs. While our prime directive is inclusion of all students relative to their strengths and needs, we also have programming that addresses more complex challenges. The Navigator, Voyager and Compass programs continue to strive to meet the developmental, cognitive, social and emotional needs of students. In addition to these programs, our liaisons support students in academic support classes as well as co-teaching in core content areas. Our students have participated in the Special Olympics, Friendsgiving, Brazilian Night, Unified basketball and Unified track and field. Other activities to promote student learning and integration with the school community include: Creative Coffeehouse, Poetry "slams;" field trips that enhance functional academic, social, communication skills; and, participation in school wide music and art activities. The Special Education Department continues to grow the close collaboration and interaction with the families, caregivers and parents as well as the community at large.

WELLNESS PROGRAM: In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer to peer programming. The SWEAR program held its second overnight retreat in June 2023. The retreat focused on deconstructing toxic masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender-based violence. Our annual assembly is scheduled for January 2024. Our team is in the third year of TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid) teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students. We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work and held our annual Race Culture Diversity retreat at the Boys & Girls Club in November. For the first time, this year we invited students/staff from the MV Public Charter School to join us. Our bi-weekly WOC (Women of Color), BSA (Black Student Alliance) and Reimagine Manhood groups continue to meet during flex. The 10-week STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group) curriculum for Newcomers continues to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States. As always, we continue to support the social emotional well-being of our students by offering 1:1 support (in both English and Portuguese) for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing. We

continue to collaborate with CONNECT to end violence; ICC; IWYC, IHC Recovery Coaches and private clinicians to offer support to our students. This year we are offering group counseling with Hospice; CONNECT; and Alateen.

WORLD LANGUAGE: The World Language Department continues to focus on the three modes of communication; Interpretive, Interpersonal and Presentational in the target language in order to help students practice and build their communication skills. We are proud to announce that our students demonstrated their advanced language skills with 19 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, 11 earning the Seal in Portuguese, 5 earning the Seal in both Spanish and Portuguese and 1 student earning the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction in Spanish. The department saw a very successful showing for students that took the AP Spanish exam. A Portuguese Language Arts Narrative course was added to the Heritage Portuguese program in the 2022-23 academic year and this year we added Brazilian Humanities. Ms. Crawford, who joined the department in 2022 to teach Latin, has added level 2 to the program's progression. We continue to offer American Sign Language through the American School for the Deaf. We are so excited to welcome Ms. Martino from Cadiz, Spain via the Vineyard Montessori School to teach Spanish, Mr. Adams from Brazil to teach Spanish and Ms. Munhoz from Brazil to teach Portuguese to both Heritage students and non-Portuguese speakers.

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

Respectfully,

SARA DINGLEDY,
Principal

Report of the MV Regional High School District Office of the Treasurer

4 PINE STREET
VINEYARD HAVEN, MA 02568

January 8, 2024

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, 2023.

FY2023 Assessment

FY2023 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

FY2023 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER
Treasurer

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — FY23 Assessment

DESCRIPTION	FY23 AMOUNT						Total
	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 24,580,975.72						
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	765,489.00	25,346,464.72					
Less							
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,897,790.00						
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	355,990.55						
Other Revenues	256,827.50						
E&D Offset	963,780.00	4,474,388.05					
FY23 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	<u>20,872,076.67</u>					
Town Apportionments							
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	230,259.00	486,103.00	2,404,928.00	2,528,042.00	2,248,606.00	1,368,762.00	9,266,700.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	226,015.04	565,037.60	2,679,892.63	3,228,786.30	3,067,346.99	1,630,537.08	11,397,615.64
(iii) Transportation	12,521.39	31,303.49	148,467.96	178,877.06	169,933.21	90,332.92	631,436.03
(iii) Capital	10,660.72	26,651.81	126,405.71	152,296.03	144,681.23	76,909.50	537,605.00
(iii) Other Costs	49.58	123.94	587.82	708.22	672.8	357.65	2,500
Gross Assessments	479,505.73	1,109,219.84	5,360,282.12	6,088,709.61	5,631,240.23	3,166,899.15	21,835,856.67
Less E&D Offset	19,111.78	47,779.46	226,611.16	273,025.50	259,374.22	137,877.88	963,780.00
FY23 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method	\$ 460,393.95	1,061,440.38	5,133,670.96	5,815,684.11	5,371,866.01	3,029,021.27	20,872,076.67

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.	1.73%	4.26%	26.23%	28.63%	24.10%	15.05%	100.00%
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School Population based on Town Census (10/1/23)	13	32	197	215	181	113	751
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Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — Balance Sheet, June 30, 2023

