

# Town of Aquinnah



2022  
Annual Report



*Painting by David F. Vanderhoop*

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

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

—Brad Lopes,  
Aquinnah Cultural Center  
Program Director

Annual Financial Report  
of the Town of  
Aquinnah



For the Year Ending June 30

2022

with which is included the  
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS

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Riley (A-Kah-Chooch) Ignacio-Cameron  
April 13, 2002 – December 10, 2022

We miss you Riley. But are heartened by knowing your  
Spirit will wander these lands now and forever more.

# Aquinnah Town Officers

Elected

	Term Expires
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	
Julianne Vanderhoop	2023
Thomas Murphy	2024
Gary Haley	2025

<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Gabriella Camilleri	2023

<b>MODERATOR</b>	
Michael Hebert	2025

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	
Jim Benoit	2023
Kathy Newman	2024
Gerald Green	2025

<b>CONSTABLES</b>	
Heidi Vanderhoop	2024
Roxanne Ackerman	2024

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
Marjorie Spitz	2023
Kathie Olsen	2024
Sophia Welch	2025

<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION</b>	
Carole Vandal	2024

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
Roxanne Ackerman	2026
James Newman	2026

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
James Wallen, Chair	2023
James Newman	2023
James Mahoney	2023
Heidi Vanderhoop	2025
Amera Ignacio (alt.)	2025

<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION</b>	
Sarah Thulin	2024

Appointments  
All terms expire on June 30, 2023 except as noted

<b><u>GENERAL TOWN GOVERNMENT</u></b>	
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	
Open	

<b>ASSESSORS</b>	
Harald Scheid	David Golden
Kayla Manning Darcy	

<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT</b>	
<i>Building Inspector, Leonard Jason, Jr.</i>	
<i>Electrical Inspector, Gary Haley</i>	
<i>Gas &amp; Plumbing Inspector, Ron Ferreira</i>	
<i>Smoke/Oil Burner Inspector, Simon Bolin</i>	

<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	
Jay Theise	Peter Ives
Tim Collins	Michael Didiuk

**BOARD OF HEALTH ASSISTANT**

Marina Lent

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Mallory Butler  
Kathie Olsen  
Gabriella Camilleri  
Carolyn Feltz  
Marjorie Spitz

**CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

Bill Lake

**CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Open

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Eleanor Hebert  
Stefanie Hecht  
Fulton Malonson

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Derrill Bazzy  
Marshall Lee  
Kathy Newman  
Beth Green  
Mary Elizabeth Pratt

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Jay Smalley, Director

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Forrest Filler

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Allen Rugg, Chair 12/31/21    Mark Foster 12/31/22  
Howard Goldstein 12/31/21    Jim Newman, *Alternate*

**FIRE CHIEF**

Simon Bolin

**HOUSING COMMITTEE**

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

Leonard Butler, *Co-Chair*  
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, *Accountant*  
Millicent Smalley, *Accountant Assistant*

**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

**MV CENTER FOR LIVING**

Open

**MV CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Penny Weinstein                              Duncan Caldwell  
Berta Welch

**MVTRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Open

**MV T.V. ADVISORY BOARD**

Open

**MV REFUSE DISPOSAL &  
RESOURCE RECOVERY DISTRICT**

James Glavin                                  Megan Ottens-Sargent

**SELECT BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE**

**MV COMMISSION**

Kathy Newman

**TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

James Newman

**UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING**

Jean Lince                                      Kathie Olsen

# Report of the Town Accountant

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP  
 JUNE 30, 2022

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS						
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$1,202,318	\$1,208,668	\$9,461	\$101,472	\$-	\$2,521,919
RECEIVABLES:						
PROPERTY TAXES	768,647	-	-	-	-	768,647
TAX LIENS	811,831	-	-	-	-	811,831
MOTOR VEHICLE & OTHER EXCISE TAX DEPARTMENTAL	-	33,650	-	-	-	69,689
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	-	-	-	-	33,650
OTHER ASSETS	12,774	-	-	-	-	12,774
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS:						
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$2,865,259</u>	<u>\$1,242,319</u>	<u>\$459,461</u>	<u>\$101,472</u>	<u>\$54,030</u>	<u>\$4,722,540</u>

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	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE		CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
OTHER LIABILITIES	6,185	-	-	(76,066)	-	(69,882)
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,583,272	33,650	-	-	-	1,616,922
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	79,669	-	-	-	-	79,669
NOTES PAYABLE	-	-	450,000	-	-	450,000
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	54,030	54,030
BONDS PAYABLE	-	150,000.00	-	-	-	150,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,669,125</u>	<u>183,650</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>(76,066)</u>	<u>54,030</u>	<u>2,280,739</u>
FUND EQUITY:						
FUND BALANCES:						
TRUST FUNDS - NONSPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVED FOR CONTINUING ARTICLES	208,887	-	-	-	-	208,887
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES	-	-	-	-	-	-
DESIGNATED	-	1,058,668	9,461	177,538	-	1,245,667
UNDESIGNATED	987,247	-	-	-	-	987,247
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>1,196,134</u>	<u>1,058,668</u>	<u>9,461</u>	<u>177,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,441,801</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$2,865,259</u>	<u>\$1,242,319</u>	<u>\$459,461</u>	<u>\$101,472</u>	<u>\$54,030</u>	<u>\$4,722,540</u>

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**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, 2022**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
REVENUES:					
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES,	\$5,319,389	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$5,319,389
NET OF TAX REFUNDS	23,872	138,631	-	-	162,503
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	92,392	-	-	-	92,392
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	-	-	-	-	-
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	123,328	-	-	-	123,328
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	64,333	-	-	-	64,333
PENALTIES & INTEREST	251,373	-	-	-	265,253
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,088	13,880	-	10,789	21,970
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	10,093	-	-	54,715
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	249,244	240,159	-	-	489,403
DEPARTMENTAL & OTHER INCOME	6,125,019	457,478	-	10,789	6,593,285
TOTAL REVENUES					

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
EXPENDITURES:					
CURRENT:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,113,620	3,863	-	-	1,117,483
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,305,336	-	-	-	1,305,336
EDUCATION	2,029,093	-	-	-	2,029,093
PUBLIC WORKS	275,600	-	-	-	275,600
HUMAN SERVICES	176,040	-	-	-	176,040
CULTURE & RECREATION	280,580	115,212	-	-	395,792
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	555,062	-	-	-	555,062
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	46,873	-	-	-	46,873
DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	80,000	60,000	-	-	140,000
INTEREST	2,501	1,558	-	-	4,059
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,864,706	180,632	-	-	6,045,338
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	260,313	276,845	-	10,789	547,947
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
BOND PROCEEDS		30,000	-	-	30,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN/OUT		-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		30,000	-	-	30,000
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	260,313	306,845	-	10,789	577,947
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	935,821	751,823	9,461	166,749	1,863,854
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$1,196,134	\$1,058,668	\$9,461	\$177,538	\$2,441,801

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	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	\$-	\$5,380,974	\$5,380,974	\$5,380,974	\$5,319,389	\$-	\$(61,586)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	8,100	8,100	8,100	23,872	-	15,772
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	-	55,000	55,000	55,000	92,392	-	37,392
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	-	9,000	9,000	9,000	123,328	-	114,328
PENALTIES & INTEREST	-	39,000	39,000	39,000	64,333	-	25,333
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,088	-	(1,312)
DEPARTMENTAL	-	296,500	296,500	296,500	500,617	-	204,117
TOTAL REVENUES	-	5,790,974	5,790,974	5,790,974	6,125,019	-	334,044
EXPENDITURES:							
CURRENT:							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	225,075	940,276	1,165,351	1,201,953	1,113,620	32,971	55,362
PUBLIC SAFETY	58,232	1,324,551	1,382,783	1,380,316	1,305,336	62,760	12,219
EDUCATION	48,359	1,997,526	2,045,885	2,126,504	2,029,093	68,991	28,419
PUBLIC WORKS	19,990	244,469	264,459	300,310	275,600	19,990	4,720
HUMAN SERVICES	570	194,572	195,142	195,142	176,040	134	18,969
CULTURE & RECREATION	55,614	287,542	343,156	369,805	280,580	59,652	29,573
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	553,161	553,161	555,063	555,062	-	1
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	-	-	46,873	-	(46,873)

	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT YEAR INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL	-	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	-	-
INTEREST	-	2,501	2,501	2,501	2,501	-	(0.04)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	407,839	5,624,599	6,032,437	6,211,593	5,864,706	244,497	102,390
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(407,839)	166,376	(241,463)	(420,619)	260,313	(244,497)	436,434
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
BOND PROCEEDS	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$407,839	\$196,376	\$(211,463)	\$(420,619)	\$260,313	\$(244,497)	\$436,434

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR	FY22 INITIAL BUDGET	FY22 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY22 FINAL BUDGET	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL
	CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES								
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
<b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>									
SELECTMEN		\$ 17,189	\$ 17,189	17,189	\$ 16,808	17,116	16,367	15,892	15,428
ADMINISTRATOR		115,759	115,759	115,759	115,759	111,154	106,330	112,293	94,070
ACCOUNTANT - SALARY		56,311	56,311	56,311	55,996	42,884	41,375	39,234	37,950
ACCOUNTANT - CLERK		20,945	20,945	20,945	20,972	13,840	12,933	13,379	11,027
ASSESSORS		-	-	-	-	-	9,244	66,599	61,936
ASSESSORS - LONGEVITY		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,332	1,293
TREASURER		74,304	74,304	62,904	62,834	60,025	57,916	55,483	52,580
TAX COLLECTOR		47,859	47,859	47,859	46,859	45,596	44,465	43,040	38,355
TOWN CLERK		38,858	38,858	38,858	38,863	36,389	27,086	25,393	38,987
BOARD OF REGISTRAR		1,500	1,500	1,600	1,566	3,993	1,257	3,000	563
PLANNING BOARD		36,094	36,094	36,094	33,214	31,134	30,254	28,159	397
BUILDING & GROUNDS - RENTAL MGT		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,334	1,760	1,500	932
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
GEN TOWN - TELEPHONE		14,300	14,300	19,875	19,674	21,413	15,793	17,111	13,569
GEN TOWN - ADVERTISING		9,000	9,000	9,000	9,146	8,124	6,400	16,377	8,622
GEN TOWN - POSTAGE		2,625	2,625	2,625	2,579	2,428	2,245	1,511	1,517
GEN TOWN - SUPPLIES		5,400	5,400	5,400	5,139	6,149	6,834	6,674	5,973
GEN TOWN - VEHICLE LEASE		19,199	19,199	19,199	19,261	-	-	-	-
MODERATOR - EXPENSES		180	180	180	30	20	-	-	-
SELECTMEN - EXPENSES		3,150	3,150	3,150	3,927	4,754	3,730	5,708	5,708
SELECTMEN - CEREMONIAL USE		180	180	180	43	-	38	120	120
SELECTMEN - CONSULTANT FEES		6,360	6,360	6,360	6,360	699	6,842	6,360	6,360
ADMINISTRATOR - EXPENSES		4,200	4,200	4,200	4,170	1,875	1,809	4,200	-
FINANCE COMMITTEE - RESERVE FUND		26,000	26,000	26,000	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCE COMMITTEE - EXPENSES		100	100	100	-	85	-	-	-
AUDIT		17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	-	-	-	-
ACCOUNTANT - EXPENSES		1,500	1,500	1,500	316	873	1,413	1,500	224
ASSESSORS - EXPENSES		46,000	46,000	54,100	54,018	51,110	46,978	5,000	4,108
TREASURER - EXPENSES		2,450	2,450	2,450	2,451	20,261	5,542	2,450	2,450
TAX COLLECTOR		4,960	4,960	4,960	3,738	3,709	3,708	4,960	4,960
TOWN COUNSEL		90,000	90,000	71,250	67,432	44,246	126,451	103,872	75,725
DATA PROCESSING		66,000	66,000	79,355	77,194	71,809	65,795	64,991	55,028
TOWN CLERK - EXPENSES		2,700	2,700	2,950	2,886	1,500	1,485	1,065	668
GENERAL INSURANCE		79,405	79,405	71,392	71,391	70,816	74,129	74,890	75,097
TOWN REPORT		8,000	8,000	8,000	6,494	9,774	-	6,265	7,585
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		200	200	200	93	93	91	87	87
PLANNING BOARD		4,750	4,750	4,750	-	900	1,050	-	-
BOARD OF APPEALS		100	100	100	-	-	-	-	-
MV COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT		41,486	41,486	41,486	41,486	45,026	39,955	38,438	37,776
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER		23,700	23,700	23,700	19,154	55,637	-	6,000	6,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - UNIT RENTAL		1,512	1,512	1,512	1,215	775	775	1,496	1,512
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - BLDGS & GROUNDS		27,000	27,000	34,208	31,271	21,301	7,751	9,791	7,200
UTILITIES		22,000	22,000	30,292	30,292	33,135	33,286	20,563	18,861
ARTICLES	225,075	-	225,075	256,960	223,989	258,047	69,892	112,579	85,711
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	225,075	940,276	1,165,351	1,201,953	\$ 1,113,620	\$ 1,100,025	\$ 870,979	\$ 917,311	\$ 778,378