Assets	General					Trust & Agency		Capital Projects		Special Revenue		General	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Obligations	Total	General	Long-Term Obligations	Total	General	Long-Term Obligations	Total	General
Cash and Investments	\$ 5,320,765.55	\$ 1,209,056.24	\$ 422,575.40	\$ 160,878.71	\$ -	\$ 7,113,275.90							
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Intergovernmental	389,235.00	-	-	-	-	389,235.00							
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	180,000.00	180,000.00							
Total Assets	5,710,000.55	1,209,056.24	422,575.40	160,878.71	180,000.00	7,682,510.90							
Liabilities and Fund Equity													
Liabilities													
Warrants/Accounts Payable	1,045,022.53	214,788.21	127,954.83	24,664.94	-	1,412,430.51							
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Salaries Payable	-	-	-	1,020.00	-	1,020.00							
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,378,434.48	180,272.02	-	347,087.08	-	1,905,793.58							
Other Liabilities	82,424.83	-	-	-	-	82,424.83							
Agency Funds	-	-	-	(1,765,243.32)	-	(1,765,243.32)							
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	180,000.00	180,000.00							
Total Liabilities	2,505,881.84	395,060.23	127,954.83	(1,392,471.30)	180,000.00	1,816,425.60							
Fund Equity													
Reserved for Encumbrances	948,682.92	-	-	-	-	948,682.92							
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/ Other	669,390.00	-	-	-	-	669,390.00							
Reserved for Special Purposed	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Excess and Deficiency/Undesign Fund Balance	1,586,045.79	813,996.01	294,620.57	1,553,350.01	-	4,248,012.38							
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Total Fund Equity	3,204,118.71	813,996.01	294,620.57	1,553,350.01	-	5,866,085.30							
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 5,710,000.55	\$ 1,209,056.24	\$ 422,575.40	\$ 160,878.71	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 7,682,510.90							

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2023

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Salaries	\$ 197,486.42	\$ 202,230.45	\$ (4,744.03)
Supt/Shared Services: Administration: Expenses	\$ 23,383.18	\$ 20,312.38	\$ 3,070.80
Administration Subtotal	\$ 220,869.60	\$ 222,542.83	\$ (1,673.23)
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 318,123.91	\$ 296,111.34	\$ 22,012.57
Supt/Shared Services: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 36,880.00	\$ 18,522.43	\$ 18,357.57
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 355,003.91	\$ 314,633.77	\$ 40,370.14
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ -	\$ 537.40	\$ (537.40)
Supt/Shared Services: Operation & Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 22,615.71	\$ 13,834.29
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 36,450.00	\$ 23,153.11	\$ 13,296.89
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Salaries	\$ 59,857.91	\$ 67,490.36	\$ (7,632.45)
Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs: Expenses	\$ 3,890.53	\$ 8,809.61	\$ (4,919.08)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 63,748.44	\$ 76,299.97	\$ (12,551.53)
TOTAL Supt/Shared Services	\$ 676,071.95	\$ 636,629.68	\$ 39,442.27
High School Programs: Administration: Salaries	\$ 130,962.80	\$ 138,322.00	\$ (7,359.20)
High School Programs: Administration: Expenses	\$ 142,584.07	\$ 128,914.12	\$ 13,669.95
Administration Subtotal	\$ 273,546.87	\$ 267,236.12	\$ 6,310.75
High School Programs: Instruction: Salaries	\$ 11,117,084.17	\$ 11,278,176.72	\$ (161,092.55)
High School Programs: Instruction: Expenses	\$ 903,370.07	\$ 879,299.31	\$ 24,070.76
Instruction Subtotal	\$ 12,020,454.24	\$ 12,157,476.03	\$ (137,021.79)

High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Sa	\$ 2,033,629.91	\$ 1,904,312.24	\$ 129,317.67
High School Programs: Other School & Community Services: Ex	\$ 1,220,431.86	\$ 1,080,338.01	\$ 140,093.85
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	\$ (1,353,129.96)	\$ (1,196,184.44)	\$ (156,945.52)
Others School & Community Services Subtotal	\$ 1,900,931.81	\$ 1,788,465.81	\$ 112,466.00
High School Programs: Operation and Maint of Plant: Salaries	\$ 692,826.61	\$ 677,329.98	\$ 15,496.63
High School Programs: Operation and Maint of Plant: Expenses	\$ 1,376,675.49	\$ 1,514,102.65	\$ (137,427.16)
Operation & Maint of Plant Subtotal	\$ 2,069,502.10	\$ 2,191,432.63	\$ (121,930.53)
High School Programs: Employee Retirement	\$ 396,780.83	\$ 399,272.66	\$ (2,491.83)
High School Programs: Retired Municipal Teachers	\$ 603,638.41	\$ 876,493.74	\$ (272,855.33)
High School Programs: Other Post Employment Benefits	\$ 994,314.00	\$ 1,123,924.02	\$ (129,610.02)
High School Programs: Employee Separation Costs	\$ 10,430.00	\$ 16,186.00	\$ (5,756.00)
High School Programs: Insurance - Employee Related	\$ 2,751,971.27	\$ 2,579,179.90	\$ 172,791.37
High School Programs: Insurance - School Related	\$ 437,044.24	\$ 455,256.25	\$ (18,212.01)
High School Programs: Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
High School Programs: Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	\$ 349,505.00	\$ 449,583.41	\$ (100,078.41)
High School Programs: Consultant, Electrification of Fleet	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Roof Project Principal	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Roof Project Interest	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ -
High School Programs: Residential Care Tuitions	\$ 1,281,185.00	\$ 1,192,854.91	\$ 88,330.09
High School Programs: Contingency/Reserve	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00
Fixed Costs Subtotal	\$ 7,640,468.75	\$ 7,307,850.89	\$ 332,617.86
TOTAL High School Programs	\$ 23,904,903.77	\$ 23,712,461.48	\$ 192,442.29
TOTAL Operating Expenses	\$ 24,580,975.72	\$ 24,349,091.16	\$ 231,884.56