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY22 INITIAL BUDGET	FY22 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY22 FINAL BUDGET	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>									
<u>PERSONNEL SERVICES</u>									
POLICE - CHIEF		145,367	145,367	145,367	145,575	141,128	142,209	125,322	111,241
POLICE - WAGES		487,294	487,294	465,294	464,694	443,223	448,515	416,049	412,685
POLICE - LONGEVITY		14,809	14,809	14,809	14,972	6,860	6,756	10,365	6,001
FIRE - CHIEF - PAY		41,200	41,200	41,200	40,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	25,000
FIRE - PAY		34,000	34,000	34,000	36,240	33,350	28,000	29,000	24,170
EMERGENCY MGT		1,000	1,000	1,000	-	500	1,000	951	951
DOG OFFICER		6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	8,700	8,700
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE -		46,403	46,403	46,403	45,916	43,647	44,044	41,637	40,269
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE - LONGEVITY		1,856	1,856	1,856	1,849	1,838	1,756	1,665	1,616
BUILDING INSPECTOR - PAY		10,000	10,000	10,000	4,167	10,000	10,000	10,556	10,556
BUILDING INSPECTOR - CLERK		1,000	1,000	1,000	2,938	2,080	-	1,440	1,440
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
POLICE - EXPENSES		45,825	45,825	45,825	44,090	47,234	45,403	40,997	39,459
FIRE - EXPENSE		43,600	43,600	43,600	39,940	37,638	39,104	42,693	41,201
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE		390,622	390,622	390,622	390,622	385,519	371,290	363,691	277,734
EMERGENCY MGT - EXPENSE		1,000	1,000	1,000	663	320	320	320	320
DOG OFFICER - EXPENSES		1,200	1,200	1,200	-	1,391	596	-	642
MV SHELLFISH GROUP -		38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	37,000
SHELLFISH/HARBORMASTER -		14,375	14,375	15,905	16,197	9,402	14,286	14,375	10,707
BUILDING INSPECTOR -		1,000	1,000	1,000	-	4	-	916	320
ARTICLES	58,232	-	58,232	76,235	13,474	46,399	10,284	29,945	49,134
PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>58,232</u>	<u>1,324,551</u>	<u>1,382,783</u>	<u>1,380,316</u>	<u>\$ 1,305,336</u>	<u>\$ 1,294,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,247,563</u>	<u>\$ 1,206,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,099,146</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>									
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		1,538,994	1,538,994	1,516,994	1,509,376	1,450,017	1,618,204	1,422,613	1,078,660
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		458,532	458,532	458,532	437,731	352,518	336,999	295,431	315,394
ARTICLES	48,359	-	48,359	150,978	81,987	9,502	39,537	20,121	20,121
EDUCATION	<u>48,359</u>	<u>1,997,526</u>	<u>2,045,885</u>	<u>2,126,504</u>	<u>\$ 2,029,093</u>	<u>\$ 1,812,037</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,740</u>	<u>\$ 1,738,165</u>	<u>\$ 1,414,174</u>

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY22 INITIAL BUDGET	FY22 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY22 FINAL BUDGET	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY18 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
HIGHWAY WAGES		63,873	63,873	68,673	68,586	56,199	57,808	55,894	55,042
HIGHWAY DIRECTOR		97,698	97,698	99,298	99,236	93,002	90,648	85,632	82,616
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		14,339	14,339	6,839	6,348	13,780	14,766	12,968	24,097
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME WAGES		10,759	10,759	31,790	31,790	33,680	21,363	26,122	47,776
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
HIGHWAY		23,800	23,800	41,520	41,507	22,545	26,795	32,715	11,500
PUBLIC WORKS -		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE		-	-	-	-	-	22,772	30,563	27,000
CEMETERY		6,000	6,000	4,200	4,200	5,400	4,800	1,400	1,400
GAS & OIL		25,000	25,000	25,000	22,385	16,899	27,202	36,683	27,342
FERRY TRAVEL		3,000	3,000	3,000	1,548	1,086	2,401	3,141	2,576
ARTICLES	19,990	-	19,990	19,990	-	-	17,205	16,180	13,000
PUBLIC WORKS	<u>19,990</u>	<u>244,469</u>	<u>264,459</u>	<u>300,310</u>	<u>\$ 275,600</u>	<u>\$ 242,590</u>	<u>\$ 285,760</u>	<u>\$ 301,298</u>	<u>\$ 297,349</u>
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>									
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>									
LANDFILL		20,496	20,496	20,496	20,191	19,308	18,932	18,112	17,539
BOARD OF HEALTH		26,322	26,322	26,322	22,953	23,940	22,673	24,957	20,559
BOARD OF HEALTH - INSPECTOR		3,600	3,600	3,600	3,680	700	2,140	1,080	1,935
HOMESITE		1,000	1,000	1,000	656	442	224	341	341
<u>EXPENSES</u>									
LANDFILL - DISTRICT ASSESSMENT		23,604	23,604	25,404	25,371	25,700	23,586	22,987	21,743
LANDFILL		43,500	43,500	41,700	33,711	33,574	26,782	32,554	31,617
BOARD OF HEALTH - NURSING SERVICES		6,700	6,700	5,700	750	9,014	1,485	5,449	5,176
BOARD OF HEALTH - EXPENSES		4,250	4,250	5,250	5,092	5,803	3,186	3,346	3,419
BOARD OF HEALTH - SOCIAL SERVICES		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COUNCIL ON AGING - ISLAND SERVICES		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COUNCIL ON AGING - UP ISLAND SERVICES		53,500	53,500	53,500	51,850	50,938	52,224	52,171	51,936
D.C. HOUSING AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT		11,350	11,350	11,350	11,350	11,083	9,811	8,303	9,940
HOMESITE		250	250	250	-	-	-	-	-
ARTICLES	570	-	570	570	437	-	-	-	-
HUMAN SERVICES	<u>570</u>	<u>194,572</u>	<u>195,142</u>	<u>195,142</u>	<u>\$ 176,040</u>	<u>\$ 180,503</u>	<u>\$ 161,043</u>	<u>\$ 169,300</u>	<u>\$ 164,205</u>

TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR CARRYFORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY22 INITIAL BUDGET	FY22 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY22 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY22 FINAL BUDGET	FY22 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY21 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY20 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY19 EXPENSES ACTUAL
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>									
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>									
LIBRARY - SALARY		51,521	51,521	51,521	51,521	51,679	31,637	47,307	45,08
LIBRARY - WAGES		64,605	64,605	64,605	64,605	42,163	56,065	45,545	43,12
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES		67,281	67,281	67,281	53,281	49,740	47,602	97,298	102,57
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
LIBRARY		45,725	45,725	45,725	45,725	44,961	31,637	41,217	45,98
ARTS/CULTURE		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,50
PARK & RECREATION		11,050	11,050	11,050	25,050	24,350	-	33,000	23,33
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS		45,860	45,860	45,860	45,860	43,576	232	1,500	32,60
ARTICLES	55,614	-	55,614	55,614	82,263	22,611	68,562	57,274	103,66
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>55,614</b>	<b>287,542</b>	<b>343,156</b>	<b>343,156</b>	<b>369,805</b>	<b>\$ 280,580</b>	<b>\$ 237,234</b>	<b>\$ 324,641</b>	<b>\$ 397,86</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>									
PENSION		199,946	199,946	199,946	199,946	199,946	202,555	190,910	182,51
OPEB CONTRIBUTION		25,750	25,750	25,750	25,645	25,645			
WORKMENS COMPENSATION		5,928	5,928	5,928	15,041	15,041	15,289	15,300	15,87
UNEMPLOYMENT		12,474	12,474	12,474	11,817	11,817	14,701	8,006	3,74
HEALTH INSURANCE		288,054	288,054	288,054	281,399	281,398	269,245	266,072	263,21
MEDICARE		21,009	21,009	21,009	21,215	21,215	20,985	20,663	21,32
ARTICLES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553,161</b>	<b>553,161</b>	<b>553,161</b>	<b>555,063</b>	<b>\$ 555,062</b>	<b>\$ 522,775</b>	<b>\$ 500,951</b>	<b>\$ 486,67</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>									
PRINCIPAL		80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,00
INTEREST - LONG TERM		2,501	2,501	2,501	2,501	2,501	8,855	15,229	4,75
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,501</b>	<b>82,501</b>	<b>82,501</b>	<b>82,501</b>	<b>\$ 82,501</b>	<b>\$ 88,855</b>	<b>\$ 95,229</b>	<b>\$ 84,75</b>
<b>STATE &amp; COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>									
COUNTY TAX		-	-	-	-	38,188	33,667	32,514	37,41
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RTA		-	-	-	-	8,685	15,216	18,246	19,85
NON-RENEWAL EXCISE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>STATE &amp; COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 46,873</b>	<b>\$ 48,883</b>	<b>\$ 50,760</b>	<b>\$ 57,26</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 407,839</b>	<b>\$ 5,624,598</b>	<b>\$ 6,032,437</b>	<b>\$ 6,032,437</b>	<b>\$ 6,211,593</b>	<b>\$ 5,864,706</b>	<b>\$ 5,527,437</b>	<b>\$ 5,531,666</b>	<b>\$ 5,359,25</b>

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, 2022

	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

# FY22 Report of the Treasurer

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July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

To the honorable Select Board and residents of Aquinnah:

**DEBT:**

There was no new debt issued in FY22. We retired \$140,000.00 in principal and paid \$2,991.67 interest. We ended the fiscal year with a total debt balance of \$600,000.00:

- \$250,000.00 Town Fire Truck
- \$120,000.00 Land Acquisition
- \$230,000.00 Community Preservation Act Projects

**FY22 RECEIPTS:**

1,393,770.59

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMIE VANDERHOOP  
Treasurer & Benefits Administrator