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Amy Houghton, Chairperson
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency Union #19
All Island School Committee

Dear Ms. Houghton,

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am pleased to submit my 2023 Annual Report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS).

I wish to take a moment to extend warm wishes and gratitude to our Island community. I believe good school systems embrace a culture in which everyone who is invested in some manner with our schools, becomes a steward of our schools, establishing a guiding principle in which a genuine positive and caring regard for all children pervades our community. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the well-being of our children and the Martha's Vineyard Schools as a whole.

As a steward of MVYPS for 22 years, and in my second year as superintendent, I understand the privilege and honor that has been bestowed on me and I embrace and appreciate being entrusted with our schools. I want to acknowledge that this year has brought challenges and losses to our community. The passing of loved ones leaves an indelible mark, and our hearts go out to those who have experienced such difficult times. As we reflect on this past year, let us support one another with kindness and empathy.

This past year, MVYPS administration and school committees, in concert with our towns, made significant progress in critical system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children. This included a successful effort in securing a revised Regional

Agreement with all of our Island towns in the context of a potentially significant high school capital project. Town leaders, school administrators, and school committee members executed plans that ran parallel to the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) Module 1, 270-day Eligibility Period, which resulted in securing funding for a comprehensive building project feasibility study for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District (MVRSD). Module 2 was completed when the MSBA recently approved MVRSD's choice of an Owner's Project Managing Firm who will guide and assist us through the remaining modules of the project.

- Module 3 – Feasibility Study
- Module 4 – Schematic Design
- Module 5 – Project Scope and Budget and Project Funding Agreements
- Module 6 – Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Bidding
- Module 7 – Construction Administration
- Module 8 – Project Closeout

Additionally, I am grateful for the work of key town leaders, school committee members, union leaders, and school administrators to reach agreements on contract negotiations. I am grateful to our town board of health agents, school physician, and school nurses for their continued work to ensure for the safety of our children and fidelity of the learning environment. I am grateful for the work of MVYPS administrators who continue our work with the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium to move forward in our efforts to ensure for cultural responsiveness and equity in our academic programs and practices. I am grateful for the continued efforts of our administration in supporting our children and staff with improved behavioral health interventions, resources, and practices and in our efforts to improve the culture and climate of our schools and in the manner in which MVYPS responds in working with our community.

Our work in MVYPS will always reflect the best interest of all stu-

dents. Our schools continue to enact measures to recapture children's learning and strengthen their social-emotional welfare. Effective collegial and congenial relationships will highlight our collaborative work in support of our children. For this year, feedback from MVYPS Cabinet Administrators and School Committee members helped to inform and organize strategies and programmatic interventions to guide our schools. The feedback highlighted and summarized strengths and opportunities within our schools and overall system. This summary of strengths and weaknesses informed the following Focus Areas.

- A System-Wide Commitment to Our Children
- A Commitment to Nurturing the Culture Within Our Schools
- A Commitment to a Strong School Community Approach

These Focus Areas span multiple indicators across the standards of our professional practice to form goals for the current school year, FY24. As a result, MVYPS is working to improve upon the supervision and evaluation of our school-based and central office administrators through increased collaboration regarding goal-setting and attainment. This will include broadening and deepening programmatic initiatives such as the Collaborative Problem-Solving Model and Co-Teaching to better support students' academic skills and strengthen their flexibility, frustration tolerance, and problem-solving skills.

Additionally, MVYPS is working to increase family and community engagement by broadening and deepening a culture of feedback to inform practices with families through the services provided from our schools, as well informing practices with students and staff regarding the climate in our schools. Feedback will be solicited and coded over the course of this year using the EDSCLS (Ed. School Climate Survey), VOCAL (Voices of Climate and Learning), and SELIS (Social Emotional Learning Indicator System) surveys.

Lastly, MVYPS is working to increase our focus on standards-based learning to more effectively support our students' achievement

through direct collaboration with each MVYPS school administration in the composition and implementation of intervention plans. Multiple common assessments such as the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) will inform student growth and achievement.