**FY22 TREASURER RECEIPTS**

TAX TITLE	22,207.57
INTEREST & PENALTIES - TAX TITLE	10,530.83
LANDFILL-DROP OFF FEES	41,584.00
PARKING LOT	194,927.00
PHILBIN BEACH PERMITS	36,825.00
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	550.00
COLLECTOR DEMAND & WARRANT FEES	80.00
GHL TOURS	36,362.00
LIGHT HOUSE FEES/RENTALS	12,000.00
PLANNING BOARD FEES	5,847.60
POLICE FEES (DETAILS)	504.00
CLIFF LOT LEASES	43,501.14
MENEMSHA LOT LEASES	450.00
HOMESTEAD LEASE	2,500.00
HOMESTEAD SPECIAL EVENT LEASE	34,000.00
TOWN HALL LEASE	2,175.00
COPIES/FAXES/POSTAGE (XEROXING)	132.84
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	906.85
NITE SOIL PERMITS	825.00
CLERK MARRIAGE/BIRTH/DEATH CERT FEES	441.00
COMCAST LICENSE FEES	172.50
RETIREE BENEFITS	12,865.07
BAD CHECK/NSF FEES	84.39
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	630.00
COMMERCIAL SCALLOP PERMITS	400.00
SKIFF PERMITS	2,600.00
BUSINESS LICENSE	10.00
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS	75.00
LIQUER LICENSE FEE	350.00
VICTUALERS PERMIT	460.00
SEPTIC INSTALLERS PERMITS	2,950.00
DOG LICENSE FEES	339.00
FIREARMS PERMITS - TOWN SHARE	75.00
CEMETERY PLOT PURCHASE	3,500.00
DEMOLITION PERMIT	1,000.00
BUILDING PERMITS	21,936.50

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	50.00
PLUMBING PERMITS	1,125.00
SEPTIC PERMIT	875.00
ELECTRICAL PERMITS	1,390.00
GAS PERMITS	765.00
WELL PERMITS	200.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT PERMITS	625.00
COURT FINES	20.00
BY-LAW FINE -TREE CUTTING VIOLATION	15,000.00
CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION/TAKING COURT FEES	6,405.17
BY-LAW FINE - CLAY VIOLATION	50.00
VENDOR WEB - CMVI (SPEEDING TICKETS)	914.95
PARKING TICKETS	22,697.11
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	1,088.42
GENERAL MISC NON RECURRING	550.00
GENERAL MISC NON RECURRING REFUND	1,176.58
REFUND OVERPAYMENT- NON RECURRING(High School)	20,821.45
PRIOR YEAR REFUND - OTHER NON RECURRING	14,047.19
PRIOR YEAR REFUND -UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING	4,857.29
PRIOR YEAR REFUND - RECURRING COUNTY	3,950.24
PRIOR YEAR REFUND-LAND COURT	852.48
GENERAL MISC-RECURRING VTA METER CREDIT	17,449.39
SOLAR LEASE	505.00
VENDOR WEB - ROOMS TAX	11,889.09
VENDOR WEB- SHORT TERM RENTAL TAX	111,438.76
IMPACT AID FOR UIRSD	24,094.00
VENDOR WEB - VETERANS SERVICES	506.00
CPC REIMBURSEMENT GRANT	46,279.58
STATE MISC REVENUE- GRANT- SHARED STREETS PROGRAM	49,663.00
VENDOR WEB - DEP/ENV GREEN COMMUNITY GRANT	63,265.00
VENDOR WEB- DEP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES	16.30
VENDOR WEB- DOR COVID RELIEF FUND	16,746.97
VENDOR WEB MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL	7,500.00
GIFT FOR NEW PERGOLA TO BE BUILT	37,650.00
VENDOR WEB - EMER.MAN. GRANT COVID TEST	20,437.50
2018 CPA TAXES	99.62
2019 CPA TAXES	(13.98)

2020 CPA TAXES	2,684.98
2021 CPA TAXES	5,757.28
2022 CPA TAXES	133,116.25
INTEREST & PENALTIES - CPA TAX TITLE	4.94
INTEREST & PENALTIES - CPA	1,344.84
INTEREST EARNED-CPA	9,703.52
VENDOR WEB - CPA STATE MATCH	138,631.00
INTEREST EARNED-CONSERVATION	606.71
POLICE GIFT DONATION	1,000.00
FIRE DEPT GIFT DONATION	1,000.00
LIBRARY GIFTS	6,876.43
PARKS & REC DONATION	6,000.00
INTEREST EARNED-GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	29.92
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND	2,188.64
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND - EVENTS	13,880.00
MOORING PERMITS	16,050.00
CONSERVATION COMM. FEES	1,574.50
PLUMBING INSPECTIONS	4,160.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS	4,605.00
GAS INSPECTIONS	2,160.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS	300.00
INTEREST EARNED-SEPTIC LOAN	2.33
INSURANCE CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT - UNDER \$20,000	2,393.00
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	4,083.68
VENDOR WEB - ELDER AFFAIRS	12,000.00
VENDOR WEB - LIBRARY AID	3,308.72
INTEREST EARNED-PHILBIN SCHOLARSHIP	602.04
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION	7,166.28
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION - B&G	323.70
INTEREST EARNED-STABILIZATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,447.43
FIREARMS PERMITS - STATE SHARE	225.00
POLICE DETAILS	10,760.00
<b>RECEIPT TOTALS</b>	<b>1,393,770.59</b>

# Report of the Tax Collector

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

## FY '06

Real Estate	\$0.02
Fees/Int	\$0.05

## FY '07

MVX	\$144.38
Fees/Int	\$264.03

## FY '08

MVX	\$162.50
Fees/Int	\$270.46

## FY '09

MVX	\$32.08
Fees/Int	\$50.86

## FY '10

MVX	\$257.60
Fees/Int	\$381.12

## FY '11

MVX	\$111.25
Fees/Int	\$151.82

## FY '14

Personal Property	\$20.26
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<b>FY '15</b>	
MVX	\$82.29
Personal Property	\$139.18
Fees/Int	\$62.87

<b>FY '16</b>	
MVX	\$25.63
Fees/Int	\$19.32

<b>FY '17</b>	
MVX	\$820.01
Personal Property	\$158.04
Fees/Int	\$620.08

<b>FY '18</b>	
MVX	\$1,480.52
Personal Property	\$33.81
Fees/Int	\$743.35

<b>FY '19</b>	
MVX	\$742.40
Personal Property	\$201.93
Fees/Int	\$410.22

<b>FY '20</b>	
MVX	\$3,271.31
Personal Property	\$583.73
Real Estate	\$106,238.92
CPA	\$2,684.98
Fees/Int	\$20,812.87

<b>FY '21</b>	
MVX	\$34,022.10
Personal Property	\$3,510.65
Real Estate	\$235,690.56
CPA	\$5,757.28
Fees/Int	\$18,996.91

<b>FY '22</b>	
MVX	\$51,770.18
Personal Property	\$55,880.86
Real Estate	\$4,974,024.16
CPA	\$137,315.81
Fees/Int	\$13,485.63

<b>Total Motor Vehicle Collected</b>	<b>\$92,922.25</b>
<b>Total Personal Property Collected</b>	<b>\$60,528.46</b>
<b>Total Real Estate Collected</b>	<b>\$5,315,953.66</b>
<b>Total CPA Collected</b>	<b>\$145,758.07</b>
<b>Total Fees &amp; Interest Collected</b>	<b>\$56,269.59</b>

<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$5,671,432.03</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
 WENONAH MADISON,  
 Tax Collector

# Report of the Board of Assessors

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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 FY22, two (2) abatements were approved, totaling \$24,611.63 in tax dollars. Additional responsibilities include conducting property inspections, maintaining our assessment database, completing annual revaluations, submitting DOR reports, and setting the Town's tax rate.

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

All businesses and second homeowners are reminded that they are required to file a Form of List (personal property declaration) with

the Board of Assessors on or before March 1st of each year. All taxable tangible personal property is to be listed on the form. Forms are available for download from our office website.

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

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

## **Aquinnah Board of Assessors and Staff**

Kayla Manning, Member

Harald Scheid, Assessor (RRG)

## **Regional Resource Group staff assigned to Aquinnah**

Regional Resource Group staff assigned to Aquinnah

David Golden, *Associate Regional Tax Assessor & Chapter Land Specialist*

Sherri DiPasquale, *Administrative Assessor*

David Manzello, *Mass Appraisal Services*

Genny Daniels, *Personal Property Specialist*

Respectfully Submitted,

HOWARD GOLDSTEIN, Member

KAYLA MANNING, Member

HARALD SCHEID, Assessor (RRG)

Aquinnah Board of Assessors and Staff

**Fiscal 2023 Assessments and Revenues by Major Property Class**

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Levy Percent</u>	<u>Valuation by Class</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Residential	98.1257%	922,507,225	6.10	6.10	5,627,294.07
Open Space	0.0000%	-0-	6.10	6.10	-0-
Commercial	1.0132%	9,525,628	6.10	6.10	58,106.31
Industrial	0.0249%	234,400	6.10	6.10	1,429.84
Personal Property	0.8362%	7,861,035	6.10	6.10	47,952.31
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>940,128,288</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>5,735,282.53</b>

**Valuation and Tax History**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Total Valuation</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Change (%)</u>
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
2019	6.12	745,803,644	1,197	4,564,318.30	11.0768

**Fiscal Year 2022 Abstract of Assessments**

<u>Property Class Code/Description</u>	<u>Accts</u>	<u>Class Valuation</u>	<u>Ava. Value</u>
012 – 043 Mixed Use Properties	3	4,819,500	1,606,500
101 Residential Single Family	394	704,100,354	1,787,100
102 Residential Condominiums	4	2,776,100	694,000
104 Residential Two Family	0	0	0
105 Residential Three Family	0	0	0

Miscellaneous Residential	32	101,124,199	3,160,100
111 – 125 Apartments	1	1,368,000	1,368,000
130 – 132, 106 Vacant Land	319	110,844,000	347,500
300 – 393 Commercial	18	6,276,900	348,700
400 – 442 Industrial	0	0	0
450 – 452 Electric Generation Plants	1	234,400	234,400
501 – 508 Personal Property	272	7,784,424	28,600
550 – 552 Electric Generation Plant Personal Property	1	76,611	76,611
600 – 821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	1	723,800	723,800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>950,128,288</b>	

**Assessor's Account for Exemptions and Abatements**

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
Assessor's Overlay	25,250.18	26,851.85	26,851.85	22,401.79	25,409.30
Overlay Deficits	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Charges to 6/30/2022	23,573.46	14,830.51	14,465.91	17,575.35	14,482.45
Potential Liability	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Amount Released	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**New Growth Revenue**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Added Valuation</u>	<u>Prior Tax Rate</u>	<u>New Revenues</u>	<u>Change (%)</u>
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
2019	5,374,381	5.48	\$29,452	0.24

# Report of the Town Clerk

## Births

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parent's Names</u>
Jan. 31	Kaia Rose Oraibi Voumard	Jenny Evelyn Rosen Oraibi Mark Voumard
May 4	Andrew Thomas Sherman Jr.	Jasmine Marie Sherman Andrew Thomas Sherman
Sept. 1	Clay Hartman Colter	Sophia Elizabeth Welch Kyle Daniel Colter

## Marriages Registered in Aquinnah

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Residence</u>
June 11	Sophie Winkleman Christopher Brubaker	Austin, TX Austin, TX
June 17	Phillip Tyrone Singleton Jr. Imani Abdus-Saboor	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
Aug. 17	Donna Crnkovic Eric Christopher Timko	Syracuse, NY Syracuse, NY
Sept. 17	Laura Ann Szatkowski Eric Alvarez Teitel	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
Oct. 9	Wil Eldridge Sideman Elysha Joy Roberts	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA

## Deaths

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
March 1	Sarah Chase Howes	62
August 17	Dora Morrow	96
Dec 6	Micah Washington	32
Dec. 10	Riley Ignacio-Cameron	20
Dec. 31	Alison Rose Levy Cohen	72

Year-Round Population: 515

Number of Registered Aquinnah Voters: Total: 394

Democrat: 194 Unenrolled: 190 Republican: 9 Libertarian: 1

## Annual Town Election Results May 12

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Select Board	Gary Joseph Haley	125
Moderator	Michael R. Hebert	143
Planning Board (2)	Isaac Taylor	116
	James Mahoney	75
	Heidi F. Vanderhoop	101
Planning Board (1 year)	James Newman	133
Planning Board Associate	Amera E. Ignacio	137
Board of Health	James Glavin	64
	Gerald Green	91
Library Trustee	Nancy Gilson Slate	42
	Sophia Welch (Write In)	105

Question One	200,000. To fund planning for comfort station and renovation to Town Hall/Town Offices. Yes - 108 No - 53
Question Two	26,000. to purchase parking voucher dispensers for municipal parking lot. Yes - 66 No - 89
Question Three	Protect Cape Cod Bay from radioactive waste from Holtec Pilgrim. Yes - 159 No - 1
Question Four	Select Board authorized to file a home rule petition asking the Legislature to create a Housing Bank on Martha's Vineyard. Yes - 138 No - 24

## Dog Licenses - 55

Respectfully submitted,

GABRIELLA CAMILLIERI,  
Town Clerk

# Report of the Aquinnah Public Library

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To the Board of Selectmen and  
Aquinnah Residents

July 1st found our library adapting, yet again, to a new way of doing business. Our doors were open to the public, but a universal mask mandate was in place for all public buildings and visits were kept short. This did not seem to phase our patrons who were as happy to be back in our home, and out of theirs, as we were.

Our Schoolhouse was freshly painted, a new door and storm door had been installed and Nancy Benoit gave our sign a much-needed touch up just before the fiscal year began. Kathie Olsen was newly elected as Trustee to replace Faith Vanderhoop who decided to step down after many years of service., and, by September, 2021, Rosa Parker, our Acting Director, had completed her Mass. Board of Library Commissioners' accreditation requirements and was appointed by the Board of Trustees as permanent Library Director .

We purchased our Little Free Library in the hopes that community members would enjoy browsing and sharing their own books with others. It was installed next to our entry in order to make it convenient to patrons. It seems that was a such a success, we should have bought two!

## OUR PROGRAMS

Programming during FY2022 was a hybrid affair. Many sessions were presented virtually and others were gathered on the deck or lawn, or indoors at the library. Julia Matejcek, in charge of programming, was able to expand the Author talks from seasonal to year-round events with the help of Zoom sessions.

There was also more virtual and real-time shared programming through the Martha's Vineyard Library Association (MVLA), our book group met regularly throughout the winter, more local residents stepped up to share what they knew about bee-keeping, conservation, knitting , etc. and the usual favorites, such as the Little Bird Music sessions for children, Henna hand decoration, Yoga sessions, the Summer Barbecue, and Summer Speaker series, and a special summer offering, Circle Time in the Wampanoag Language with Camille Madison kept us entertained and informed throughout the year.

## BUDGETING

Most of you are probably not aware that the Commonwealth requires public libraries to spend a percentage of their line items (appropriated money from taxes and other local revenues) on approved sectors of the annual budget and to increase those appropriations yearly by a predetermined formula if we wish to receive special revenue State funding.

These requirements, combined with our own Town wage and salary schedules, drive much of our annual budget considerations. We make every effort, with the help of donations from very generous patrons and the Friends of the Library to our Town gift fund, to provide the programming and other services requested by our community.

In recent years, and particularly since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been a pronounced increase in expenses related to on-line access to materials from all over Massachusetts. These expenses do not replace any of the services provided on-site by our local libraries but do demand an ever-larger portion of our budgeted appropriation and a larger portion of our attention here at home. We continue to budget as judiciously as possible, but ask for your understanding as expenses increase and we must increase our line item budget to meet them.

FY22 General Operating Expenditures totaled \$44,961 (excluding salary and wages). Of that amount, \$17,283 was spent on materials such as books, dvds, periodicals, etc., while \$22,980 was spent on

services related to our on-line borrowing such as CLAMS, Overdrive, and Kanopy. Programming, supplies, dues and professional development made up the rest. We also spent an additional \$2,428 from the Gift Fund on programming. But, as you can see, on-line services are taking up a large portion of the spending and it looks like the trend will continue.

#### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Massachusetts libraries are asked to create long-term plans which are revised every three to five years in order to respond to changing conditions in their communities. We began that process in FY22 for the 2023-2028 plan period by holding an on-line community forum facilitated by Strategic Planning Consultant Michele Eberle.

Interest was high and some really creative programs were suggested ranging from conversational language groups and monthly current affairs discussion coffee klatches to skills for teens and tweens (and the rest of us) such as filleting fish, baby-sitting, CPR and other health training, coding, working a griddle, landscaping, surveying, and basketball guided practice and freestyle pick up games (a local tradition before the court fell into disrepair).

People loved our staff, the summer and year-round programs, the craft of the month kits, and the cozy, welcoming feel of our reading room. But they also wished for quiet space for study or just plain reading, for more usable deck space, for more use of the old Town Hall as an auxiliary space, for increased use of Zoom for all programs so that home-bound patrons can be included, and for more e-services not currently available to us.

We were inspired by your energy and hope to work with you in the coming years to develop these programs and expand the library campus. Thank you for your enthusiasm, continuing support, encouragement and participation in planning for an ever-better library experience.

The year closed with the retirement of long-time Board-member, Heidi Vanderhoop, who served the town and our library with dedication and a clear eye. We hope both she and Faith will continue to par-

ticipate, when they have free time, as consultants on special projects we have in mind. Many thanks to both for their long years of service.

Thanks, also, to Rosa Parker, our hard-working Library Director, Julia Matejcek, Programming Associate, and Vera Della Russo, Circulation Associate who kept our wonderful library running smoothly and were responsible for that warm and cozy welcome we all feel when we open the door and step in.

Respectfully Submitted,

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Margie Spitz, Chair (exp. 2023)

Heidi Vanderhoop (exp. 2022)

Kathie Olsen, Secretary (exp. 2024)

and

Rosa Parker, Library Director

# Report of the Planning Board Plan Review Committee

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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 170sqft 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 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, Chairman  
JAMES MAHONEY  
ISAAC TAYLOR

HEIDI VANDERHOOP  
AMERA IGNACIO  
JIM NEWMAN

# Report of the Town Administrator

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To the Honorable Select Board  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Holy smokes, it's 2023! Town meeting time again which means that by the time you read this the year will be nearly half over. Generally speaking, its been a year of ups and downs. Yet remarkably, our lighthouse still turns, there was no bay scallop harvest this year in Menemsha Pond (nobody I know even bothered to fish . . . has that ever happened before? That's a rhetorical question. I'm not aware of it ever happening before.) and the Town Office still has free Covid-19 tests available for the taking.

The Town Administrator's office remains open most days from seven a.m. to two p.m. There never seems to be enough time in the day to complete the tasks at hand. Some of the major issues before the Town this year are listed in this report.

Negotiations between all Vineyard towns were completed resulting in a new Agreement for cost sharing and funding rehabs to the Regional High School. Thank you to our finance committee chairman, Allen Rugg, for able and effective stewardship of this effort that will mean so much to the future of our young people. While Allen and I were unable to fully achieve acceptance, by other Vineyard towns, of Aquinnah's fiscal condition, we were successful in limiting our Town's fiscal exposure on this much needed development.

Work continued on development of plans for new comfort stations at Aquinnah Circle and renovations/additions at the Town Hall/Town Office. Our Town Building Committee has managed the efforts in this regard for over two years. Thank you to Kathy Newman, Karen Salvatore, Jim Pickman, Randhi Belain, Adrian Higgins and, more recently, Tom Murphy for dedication toward sorting out the vexing

problems associated with this effort. Mitzi Pratt, Eileen Sullivan and Jane Palmer also participated for short stints on the Committee. At this writing it appears that the projects as planned by I-Con Architecture will not immediately be moving forward due mainly to the costs of construction. However the feasibility study and various schematic design identified during project development will be useful in addressing our Town's present and future needs.

Our Lighthouse and the Aquinnah Circle have benefited by planned wind farms being permitted off our western shore. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has required each successful bidder to provide mitigation to Aquinnah as owners of the Lighthouse, Cliff Lookout and Vanderhoop Homestead. At this time "mitigation" has translated to dollars for projects located on affected properties. The Town has received significant funds for required maintenance on the Lighthouse, design of disabled access to the Cliff walkway and winterization of the Vanderhoop Homestead. How these improvements would have been funded without mitigation monies from wind farms is hard to imagine given Aquinnah's limited resources.

Our Town agreed, when they took ownership of the Light to maintain it. After moving the Light significant structural deficiencies were identified. Through the diligence of Len Butler and his Lighthouse Committee, areas in need of critical repair were identified, prioritized and work has begun to make repairs, including re-pointing of brickwork, iron repairs and reinforcement and support for the light tower deck.

Companies with whom mitigation talks continue include: Vineyard Wind I, South Fork Wind, Revolution Wind, Sunrise Wind, (formerly Vineyard Wind South), Commonwealth Wind, Beacon Wind, Bay State Wind, SouthCoast Wind, Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind (0522). As you might imagine keeping track of these numerous entities has been a time-consuming task and we are grateful to Gisele Gauthier for her help in managing our efforts. Moving forward it has been decided to ask for contributions to an ongoing Lighthouse Maintenance Account instead of a one-time payment. It is hoped that these contributions will be significant enough to fund needed re-

pairs to our Lighthouse. Huge thanks go out to Len Butler, Chairman of the Lighthouse Committee, Jim Pickman, Amara Ignacio, Berta Welch, Bettina Washington and Mitzi Pratt who have participated in the negotiation of mitigation efforts.

I am happy to report that this summer through the gracious contribution by the Aquinnah Community Association there will be beach wheelchairs available at Philbin Beach, Lobsterville Beach and the Head of the Pond. Supply chain issues, ultimately resolved at the end of last summer, prevented us from having these facilities available to our residents.

The Personnel Committee assisted significantly in selection, and hiring, of our new Treasurer, Jamie Vanderhoop. They also worked with The Collins Center at UMass to update our compensation scale to where it is in line with other Vineyard towns. Alexandra Taylor, Susan Collins and Christine Murphy along with Town employee representative, Paul Manning, did a great job in bringing this together.

Our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is the envy of the Vineyard. They have developed a warming center at the Town Hall and trained a host of first responders. Thanks to Carla Cuch, Noli Taylor, Cathy Olsen, Morgan Hodgson, Forrest Filler and Gabbi Camilleri among others who work tirelessly on this program that we hope is never used, but will function flawlessly if ever it is needed.

Aquinnah is one of five lead communities in the Commonwealth that have been commended for significant efforts toward implementation of sustainable energy regulations. Through the efforts of Bill Lake, Luke Lefebvre, Meghan Gombos and others Aquinnah has adopted the stretch energy code with its various amendments that will make new buildings in our Town compliant with the most up-to-date energy regulations in the State.

The Select Board has renewed leases with the businesses at the Cliffs and the Aquinnah Cultural Center. Properties at Aquinnah North remain in limbo due to Town zoning limitations. The Board has asked the Planning Board to investigate taking steps necessary to allow for the Town to make use of buildings in that area though funding whatever plans may be implemented will continue to be a problem.

Our Finance Committee has missed Allen Rugg's leadership as they have reviewed, and commented on, the FY 2024 budget. But we are thankful to Jim Newman, Howard Goldstein and Tom Murphy for their participation during this year's process. Of course our accountant, Emily Day, has done her usual sterling job in guiding us through this arduous process.

On a personal note, while the Lighthouse does continue to turn shining beacons of hope on our little town I want to thank the folks I work with here at the Town Office on a daily basis. Sophia Welch, Jamie Vanderhoop, Emily Day, Nonie Madison, Jay Smalley, Marina Lent, Gabriella Camilleri, Sarah Thulin, Frank Perez, Randhi Belain and Paul Manning; each of you provide support that is essential to keeping our Town up and running. If I've missed anyone

Wishing you all a wonderful 2023 summer season.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY L. MADISON  
Aquinnah Town Administrator

# Report of the Aquinnah Conservation Commission

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To the Honorable Select Board  
and Town Residents,

The Aquinnah Conservation Commission is responsible for administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Aquinnah Wetland/Water Resource Bylaw. We oversee the regulations protecting wetland and water resources including coastal banks and dunes, isolated wetlands, and wetlands subject to flooding as well as bordering vegetated wetlands. The Commission reviews projects that fall within 200 feet of any wetland feature. We have site visits on all prospective projects prior to their review at the commission.