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

We have made great strides in the numerous opportunities and challenges over the past 18 months. I am incredibly proud of our students and staff. Thank you for your support as we move our schools forward in partnership.

Sincerely,

RICHARD M. SMITH, ED.D.
*Superintendent,
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools*

Proposed Operating Budget

Annual Town Meeting, May 14, 2024

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		
	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Telephone	\$ 21,990	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500		
Advertising	\$ 5,400	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,500		
Postage	\$ 2,287	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500		
Supplies	\$ 7,242	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,500		
Town Vehicle Lease	\$ 19,199	\$ 19,199	\$ -		
General Town Expenses	\$ 56,118	\$ 67,199	\$ 48,000	\$ (19,199)	-28.6%
Moderator	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ -	0.0%
Selectmen - Salaries	\$ 17,160	\$ 17,160	\$ 17,160		
Selectmen - Consultant Fees	\$ 13,348	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		
Selectmen - Expenses	\$ 953	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150		
Selectmen - Ceremonial Use	\$ 64	\$ -	\$ -		
Selectmen	\$ 31,524	\$ 23,310	\$ 23,310	\$ -	0.0%
Administrator - Salary	\$ 135,590	\$ 136,806	\$ 147,935		
Administrator - Expenses	\$ 1,044	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200		
Administrator	\$ 136,634	\$ 141,006	\$ 152,135	\$ 11,129	7.9%
Finance Committee Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100		
Finance Committee Reserve Fund	\$ 7,250	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000		
Finance Committee	\$ 7,350	\$ 26,100	\$ 26,100	\$ -	0.0%
Financial Audit	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 10,500	61.8%
Town Accountant - Salary	\$ 65,895	\$ 106,446	\$ 115,132		
Town Accountant - Longevity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,151		
Accounting Clerk - Wages	\$ 21,051	\$ 24,751	\$ -		
Town Accountant - Certification Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000		
Town Accountant - Expenses	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,700		
Town Accountant	\$ 88,051	\$ 132,697	\$ 119,984	\$ (12,713)	-9.6%
Assessor - Expenses	\$ 66,384	\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340		
Assessors	\$ 66,384	\$ 53,340	\$ 53,340	\$ -	0.0%
Treasurer Salary	\$ 64,543	\$ 68,873	\$ 86,910		
Treasurer - Expenses	\$ 21,201	\$ 13,630	\$ 15,250		
Treasurer	\$ 85,744	\$ 82,503	\$ 102,160	\$ 19,658	23.8%
Tax Collector - Wages	\$ 48,739	\$ 54,820	\$ 59,289		
Tax Collector - Longevity	\$ 478	\$ 548	\$ 1,186		
Certification Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000		
Tax Collector - Expenses	\$ 4,005	\$ 4,960	\$ 6,160		
Tax Collector	\$ 53,222	\$ 60,329	\$ 67,635	\$ 7,306	12.1%
Legal	\$ 59,335	\$ 90,000	\$ 75,000	\$ (15,000)	-16.7%
Data Processing	\$ 90,703	\$ 81,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,000	4.9%
Town Clerk - Salary	\$ 41,228	\$ 57,394	\$ 58,516		
Town Clerk - Temporary Training Hours	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 714		
Town Clerk - Expenses	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700		
Town Clerk	\$ 43,928	\$ 60,094	\$ 61,930	\$ 1,836	3.1%
Elections	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	100.0%