In 2022 we held 8 meetings and 16 public hearings. We reviewed 5 Requests for Determination of Applicability and 11 Notices of Intent. The Commission issued 5 Determinations of Applicability and 10 Orders of Conditions. We also issued several Certificates of Compliance to Aquinnah property owners for successful completion of projects under our jurisdiction.

We continued to monitor reports such as the Massachusetts Estuaries Project concerning the health of Menemsha and Squibnocket Ponds. Anyone interested in a copy of this report can contact the Conservation Commission or the town administrator. The Aquinnah Conservation Commission will continue to participate in the quarterly All-Island Conservation Commission meetings. Topics such as proper removal of invasive plant material, coastal erosion, groundwater protection, septic systems in flood zones are island wide issues that affect all of us. Please contact us with any conservation concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH THULIN, Chairperson                      STEVE YAFFE  
KATHY NEWMAN    MITZI PRATT              JAY BODNAR

# Report of the Police Department

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To the Residents of Aquinnah,

As I start this report as I do every year, I'd like to update you on the personnel of the department.

Sgt. Paul Manning, Detective Steven Mathias, Officer David Murphy, and Special/Reserve Officer Christopher Manning continued working for the department during 2022. Detective Steven Mathias was assigned as Detective as of July 1, 2022 as I felt the department needed an Officer who is skilled in investigative techniques. Det. Mathias has completed specialized training in investigations and will continue to attend additional training. Det. Mathias also became the department's Accreditation Manager to assist the department with achieving Certification and ultimately Accreditation through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

Sgt. Manning continues as the department's domestic violence Officer, elder services Officer, and Civil Rights Officer. Sgt. Manning is also responsible for Officer scheduling, vehicle maintenance, and firearms licensing. Sgt. Manning is a certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician. As such, he performs child safety seat inspections for anyone that requests an inspection of their child's safety seat. Officer Murphy is the department's firearms Instructor and defensive tactics Instructor. All Officers are Massachusetts certified Basic Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's).

The summer season of 2022 proved to be a busy time for the department as all of the full-time Officers spent a considerable amount of time at Aquinnah Circle directing traffic due to being short staffed. For the first time in a number of years, we were unable to hire any additional Officers due to lack of applicants. Fortunately for us, Special/Reserve Officer Christopher Manning was able to assist us with working a couple of shifts a week during the summer in addition

to his full-time employment at the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) as a Tribal Ranger.

One of the challenges presented in hiring for the summer season is the recent passage of the Police Reform law in Massachusetts. For those unaware, previously anyone who was interested in becoming Special/Reserve Officer to assist Police departments on a part-time basis, such as in the summer season, these individuals were able to attend a Reserve Intermittent Police Officers training class which consisted of approximately 600 hours of training on various topics. This class was provided by the Municipal Police Training Committee which is the committee who oversees and provides the majority of the Commonwealth's Police training.

Additionally, the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council, Inc. was able to provide this training on island which meant island residents were able to complete this class locally and were able to apply for Special/Reserve Officer positions with the island Police departments, which many did, and were hired. After the Police Reform law was enacted, this Reserve Intermittent Police Officer's class was abolished because the legislation stated in order to become a Police Officer, individuals would have to attend the Basic Recruit Police Academy which consists of approximately 800 hours of training at various facilities located throughout the Commonwealth.

This left small departments, such as ours, having difficulty to hire Special/Reserve Officers as we had previously. Almost all of the Police departments on the island had to pivot their summer hiring processes to hire either civilian Community Service Officers or Traffic Officers who do not have arrest powers and have very limited authority. Looking towards the future, this department will most likely be hiring Traffic Officers for the summer season; however if hiring continues to be an issue, I will be asking the Town to hire an additional full-time Officer, for not only this issue, but other issues as well.

As I stated previously, Officers spent a considerable amount of time at Aquinnah Circle as visitors continued to visit this beautiful area. The Gay Head Lighthouse reopened for tours, two new businesses opened at the cliff shop area, improvements were made to the cliff

lookout area, the public parking time limit increased from 60 minutes to 90 minutes, and additional public parking was added at the bottom of Aquinnah Circle. With this came increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic which Officers dealt with.

Aquinnah Circle was also the location to annual events that are held there. In July the Old South Road Association held its annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade; however a new event was added after the parade. The new event was a Town Picnic held on the grounds of the Vanderhoop Homestead that was well attended by Town residents and guests. Also in July the Town's Public Safety Day and the Wampanoag Tribe's Native Artisan's Market were held simultaneously inside Aquinnah Circle which drew many attendees to both events. The Massachusetts State Police Air Wing was able to land one of their helicopters inside Aquinnah Circle for Public Safety Day. As always, this was the highlight of Public Safety Day.

In September the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) held its annual Pow-Wow inside Aquinnah Circle which drew many attendees. In October the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee held its annual 10K "Run for the Light" Road Race which started and ended at Aquinnah Circle. The race attracted close to 150 runners even though it was a very windy day.

The Aquinnah Building Committee (of which I am a member of) continued to meet with the Town's Architect (Icon Architecture, Inc.) and Town Owner's Project Manager (OPM) (Atlantic Construction and Management, Inc.) to discuss plans for a new Police station. Our current Police station lacks space for functional evidence storage, interview room, firearms storage, lobby area, and general space for future growth of the department. Plans were presented to Town residents for not only the Police station, but for new Town Offices and new public restrooms at Aquinnah Circle. After hearing the Town residents' concerns, the Building Committee met with Icon Architects and Atlantic Construction and Management, Inc. to implement their concerns. The Committee continues to meet and hopes to bring a final schematic design to the Town in 2023.

All Officers completed their required forty hours of In-Service training provided by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC).

Traditionally, this training is held in person; however due to Covid precautions, the training was held online.

All Officers also completed required firearms training utilizing a fire-arms trailer that was brought to the island by the MPTC. This trailer provided Officers with low light/night time simulated shooting and their required qualification course. Officers also attended an Active Shooter Training with other island Police departments held at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School during the April school vacation. Officers also completed various specialized trainings throughout the year.

Below is list of calls for service during 2022 compared to those of 2021. As you will see, our motor vehicle stops and parking tickets issued decreased in 2022. This is due to being short staffed during the summer season. We were short staffed by two Officers and the statistics show how the loss of these two additional Officers made a difference.

It should be noted that the Town Select Board voted in 2022 to increase the parking fines. Previously overtime parking fines were \$25 and parking in unauthorized areas fines were \$50. These fines were raised to \$50 and \$100 respectively. The reasoning behind the fine increases were due to beach parking. The overtime parking is related to visitors parking at Aquinnah Circle for longer than the 90 minute allotment instead of paying to park at the Municipal Lot at the bottom of Aquinnah Circle. The parking in unauthorized areas is related to visitors parking at the Philbin Beach parking lot without a parking permit.

The fee to park at the Municipal Lot was \$20 and if the lot was full (as it usually is on nice beach weather days), visitors were willing to take the chance to receive a \$50 parking ticket. By raising the fines, the Select Board was hoping to discourage visitors from parking over the time allotment and from parking in unauthorized areas.

In closing I’d like to thank all members of the department for their continued professionalism. I’m proud of the Officers of this department and the Town residents should feel fortunate to have these Officers protecting their Town. I’d also like to thank the following

agencies for their continued assistance: Aquinnah Fire Department, Aquinnah Highway Department, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Natural Resources Department, Tri-Town Ambulance, the island Police agencies, Dukes County Sheriff’s Department, the State agencies assigned to the island, U.S. Coast Guard – Station Menemsha, Town of Aquinnah Select Board, and Town employees.

Best wishes for 2023 and be safe!!

Respectfully submitted,

RANDHI P. BELAIN  
Chief of Police

*Listed below are the numbers and some of the types of calls for service the department responded to from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 compared with those responded to in 2021:*

2022 AQUINNAH POLICE STATISTICS		
	2021	2022
Medical Emergencies	42	40
Alarms (Burglar)	50	35
Alarms (Fire)	25	31
Alarms (Other)	14	16
Assist Citizen (general)	21	14
Assist Outside Agency	10	9
Assist Aquinnah Fire Department	1	6
Assist Animal Control Officer	7	19
Public Utility / Hazardous Condition	14	14

Assault & Battery	1	2
B&E and Attempted B&E	0	1
Domestic Related Activity	8	9
Harassment Complaints	2	1
ID Theft/Fraud	2	0
Larceny	1	2
Stolen Motor Vehicle	0	1
OUI	0	0
Other Alcohol Related Incidents	1	1
Sexual Assaults	1	0
Lewd Behavior	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0
Vandalism / Destruction of Property	0	1
Motor Vehicle Complaints	1	1
Covid-19 Related Complaints	0	0
Disputes / Disturbances	4	4
Animal Complaints	0	1
Fireworks / Gunshot Complaints	0	0
Hunting/Fishing Complaints	2	2
Noise Complaints	2	0
Parking Complaints	7	3
Trespass Complaints	1	3
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Activities	23	21
Marine Mammal Incidents	0	0
Welfare Checks	5	6
Missing Person	1	3
Child Welfare	4	0

Marine Watercraft Incidents	0	3
Bicycle Accidents	1	1
Moped Accidents	1	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	10
Motor Vehicle vs. Deer / Other Animal	3	4
Deaths	1	0
By-Law Violations	0	1
Arrests	2	2
Protective Custody	0	1
Criminal Complaint Applications	10	11
Incidents on Tribal Lands	24	23
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>279</b>
Motor Vehicle Stops	205	91
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	45	33
Parking Tickets Issued	675	331

# Report of the Department of Public Work/Highway

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Greetings Townspeople,

The 2022 season showed us that we are back to a post pandemic level of activity in our great town. Our department was busy with all our annual duties. Summer grass mowing and brush cutting on the sides of town roads is done bi-weekly and/or as needed. We saw a very mild winter with little snow resulting in very little plowing, however we continued to monitor the roads for icy conditions and fallen trees. General building maintenance is ongoing. The Town Hall campus is still in the planning phase for renovation and we continue to address repairs as needed. Trash removal at the Cliff shops and lookout areas, Lighthouse, Lobsterville beach, West Basin, Library, as well as Philbin debris monitoring, increased significantly.

Road maintenance in 2023 may be scheduled on Lobsterville Road, Lighthouse Road and Church Street to address spots of deterioration.

The department is staffed by myself, Frank Perez and we were fortunate to have Payton Jeffers for additional help during the summer hours.

Thank you,

JAY SMALLEY  
Director of Public Works/  
Highway Maintenance

# Report of the Board of Health

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Greetings to the Honorable Select Board  
and People of Aquinnah,

Since the last Annual Town Meeting in 2022, the Board of Health has dealt with the following issues:

1. **Board of Health Members-** Due to the unexpected resignation of Sarah Saltonstall, RN, a long-standing member, and prior chair of this board, the Select Board appointed Jimmy Benoit to the vacated seat. We thank Sarah for her long-standing service.
2. **Board of Health Assistant-** Our Assistant resigned during the summer. In the fall, we were able to hire Marina Lent, the long-standing and well-qualified health agent in Chilmark to fill our part time position. She brings years of expertise to the position and has already demonstrated her competence since being hired in the fall.
3. **The Landfill-** A successful composting project at the landfill was finally initiated, and although it is underutilized, it already has diverted food waste from our trash, and has supplied Island Grown Initiative (IGI) with more material which can be made into compost for on-Island use. We encourage composting in an attempt to reduce trash costs. Natalie Francis, our sole Landfill employee, shows dedication and pride in her work and we thank her.
4. **Covid-** Aquinnah was linked with all of the other Island boards of health in our commitment to Covid detection and an effective public health response with free masks and test kits available to all Town residents during the pandemic. Now that the pandemic has eased, we are monitoring the situation

closely and will continue to update town residents, should recommendations change. If you have any unused or expired test kits, we would be happy to take them back. However, expired test kits may still be accurate for six months to one year after the expiration date as long as the “control” remains “positive” when you perform testing.

5. **Septic Systems-** Given the small numbers of new houses under construction and the much larger number of aging houses in Town, we approved 5 septic systems for new construction since May 2022 and 12 applications for upgrades of failed systems in older homes. We denied one permit for new construction due to excessive wetlands on a parcel.
6. **Ticks-** We now have a full-time tick researcher and local expert on the Island, who is available to us for advice to minimize tick infestation. In his published reviews of Aquinah parcels, he has observed Lone Star ticks in every parcel evaluated! He can make specific recommendations for minimizing ticks on your property. Other than daily tick checks, he highly recommends permethrin- treated clothing and especially permethrin-treated socks. Although the Lone Star tick does NOT transmit Lyme Disease, it does transmit many other organisms/ diseases which require antibiotic treatment promptly. One unfortunate Disease is “Alpha- Gal”, a condition which causes Anaphylaxis and Gastrointestinal Distress and may last for weeks or months and is characterized by severe respiratory and other symptoms when consuming red meat and other mammalian foods. We have a number of Town residents with this unfortunate condition and we expect the numbers to increase!
7. **New Massachusetts Regulations for septic systems on the Cape and Islands 2022-** There have been several articles in the Gazette about a new mandate to significantly reduce nitrogen in our waterways. The MV Commission is also developing a plan which the Towns could use as a guideline

for each Town’s response. The goal of this mandate is to minimize nitrogen loading of our estuaries by adding a denitrifying chamber in each septic system in our watershed to remove nitrogen effluent to very low levels to improve the water quality of our threatened ponds, specifically for us, the Menemsha and Squibnocket watersheds. There are up to 150 homes in town which could be impacted by this requirement. A map on our Board of Health website demonstrates the extent of these watersheds which literally encompass parcels as far away from Squibnocket as Lobsterville Road! Tribal Housing is exempt because they have their own independent water treatment facility. The Select Board will eventually decide if it wants to join with Chilmark and/or West Tisbury in a joint effort for shared professional engineering services to help us or possibly go it alone. Tisbury has already adopted such requirements for Tashmoo and their portion of the Lagoon Watersheds several years ago in anticipation of such regulations, and it does add a significant expense to updating such systems. Stay tuned.

8. **Board of Health Website-** We are trying to update the Board of Health website regularly with timely updates and information. Septic pumping permits are available on-line as well as in the foyer in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD GREEN MD, Chair

# Report of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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To the Aquinnah Select Board  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Aquinnah's Community Emergency Response Team has continued to develop plans to improve town preparedness in the event of emergency situations. We met monthly or bi-monthly in 2022, focusing our three main priorities: improving communications capabilities when emergencies arise, emergency preparedness training, and providing shelter support for residents in the event of weather-related or other emergencies.

On communications within the town and to assess town needs and interests in volunteering, we maintain a database of residents who wish to be checked on in emergencies. We had a positive response to our request for additional volunteers and had formal training for shelter volunteers on February 19. We periodically test our "push to talk" communications capabilities for emergency situations and added additional volunteers able to participate with this technology. We updated and re-issued flyer guidance on "shelter-in-place" standards for full time and seasonal residents, offered flyers through the town beach pass and resident parking pass program and local realtors to summer visitors.

Our CERT table manned by volunteers at the town's Public Safety Day in July to publicize our services had plenty of visitors. Some CERT volunteers participated in the Dukes County Emergency Management Volunteerism Training program in March. One of our volunteers led an effort to make donations of Covid19 supplies to the Island Food Pantry and high school.

Steps taken early in the year proved valuable when we were called into action for the nor'easter blizzard of January 28-29. CERT volunteers prepared the daytime shelter at old town hall before the storm hit, pretested our communications system, and then opened the shel-

ter as soon as it was deemed safe by first responders for townspeople to leave their homes. Despite generator issues, it was overall a good test of our protocols and helped us to refine our approach to winter shelter needs. Each event provides opportunities to improve our procedures and identify additional tasks to allow us to provide the best service we can to the town in these moments.

The rest of the year was relatively quiet in terms of emergency events. We continued to pursue training opportunities and consulted with the Board of Health regarding ServSafe certification training needs and the safety of the kitchen for the daytime shelter. We continue to work with the Wampanoag Tribe rangers and Natural Resources Department to better our efforts in the case of a serious emergency when it will be imperative both shelters will be ready when needed.

Thank you to Brenda Brouillette from the Red Cross, and Chilmark Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw for giving us their time in red cross and first aid training.

We appreciate our dedicated team of residents, first responders and others who have given their time and input in 2022. They include Randhi Belain, Simon Bolin, Forrest Filler, Paul Manning, Chris Manning, Carla Cuch, Beckie Scotten-Finn, Gary Haley, Morgan Hodgson, Bill Lake, Jeffrey Madison, Zachary Moreis, Kathie Olsen, Gary Robinson, Bret Stearns, Noli Taylor, Isaac Taylor, Barbara Wallen, Marina Lent, Curt Cetrulo, Gabbi Camilleri and Christine Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

AQUINNAH COMMUNITY  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
(ACERT)

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

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To the Honorable Select Board  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

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

The 17-member Commission includes nine members elected Island-wide biennially, and one appointed member from the Dukes County Commission, each Island Select Board, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers in 2022 were Joan Malkin of Chilmark, Chair; Jim Vercruyse of Aquinnah, Vice-Chair; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a permanent professional staff of twelve. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website, [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

## COMMISSION FOCUS 2022

**Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds** —The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program and participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination. In 2022, Commission staff completed a seventh year of extensive water quality testing. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in 16 Island ponds. Water samples are used to measure nutrient and chlorophyll content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity, and other factors. The testing was conducted using the same locations and methods as those used in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, which ensures comparable results. Compre-

hensive reports between 2016 and 2018 detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond. A similar report was completed for the summer 2020 and will be completed for the data obtained over the summer of 2022, along with a trends analysis report evaluating the changes observed over the prior period of study. The MVC has created one-page pond summaries for each of the ponds, these will be updated with the 2022 results when available. The MVC continues to update the website to make pond data and reports more accessible. A website focused specifically on the ponds was created to make all pond data available in one place.

The Commission was heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies, receiving \$250,000 in Federal grants to develop and implement a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) along the coast of Lagoon Pond in Tisbury. Two years of monthly monitoring and testing for efficacy has been completed. Results from the testing have shown almost complete removal of nitrogen through the barrier.

The MVC also funded and participated in the development and monitoring of innovative wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leeching into ponds from Title 5 septic systems. In order to demonstrate their effectiveness to State and Federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have functioned well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds. MVC staff continues to assist with the testing and monitoring of the pilot systems. Results have been promising and several of the installations were conditioned in MVC DRIs. Mass DEP has proposed amendments to the Title 5; the MVC will work with Towns to meet these new proposed regulations.

**Elderly Services** — The MVC chaired an off-Island transportation group focused on improving options for older adults seeking to reach their medical appointments on the mainland. This has led to the launch of a pilot program partnering with Sandwich-based ophthalmologists, Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard, and the VTA that will provide older adults and their escorts with roundtrip rides to the eye doctors on cer-

60+					
Town	2015	2017	2018	2022	% change ('15-'22)
Aquinnah	171	166	172	215	26%
Chilmark	485	546	541	601	24%
Edgartown	1582	1861	1854	2044	29%
Oak Bluffs	1628	1724	1803	2051	26%
Tisbury	1374	1517	1569	1665	21%
West Tisbury	1094	1157	1183	1321	21%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6334</b>	<b>6971</b>	<b>7122</b>	<b>7897</b>	<b>25%</b>

85+					
Town	2015	2017	2018	2022	% change ('15-'22)
Aquinnah	8	12	14	14	75%
Chilmark	40	35	32	37	-8%
Edgartown	100	137	129	128	28%
Oak Bluffs	177	167	178	177	0%
Tisbury	163	124	119	97	-40%
West Tisbury	76	65	70	64	-16%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>-8%</b>

tain Tuesdays. The MVC also serves on the Executive Board of Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard, while staff provided administrative support by taking minutes. The MVC also analyzed the 2022 street list data to document the recent growth of the Towns' older adult population segment.

Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$2,662,414	100%
Salaries	\$1,088,685	40.89%
Salary Related Costs	\$414,190	15.56%
Legal Fees	\$416,349	15.64%
Mortgage interest payments for two MVC owned properties	\$42,811	1.61%
Other Expenses	\$700,379	26.31%
FY2022		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,426,430</b>	<b>100%</b>
Town Assessments	\$1,257,878	51.84%
Grants and Contracts	\$918,492	37.85%
DRI Fees	\$60,432	2.49%
Other Income	\$189,718	7.82%

**Finances** — The Commission's FY2022 income was \$2,426,430 and expenses totaled \$2,662,414 comprised of the following components. The annual audit by Anstiss Certified Public Accountants continued to show fiscal soundness. The FY2023 budget and FY2021 audited financial statements are available on the website.

### ISLAND-WIDE PLANNING ACTIVITIES

**Affordable Housing** — The MVC continued to assist the Towns with various affordable housing planning initiatives.

**Cartography/GIS Services** — The year 2022 for the MVC's mapping department contained mostly regional projects. Either projects lead by the MVC or Town Departments working with their respective cohorts across the Island. The MVC's mapping department provides the following to all Town Departments, Boards, and Committees within Dukes County.

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

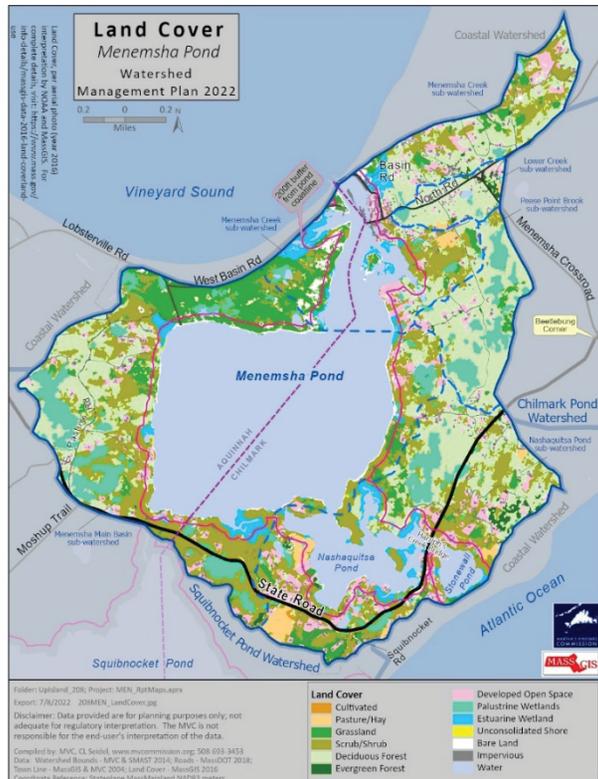
**How to get mapping assistance** — Any Town Department, Board, or Committee may contact the MVC's mapping department at any time. For most projects, our work is considered pre-paid through the Town's annual assessment to the MVC. Email Chris Seidel (she/her): [seidel@mvcommission.org](mailto:seidel@mvcommission.org)

### Mapping Contribution to Regional Projects:

1. Wastewater System Mapping & Dashboard — The **wastewater system mapping** project primarily benefits the Boards of Health with planning for the future and targeting areas for wastewater management strategies to help reduce the nutrient load in Island's coastal ponds. The wastewater mapping indicates, Island-wide, if a developed parcel is connected to town sewer or an on-site septic system. If connected to septic, the type of septic is specified. These data are not shared with the public at this time. The Boards of Health may access the data and peruse a data dashboard for interactive querying of the data.
2. Up-Island Watershed Management Plans (aka Up-Island 208 Plans) — The Up-Island 208 study to produce **watershed management**