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025		
	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase
Insurance	\$ 75,977	\$ 80,199	\$ 92,770	\$ 12,570	15.7%
Town Report	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ (2,000)	-25.0%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 823,150	\$ 924,456	\$ 944,043	\$ 19,587	2.1%
PUBLIC WORKS/BLDGs & GROUNDS					
PW Director - Public Works Salary	\$ 103,669	\$ 115,487	\$ 124,904		
Highway/Public Works Foreman	\$ 72,286	\$ 80,534	\$ 87,090		
Highway/Public Works Temporary/Seasonal	\$ 11,264	\$ 9,750	\$ 8,000		
Public Works Bldg Maint Wages	\$ 10,993	\$ 15,958	\$ 8,379		
Property Management Wages	\$ 4,067	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000		
Bldgs/Grounds Service & Maintenance	\$ 84,387	\$ 27,000	\$ 34,500		
Bldgs/Grounds Utilities	\$ 28,628	\$ 24,200	\$ 24,200		
Bldgs/Grounds Storage Unit Rental	\$ 1,215	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,215		
Bldgs/Grounds Supplies	\$ 11,442	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000		
Bldgs/Grounds Vehicle Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000		
Public Wks Snow/Ice Removal	\$ 15,947	\$ 10,759	\$ 10,759		
PW Highway Road Maint Contractors	\$ 19,915	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000		
PW Highway Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 8,413	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000		
PW Highway Supplies Expense	\$ 9,275	\$ 13,700	\$ 13,700		
PW Highway Continuing Ed Training	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
Public Wks Cemetery Expenses	\$ 1,452	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000		
PUBLIC WORKS/BLDGs & GROUNDS	\$ 382,953	\$ 342,318	\$ 357,248	\$ 14,930	4.4%
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Chief - Salary	\$ 152,738	\$ 157,226	\$ 165,056		
Police Chief - Longevity	\$ -	\$ 7,717	\$ 6,301		
Police Officers - Wages	\$ 464,345	\$ 498,823	\$ 529,765		
Police Officers - Longevity	\$ 16,961	\$ 18,743	\$ 20,662		
Police Department - Expenses	\$ 47,325	\$ 48,325	\$ 51,325		
Police Vehicle Lease	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,003		
Police Department	\$ 681,369	\$ 730,834	\$ 786,112	\$ 55,278	7.6%
Fire Chief - Salary	\$ 41,200	\$ 43,260	\$ 43,260		
Firefighters - Wages	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000		
Fire Department - Expenses	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600		
Fire Department	\$ 120,800	\$ 122,860	\$ 122,860	\$ -	0.0%
Tri-Town Ambulance	\$ 371,274	\$ 428,343	\$ 441,232		
Public Safety Building Debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,615		
Ambulance Service & Building Debt	\$ 371,274	\$ 428,343	\$ 659,847	\$ 231,504	54.0%
Emergency Mgmt. - Pay	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
Emergency Mgmt. - Regional Coordinator Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000		
Emergency Mgmt. - Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000		
Emergency Management	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	25.0%
Animal Control Officer - Pay	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		
Animal Officer - Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200		
Dog Officer	\$ -	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,200	\$ -	0.0%
Shellfish Constable - Wages	\$ 49,080	\$ 54,843	\$ 59,310		
Shellfish Constable - Longevity	\$ 1,949	\$ 2,194	\$ 2,372		
Temporary/Seasonal Employee	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
MV Shellfish Group Assessment	\$ 38,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 40,000		
Shellfish/Harbormaster - Expenses	\$ 15,023	\$ 12,875	\$ 12,875		
Shellfish / Harbormaster	\$ 105,552	\$ 110,412	\$ 116,057	\$ 5,645	5.1%
Dukes County - MV Public Safety Comm System			\$ 22,602	\$ 22,602	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,280,995	\$ 1,409,649	\$ 1,725,678	\$ 316,029	22.4%

	FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025			
	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase			
Gas & Oil	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000					
Ferry Travel	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000					
TRAVEL	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ -	0.0%			
PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE								
Landfill Drop-off - Wages	\$ 22,915	\$ 26,647	\$ 28,812					
Landfill Drop-off - District Assess.	\$ 24,050	\$ 24,293	\$ 24,516					
Landfill Drop-off - Expenses	\$ 33,000	\$ 43,500	\$ 43,500					
Board of Health - Landfill	\$ 79,965	\$ 94,440	\$ 96,828	\$ 2,388	2.5%			
Board of Health Clerk - Wages	\$ 19,714	\$ 28,462	\$ 30,780					
Board of Health Inspector - Wages	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600					
Board of Health - Nursing	\$ 750	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700					
Board of Health - Expenses	\$ 1,060	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250					
Board of Health - General	\$ 21,524	\$ 43,012	\$ 45,330	\$ 2,318	5.4%			
Up-Island COA Services	\$ 54,369	\$ 55,150	\$ 58,963					
Board of Health - Councils on Aging	\$ 54,369	\$ 55,150	\$ 58,963	\$ 3,813	6.9%			
Homesite Clerk - Wages	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					
Homesite Committee - Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250					
DC Housing Authority Assess.	\$ 11,565	\$ 12,988	\$ 12,274					
Affordable Housing	\$ 12,815	\$ 14,238	\$ 13,524	\$ (714)	-5.0%			
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE	\$ 168,672	\$ 206,840	\$ 214,644	\$ 7,804	3.8%			
LAND USE								
Conservation Commission	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0.0%			
Planning Board Clerk - Wages	\$ 36,857	\$ 43,926	\$ 47,521					
Planning Board - Expenses	\$ 351	\$ 4,750	\$ 2,000					
Planning Board	\$ 37,208	\$ 48,676	\$ 49,521	\$ 844	1.7%			
Board of Appeals	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	0.0%			
M.V. Commission	\$ 44,993	\$ 53,647	\$ 54,837	\$ 1,190	2.2%			
Building Inspector - Pay	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 19,000					
Building Inspector Clerk - Wages	\$ 4,171	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200					
Building Inspector - Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000					
Building Inspector	\$ 10,171	\$ 14,000	\$ 24,200	\$ 10,200	72.9%			
TOTAL LAND USE	\$ 92,672	\$ 116,623	\$ 128,858	\$ 12,234	10.5%			
CULTURE AND RECREATION								
Library Director - Salary	\$ 54,666	\$ 60,891	\$ 65,850					
Library - Wages	\$ 40,997	\$ 75,480	\$ 80,256					
Library - Expenses	\$ 43,923	\$ 48,925	\$ 51,325					
Library	\$ 139,587	\$ 185,296	\$ 197,431	\$ 12,135	6.5%			
Arts / Culture	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	100.0%			
Parking Wages	\$ 41,326	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000					
Restrooms Cleaning/Monitoring	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000					
Restrooms Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000					
Parking/Restrooms Expenses	\$ 35,713	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000					
Recreational Facilities - Parking/Bathrooms	\$ 77,039	\$ 100,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 5,000	5.0%			

	FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025			
	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase			
Lighthouse Wages	\$ 34,011	\$ 32,549	\$ 32,549					
Lighthouse Keeper	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800					
Bldgs/Grounds Maint - Lighthouse	\$ 5,635	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000					
Lighthouse Expenses	\$ 2,888	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000					
Recreational Facilities - Lighthouse	\$ 55,334	\$ 55,349	\$ 55,349	\$ -	0.0%			
Community Programs Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000					
Dukes County - Vineyard Health Care Access	\$ 12,517	\$ 13,685	\$ 15,760					
Dukes County - Public Benefits Access	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,456					
Dukes County - Homelessness Prevention	\$ 1,664	\$ 1,805	\$ 1,980					
Dukes County - SUD Coalition	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,472	\$ 1,385					
Dukes County - MV Center for Living	\$ 14,819	\$ 17,495	\$ 18,848					
Dukes County - CORE program	\$ 2,955	\$ 3,083	\$ 2,869					
Dukes County - First Stop	\$ 271	\$ -	\$ -					
Dukes County - Healthy Aging MV	\$ 3,092	\$ 3,629	\$ 3,377					
Dukes County - Supplemental Income	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,378	\$ 3,026					
Dukes County - Building Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Dukes County - HHS building debt	\$ 5,720	\$ 5,590	\$ 5,460					
Community Programs	\$ 48,864	\$ 55,541	\$ 60,161	\$ 4,620	8.3%			
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$ 322,323	\$ 397,686	\$ 420,941	\$ 23,255	5.8%			
EDUCATION								
Elementary School Assessment	\$ 1,522,018	\$ 1,776,417	\$ 2,079,235					
High School Assessment	\$ 460,394	\$ 432,432	\$ 461,628					
ACE MV Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,990					
EDUCATION	\$ 1,982,412	\$ 2,208,849	\$ 2,543,853	\$ 335,004	15.2%			
DEBT								
Long-Term Debt Principal & Interest	\$ 30,598	\$ 34,149	\$ 32,834					
Long-Term Debt Principal & Interest	\$ 51,247	\$ 59,220	\$ 57,085					
DEBT	\$ 81,845	\$ 93,369	\$ 89,920	\$ (3,449)	-3.7%			
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-RETIREMENT								
County Retirement Assessment	\$ 213,295	\$ 220,833	\$ 234,255					
OPEB Trust Contribution	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -					
OPEB Trust Fiduciary Assessment	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750					
Workers Compensation	\$ 12,517	\$ 5,928	\$ 13,500					
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 1,368	\$ 12,474	\$ 1,400					
Health/Dental/Life Insurance	\$ 384,667	\$ 416,303	\$ 400,368					
Medicare/Social Security - Town	\$ 20,889	\$ 20,889	\$ 21,000					
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-RETIREMENT	\$ 658,486	\$ 677,177	\$ 671,273	\$ (5,904)	-0.9%			
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 5,821,509	\$ 6,404,967	\$ 7,124,458	\$ 719,490	11.2%			

Warrant for Aquinnah Annual Town Meeting

MAY 14, 2024
TOWN OF AQUINNAH
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 at the Town Hall in **said Town on the Fourteenth day of May, 2024 at 7:00 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 Office Building on the Sixteenth day of May 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 16, 2024.

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

- One member of the Board of Selectmen for three years
- One Town Clerk for two years
- One member of the Board of Health for three years
- One member of Planning Board for three years.
- Two Constables for Three years
- One Library Trustee for Three years
- One member of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission for three years.