Wastewater Systems

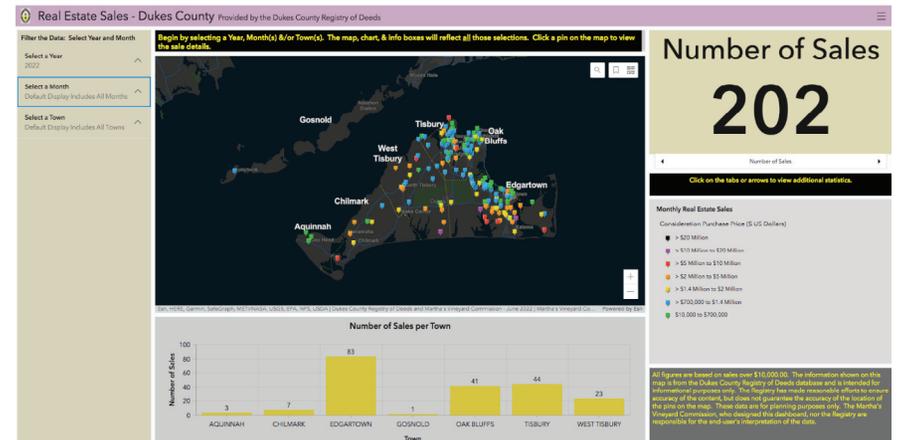


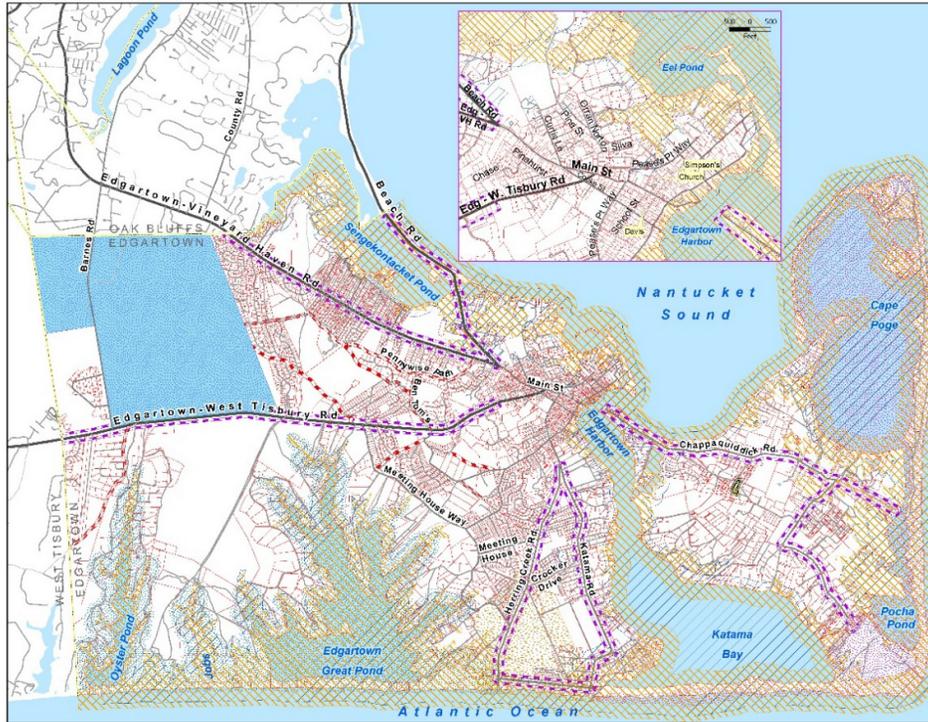
Watershed Management

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

3. GIS data for Fire Department's software — **Fire departments** in four of the Islands towns (Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, & West Tisbury) have decided to purchase the First Due software. This software assists the departments with pre-planning, responding, and post-event analysis. The MVC mapping department provided basemap GIS spatial data for use in First Due.

4. Dukes County Real Estate Sales — 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: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/692eded23ec6473d9bae62cb1b7d2f81>





Zoning & Overlay Mapping

5. Trail & Open Space/Conservation Land Mapping — The MVC maintains a **trails and open space/conservation land database** for Dukes County. These data change frequently as new properties are acquired into conservation and new trails are constructed. These data are shared with the public in our ArcGIS OnLine cloud space (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.

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

### COASTAL & CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING

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

**Climate Action Week - May 8 to 14, 2022** — To encourage public education and action on local climate change issues, Climate Action

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

**Climate Action Task Force** — The climate crisis has become a top priority for the MVC, which formed a Climate Action Task Force in 2019 to focus on mitigating the effects of global warming and adapting to the changes that are projected or already underway. MVC staff has provided staff support to the political working group and convened a series of meetings with Senator Markey's office. A dedicated meeting with Markey's team and the Steamship Authority was held to discuss funding pathways towards electrification. An Island tour of staff from the offices of Senator Markey, Senator Warren and Congressman Keating was organized for Town representatives to introduce key resiliency sites in need of federal funding.

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

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

**Regional Emergency Manager** — The MVC onboarded a part-time Regional Emergency Manager who reports to the Dukes County Emergency Managers Directors Association. The MVC serves as

the administrative entity to formally employ this position, and it meets bi-annually with the Chair of the Directors Association to review priorities for the position.

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

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

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

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

**Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation Monitoring** — MVC staff continues to monitor wetland sites to gauge the elevation change

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

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

## TRANSPORTATION

The MVC performs transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), Martha's Vineyard Airport, the Steamship Authority, and the Department of Transportation (MassDOT). MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provided approximately \$322,046 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services, such as mapping, DRI project reviews, and providing the municipalities with local planning technical assistance in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022.

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

**Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** — The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes Federal-aid projects to implement within the constraints of available Federal and State funds. In FFY 2022,

\$769,690 in Federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. The 2022 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects included the following: **Beach Road Shared-Use Path - #608142** — Construction began in Fall 2022 of the Shared-Use Path along Beach Road, from Lagoon Pond Bridge northerly to the Eastville Avenue/County Road Intersection.

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

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

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

### **Steamship Authority Woods Hole Noise & Traffic Mitigation**

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

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

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

## **WATER QUALITY**

The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard's water quality, especially our threatened coastal ponds.

**Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP)** — For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water-quality testing and land-use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective solutions. In 2022, samples were taken for analysis four times in each system over the summer season, and where applicable, this included a sample prior to and after the opening of the ponds. MVC staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury

Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Association, Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, and the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen, and assist with Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plans (CWMPs).

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

**Water Testing** — In 2022, MVC staff again collected water samples from Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, and Squibnock-et ponds, and the Oak Bluffs Harbor, for analysis at the UMass Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the MEP, to determine the status of the coastal ponds. Staff also collaborated with the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Wampanoag Natural Resources Department for the sampling of Vineyard Sound-facing waterbodies.

**Water Alliance and Associations** — The Water Alliance continued to meet over zoom. The MVC Water Resource Planner attended and presented at the meetings of all Island Pond Advisory committees. Staff presented their findings via zoom at pond association regular and annual meetings.

**Groundwater monitoring** — In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) the Water Resource Planner takes monthly groundwater measurements and maintains a database of groundwater elevation at nine well sites around the Island. Staff is assisting USGS, in cooperation with Mass DEP, in a three-year

study investigating the effects of sea-level rise and climate change on the groundwater resources of Martha's Vineyard.

**SNEP (Southeast New England Program) Grant** — The MVC received a \$250,000 grant for an innovative project to reduce groundwater pollution into Lagoon Pond, through the installation and testing of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB). Two years of testing and monitoring of the PRB installation was completed in 2022. Preliminary results are excellent.

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

**Cyanobacteria Identification & Monitoring** — For the past several years, MVC staff has observed and documented cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) blooms in several Island ponds. The MVC received grants from the Edey Foundation and MV Community Foundation to continue this work. Sampling continued this year, 11 sites from various systems were sampled. The samples were identified, and toxicity was measured by the University of New Hampshire (UNH). Discussions were held with the Island Board of Health agents and an Island-wide Monitoring Plan commenced. The Plan identified and documented locations of cyanobacteria to establish baseline conditions and monitor for blooms. Samples were tested for the toxins produced by cyanobacteria, Anatoxin, Microcystin and  $\beta$ -methylamino-L-alanine (BMAA). This monitoring program, in conjunction with the Boards of Health, will create a mechanism to locate, monitor, and predict blooms. This year the research was expanded to identify cyanobacteria species through eDNA. The MVC will continue to partner with Island Pond groups, the EPA cyanobacteria BloomWatch, and UNH in 2023.

## INTER-REGIONAL COLLABORATION

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

**Governor's Rural Policy Advisory Commission (RPAC)** — The MVC is one of nine regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor's Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. RPAC is charged with making recommendations to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the health and well-being of its rural residents. (The State defines "rural" communities as those having no more than 500 people per square mile - which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). The RPAC has targeted the creation of an Office of Rural Policy to sustain focus on rural issues at the State level. Much of its focus is on the limited local capacity among smaller communities to meet mandated standards or to apply for or manage existing assistance programs.

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

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

**REGULATORY ACTIVITIES**

**Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs)** — In 2022, 64 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. 17 projects reviewed this year were referred as full DRIs and reviewed with public hearings; of those, eight were approved with conditions, two were denied, two were withdrawn before a decision was made, and five remain under review at the end of the year. 13 projects were referred as Concurrence Reviews; of those, three were remanded back to their Towns without a DRI public hearing, three were withdrawn, one was determined to require no action, five were accepted as full DRIs, three of which were approved with conditions and two were denied. and two remain under review at the end of the year. One concurrence review was determined to also trigger a mandatory review and remains under review at the end of the year. One discretionary referral was made, and remains under review at the end of the year. 25 projects were referred as Modifications to previously approved DRIs; of those, 12 were determined to be minor modifications not requiring a public hearing and were sent back to their Towns for approval, one was withdrawn, eight were determined to have significant impact and public hearings were held: four of which were approved with conditions, one was denied, and three remain under review at the end of the year. One modification request is currently undergoing a pre-application review with staff. Five projects were previously approved DRIs returning for post-approval plan review. One project was granted an extension this year, and one extension request remains under review at the end of the year. A total of twelve projects remain under review at the end of the year.