Question One:

Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to assess an additional Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000.00) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Up-Island and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Districts department budgets for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024? Yes No
(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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 2025 operating budget and fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers and employees of the Town as itemized therein, and to fund said appropriations through the tax levy. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to rescind votes taken on Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 11, 2004; Article 15 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 13, 2008; and Article 11; Article Eleven of the Special Town Meeting held on June 19, 2008; and further to declare that the property shown as Parcel 59 on Aquinnah Assessor's map 5 is available for disposition as required under G.L. c. 30B, sec. 16(a) and to direct the Select Board to take such action as they deem appropriate to dispose of said land. (See attached map for further identification of parcel) (No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to exempt land owned by the Town and shown on Assessors Map 6, Parcels 25.1 and 25.2 from Town Zoning Regulations, or take any other action relative thereto. (See attached map for further identification of parcels) (No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) to pay unpaid contractual obligations to Atlantic Construction related to the Town's effort to make repairs to Town buildings and locate

and design new restrooms at Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto. (4/5 vote required) (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for the purpose of repairs to Town buildings, including town hall, fire station and the town comfort station at Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$39,411.27) for highway construction or improvements from the Town of Aquinnah's Chapter 90 local transportation aid apportionment from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for FY 2025 or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Board of Assessors to take the necessary steps to cancel any/all outstanding taxes on land owned by the Gay Head Baptist Church, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action taken by Finance Committee).

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to amend the Town's Ground Lease to the Island Housing Trust for the Carl Widdiss Way apartments to include an easement over a 20-foot by 56.3-foot portion of the Town-owned land, identified on Aquinnah Assessors' Map 5, as Parcel 170.2, but more particularly shown as "Lot 2" on a plan titled "Plan of Land in Aquinnah, Mass. Prepared for the Town of Aquinnah Scale: 1" = 40' March 7, 2022,..." which portion abuts "Lease Lot 1" shown on said Plan, for the purposes of developing accessible parking for the two lower level apartments, as recommended by the Aquinnah Housing Committee, or any other uses which may be approved by the Town, 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. (No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to the Town's "Other Post-employment Benefits Stabilization Fund," or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to renew its option for 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 2025. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00) for FY '22 and FY '23 unpaid wages due the Fire Chief, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Town Waterways Fund to be used to dredge the entrance to West Basin Harbor, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55C establishing a trust to be known as the Aquinnah Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town for the benefit of low and moderate income households. (No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to (a) establish the Aquinnah Affordable Housing Trust Fund; (b) create the Aquinnah Affordable Housing Trust with the language contained in the body of this article; and (c) to amend the Town's General By-laws by adding Chapter XXXL entitled Aquinnah Affordable Housing Trust Fund, with the following text:

- a) In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 55C, Aquinnah hereby establishes a trust to be known as the Aquinnah Affordable Housing Trust Fund, in this Section called

the trust. The purpose of the trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing for the benefit of low and moderate income households in Aquinnah.

Recognizing the unusually high disparity between median income and median housing costs in Dukes County, the trust may assist in providing housing for households whose income is below 175% of the Area Median Income for Dukes County as established annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- b) There shall be a board of trustees of the trust, (the “board”), which shall include five (5) trustees, including one member of the Select Board, two member of the Housing Committee, one member of the Finance Advisory Committee, and one member at-large, all to be appointed by the Select Board. Trustees shall serve for a term not to exceed two years, and are designated as public agents for purposes of the Constitution of the Commonwealth;
- c) The powers of the board, all of which shall be carried on in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this bylaw and General Law Chapter 44, Section 55C, shall include the following powers:
 - (1) to accept and receive real property, personal property or money, by gift, grant, contribution, devise, or transfer from any person, firm, corporation or other public or private entity, including but not limited to money, grants of funds or other property tendered to the trust in connection with any ordinance or by-law or any general or special law or any other source such as Community Preservation Act Funds, including money from Chapter 44B, with the concurrence of the Select Board.
 - (2) to purchase and retain real or personal property, including without restriction investments that yield a high rate of income or no income, with the concurrence of the Select Board.
 - (3) to sell, lease, exchange, transfer or convey any personal, mixed, or real property at public auction or by private contract for such consideration and on such terms as to credit or otherwise, and to make such contracts and enter into such undertaking relative to trust property as the board deems

advisable notwithstanding the length of any such lease or contract, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(4) to execute, acknowledge and deliver deeds, assignments, transfers, pledges, leases, covenants, contracts, promissory notes, releases and other instruments sealed or unsealed, necessary, proper or incident to any transaction in which the board engages for the accomplishment of the purposes of the trust, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(5) to employ advisors and agents, such as accountants, appraisers and lawyers as the board deems necessary, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(6) to pay reasonable compensation and expenses to all advisors and agents and to apportion such compensation between income and principal as the board deems advisable, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(7) to apportion receipts and charges between incomes and principal as the board deems advisable, to amortize premiums and establish sinking funds for such purpose, and to create reserves for depreciation, depletion or otherwise, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(8) to participate in any reorganization, recapitalization, merger or similar transactions; and to give proxies or powers of attorney with or without power of substitution to vote any securities or certificates of interest; and to consent to any contract, lease, mortgage, purchase or sale of property, by or between any corporation and any other corporation or person, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(9) to deposit any security with any protective reorganization committee, and to delegate to such committee such powers and authority with relation thereto as the board may deem proper and to pay, out of trust property, such portion of expenses and compensation of such committee as the board may deem necessary and appropriate, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(10) to carry property for accounting purposes at other than acquisition date values, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(11) to borrow money on such terms and conditions and from such sources as the board deems advisable, to mortgage and pledge trust assets as collateral, with the concurrence of the Select Board and the Town Meeting.

(12) to make distributions or divisions of principal in kind, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(13) to compromise, attribute, defend, enforce, release, settle or otherwise adjust claims in favor or against the trust, including claims for taxes, and to accept any property, either in total or partial satisfaction of any indebtedness or other obligation, and subject to the provisions of this act, to continue to hold the same for such period of time as the board may deem appropriate, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(14) to manage or improve real property; and to abandon any property which the board determines not to be worth retaining, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(15) to hold all or part of the trust property uninvested for such purposes and for such time as the board may deem appropriate, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

(16) to extend the time for payment of any obligation to the trust, with the concurrence of the Select Board.

d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all moneys paid to the trust in accordance with zoning ordinances or by-law, exaction fee, ordinances, or private contributions shall be paid directly into the trust and need not be appropriated or accepted and approved into the trust. General revenues appropriated into the trust become trust property and to be expended these funds need not be further appropriated. All moneys remaining in the trust at the end of any fiscal year, whether or not expended by the board within 1 year of the date they were appropriated into the trust, remain trust property.

e) The trust is a public employer and the members of the board are public employees for purposes of General Laws chapter 258.

f) The trust shall be deemed a municipal agency and the trustees special municipal employees, for purposes of General Laws chapter 268A.

g) The trust is exempt from General Laws chapters 59 and 62, and from any other provisions concerning payment of taxes based upon or measured by property or income imposed by the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof.

h) The books and records of the trust shall be audited annually by an independent auditor in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

i) The trust is a governmental body for purposes of sections 23A, 23B and 23C of General Laws chapter 39.

j) The trust is a board of the town for purposes of General Laws chapter 30B and section 15A of General Laws chapter 40; but agreements and conveyances between the trust and agencies, boards, commissions, authorities, departments and public instrumentalities of the town shall be exempt from said chapter 30B.

k) The trust shall keep a record of its doings and at the close of every fiscal year make a report thereof to the Board of Selectmen and Annual Town Meeting. The report shall include a description and source of funds received and expended and the type of affordable housing programs or properties assisted with the funding. The trust shall also provide the Board of Selectmen with a copy of the trust's annual audit. (No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: 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 2025 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 Historic Preservation Reserve; and,
\$28,000 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve; and,
\$28,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and,

In addition, the remaining seventy percent of funds raised during the Fiscal Year 2024 shall be reserved for appropriation or use in the following manner as recommended by the Aquinnah Community Preservation Committee:

- \$10,000 to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve; and,*
- \$32,000 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve; and,*
- \$150,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and,*
- \$4,000 to FY '25 CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.*

(No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: 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:

- \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by Island Autism Group, and*
- \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA's Rental Assistance program, and*
- \$15,200 (fifteen thousand two hundred dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for three IHT projects: Veterans Housing, and*
- \$12,200 (twelve thousand two hundred dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for additional funding for the Carl Widdiss Way apartments, and*
- \$150,000 (one-hundred and fifty thousand dollars)** for ongoing construction costs at the Carl Widdiss Way apartments behind Aquinnah Town Hall. \$60,000 of which to be drawn from the Community Preservation Community*

Housing Reserve, and \$90,000 of which to be drawn from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto.

(No action taken by Finance Committee)

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

- \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the restoration, preservation, display, and storage of documents and artifacts within the ACC's archival collection, and*
- \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the restoration of the West Tisbury Grange Hall, including restoration and reinforcement of the historic structure, and*
- \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the restoration of the Gay Head Light lantern room as part of the ongoing restoration of the historic structure, including the ability to use prior unspent Lighthouse funding for the same purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.*

(No action taken by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE TWENTY: 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 efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

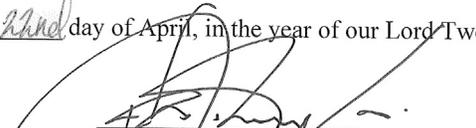
- \$125,000 (one-hundred twenty-five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for additional construction costs for the Town Center Playground, pathways and Basketball Court, and*
- \$55,500 (fifty-five thousand five hundred dollars)** for ongoing mortgage costs related to capital improvements at the Aquinnah Circle and the Acquisition of #13 Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto.*

(No action taken by Finance Committee)

Town Hall Telephone List

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up at-
 tested 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.

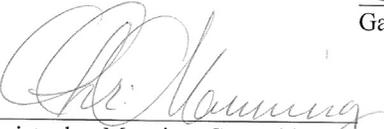
Given under our hands this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and
 Twenty-Four.



 Thomas Murphy, Chairman


 Julianne Vanderhoop


 Gary Haley



 Christopher Manning, Constable
 Posted: April 22nd, 2024

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
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

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