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

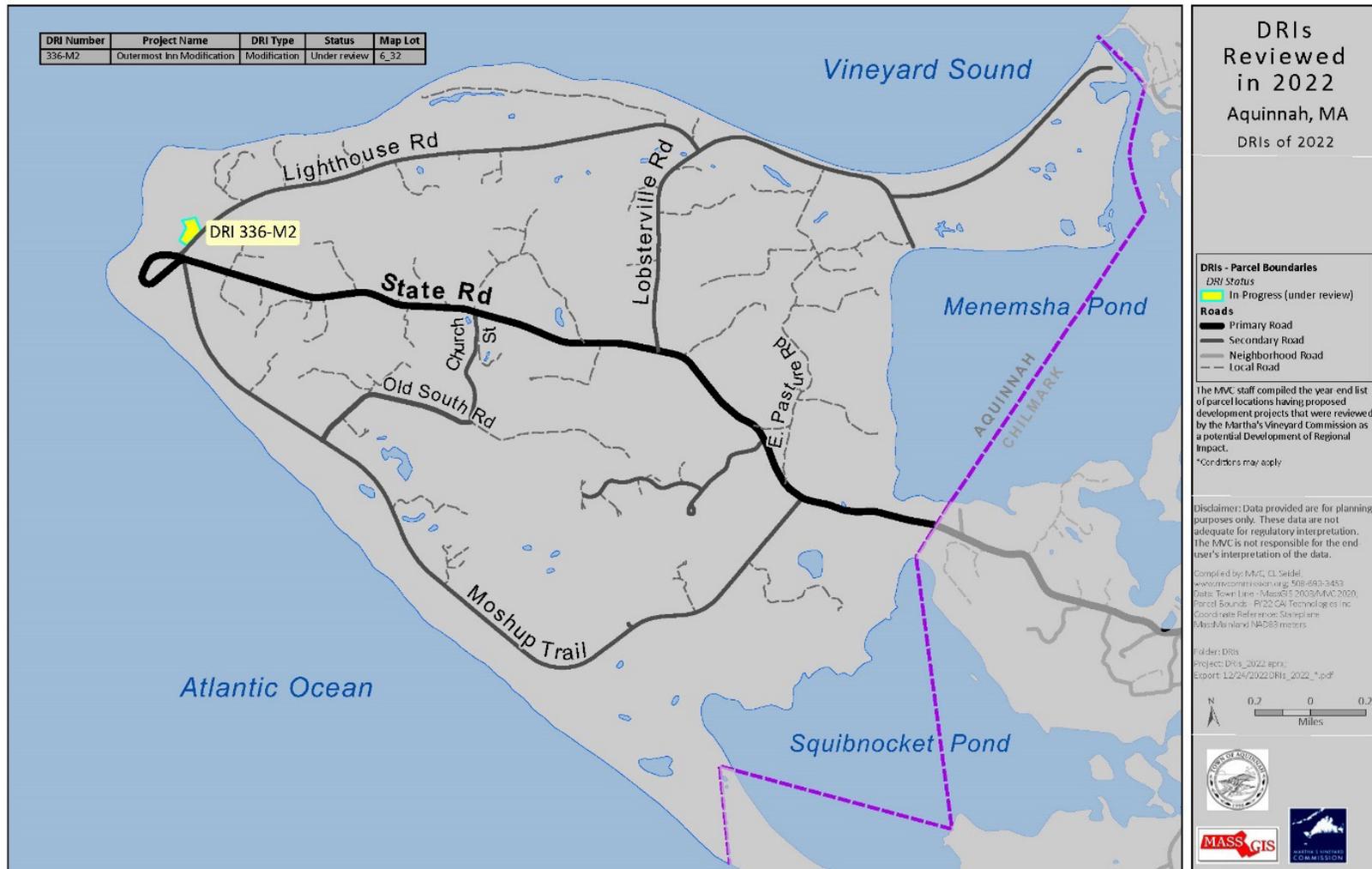
**DRI Historic Preservation Policy** — MV Commissioners and staff drafted a new policy for reviewing the demolition of historic structures, with a focus on preservation. This policy provides guidance for Commissioners to evaluate proposals involving the demolition or alteration of historic and culturally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

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

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

**SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR AQUINNAH**

**COASTAL MANAGEMENT — Saltmarsh Elevation Monitoring:** MVC staff took measurements at an elevation monitoring station installed three years ago on Tribal lands at Lobsterville, hosted and funded by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah. MVC staff



continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. This will help plan for sea level rise impacts to Aquinnah's marshes.

**PLANNING — Revolution Wind:** Staff coordinated with the Town's lead who is focused on community benefit negotiations with Revolution Wind to understand the types of mitigation projects that are eligible for consideration.

**TRANSPORTATION — Data Collection:** The MVC conducted automated traffic recorder (ATR) counts along State Road near Moshup Trail. The current 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes continued data collection efforts throughout the municipality as well as an update to the 2020-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

— **Local Technical Assistance:** 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. Staff has continued 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).

— **Support of the 3C Process:** Through the MVC hearing process and continued participation with the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC), Town officials support the planning staff and their efforts to assist the municipality in making short- and long-term planning decisions, including the FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the FFY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

— **Inter-Regional Transportation Activities:** Appointed MVC staff has been attending the Steamship Authority Noise and Traffic Mitigation Working Group meetings.

**WATER QUALITY — Menemsha, Squibnocket, and Nashaquitsa Ponds:** MVC staff conducted water sampling and on-station field data collection in 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 2022, samples were taken for analysis four times over the course of the summer season. Staff assisted the Shellfish Warden with collection for bacteria testing and eDNA sampling. Results from testing will be available in a concise one-page summary.

**DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT** — One project in Aquinnah was reviewed by the MVC in 2022:

❖ **Outermost Inn Modification** (DRI 336-M2) *Construction of permanent canopy to replace temporary covering for outdoor seating areas.* The project remains under review at the end of the year. A public hearing has been scheduled for January.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Jeff Agnoli	Edgartown, elected at-large
Trip Barnes	Tisbury, elected at-large
Christina Brown	Edgartown, elected at-large
Peter Connell	Governor’s Appointee, non-voting
Jay Grossman	Chilmark, elected at-large
<b>Fred Hancock</b>	<b>Oak Bluffs, elected at-large</b>
Michael Kim	Governor’s Appointee, voting
Joan Malkin	Chair, Chilmark appointed by the Select Board
Greg Martino	Tisbury, appointed by the Select Board
Kathy Newman	Aquinnah, appointed by the Select Board
Kate Putnam	Edgartown, appointed by the Select Board
Ben Robinson	Tisbury, elected at-large
Doug Sederholm	West Tisbury, elected at-large
Linda Sibley	West Tisbury, elected at-large
<b>Brian Smith</b>	<b>Oak Bluffs, appointed by the Select Board</b>
Ernie Thomas	Clerk-Treasurer, West Tisbury appointed by the Select Board
Christine Todd	County Appointee (January - August)
Jim Vercruyse	Vice-Chair, Aquinnah elected at-large
Peter Wharton	County Appointee (August - December)

**STAFF**

(including part-time and other funded positions)

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

# 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 Douglas 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

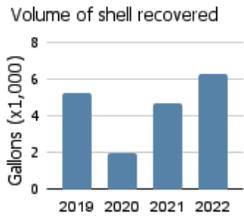


larger seeds are released to good shellfish habitat where they improve water clarity and ecosystem functioning and may be harvested by recreational and commercial harvesters. We also released millions of quahog, scallop and oyster eggs and larvae to help supplement the wild populations.

**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.



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

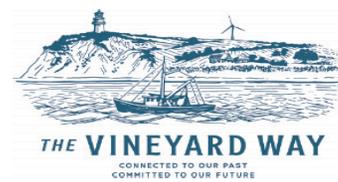
volume surpassed pre-pandemic levels by working with restaurants including Beach Road, the Clambulance Rescue Raw Bar, Edgartown Yacht Club, l'etoile, Lookout Tavern, Outermost Inn, Port Hunter, Net Result and Larsen's Fish Market. *Want to participate?* We always need more Shell Recovery Partners who want to reduce their waste and help restore oyster populations! Not affiliated with a restaurant? Not a problem! Anyone can recycle their shells at the Hughes Hatchery (former Lobster Hatchery) on Shirley Ave in Oak Bluffs.

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

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

**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](http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org), or email [mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mvshellfishgroup@gmail.com). Thank you for your sustained support for shellfish resources on the Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

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	<u>Bay Scallops</u>	<u>Quahogs</u>			
Edgartown	3,340,000	1,950,000			
Oak Bluffs	3,340,000	1,950,000			
Chilmark	3,340,000	1,950,000			
Tisbury	3,340,000	1,950,000			
Aquinnah	3,340,000	1,950,000			
Gosnold <sup>1</sup>	40,600				
Wampanoag Tribe-Aquinnah <sup>2</sup>	184,500				
Private growers <sup>2</sup>	60,000				
Town of Chatham <sup>2</sup>		50,000			
Cornell Cooperative Extension <sup>3</sup>	1,200				
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,986,300</b>	<b>9,800,000</b>			
<i>Eggs Released</i>	70 million	--			
<i>Larvae Released</i>	10 million	42 million			
<u>Oysters</u>	<u>Eggs Released</u>	<u>Larvae Released</u>	<u>Spat-on-shell</u>	<u>Singles</u>	
Tisbury GP	1,900,000	1,900,000	6,000,000	109,000	
Edgartown GP <sup>3</sup>	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,137,000	9,000	
Sengekontacket <sup>3</sup>	500,000	--	--	--	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,050,000</b>	<b>3,550,000</b>	<b>7,137,000</b>	<b>118,000</b>	
Provided under: <sup>1</sup> State funding; <sup>2</sup> contract; <sup>3</sup> grant funding					

Shellfish Seed Produced and Distributed in 2022

## Report of the Cape Light Compact

To the Honorable Select Board  
 and Residents of Aquinnah:

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

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

### Power Supply

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

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, matching Compact power supply customers' annual electricity usage above the mandated state requirements with voluntary renewable energy certificates (RECs) to provide a 100% renewable product. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod. In addition, NextEra deposits all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and

retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. By purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

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

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

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

As of December 2022, the Compact had approximately 419 electric accounts in the Town of Aquinnah on its power supply.

## **Consumer Advocacy**

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

In CY22, the Compact focused on the following regulatory proceedings at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU):

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

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

**Energy Efficiency**

Jan – Dec 2022	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	2	\$0	-5,564	\$46,292.50
Residential	53	\$1,326.60	6,633	\$91,022.71
Commercial	6	\$3,151.00	15,755	\$10,014.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$4,477.60</b>	<b>16,824</b>	<b>\$147,329.89</b>

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

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

FORREST FILLER  
Aquinnah Representative

# Report of the Up-Island Council on Aging

To the Board of Selectmen:

Councils on Aging in Massachusetts were first created in 1956. The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center aka Howes House is a branch of municipal government of the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. We are responsible for the administration, development and coordination of elder programs. We are committed to expanding our programs to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of folks who are 55 years of age and over. Further, the COA promotes the well-being of all Up-Island residents. Funding sources include local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Senior Center is open for both scheduled and drop-in activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; and is home to a variety of social/cultural, educational and health programs.

**Demographics**

Massachusetts: 21% of the population is 60 years of age & older  
 West Tisbury: 39% of the population is 60 years of age & older  
 Chilmark: 46% of the population is 60 years of age & older  
 Aquinnah: 48% of the population is 60 years of age & older

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

The ability to facetime/zoom, e-mail, and make home visits with clients experiencing isolation during these uncertain times have proven to be advantageous to their well-being. Some of our existing programs will return to “in-person” in 2023.

**COA Staff Update**

**Jennie Gadowski** was hired as the Administrative Assistant. **Susan Merrill** is our new Outreach Coordinator and longtime staff member **Bethany Hammond** was hired (former COA Administrative Assistant - 3 yrs.), (former Outreach Coordinator - 5 yrs.) was hired as the Assistant Director. Welcome aboard and congratulations to our

two new staff members, and congratulations to Bethany on her new position as Assistant Director.

### **Service Indicators January 1 – December 31, 2022**

Unduplicated Count: Approximately 860 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older received direct service and/or participated in our programs in 2022.

### **Direct Service Programs**

Approximately 650 seniors received direct services in the following areas:

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

### **In-Kind Services and Goods**

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

### **Nutrition Programs**

36 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:  
Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)  
Host the Mobile Food Market  
Island Grown Initiative Gleaning Program

### **Health & Fitness Programs**

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

### **Outreach Program**

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Coordinator's primary role is to ensure that basic needs for housing, food mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and/or homebound by assisting them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to meet those needs. The Outreach Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as caregivers for at-risk family members. The Outreach Program served approximately 135 elders in 2022.

### **UPICOA Board of Directors**

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

### **Formula Grants**

Formula Grant funding is provided by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Up-Island Council on Aging applied for and received \$20,000.00 for the following:

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

### **Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging**

Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging (FOUICOA) is a non-profit support agency formed in 1987 to raise funds for the benefit of the Up-Island Council on Aging and Senior Center. The Friends enable the COA to provide services and programs beyond those that can be afforded through tax and grant income. The Friends generously contributed over \$8,550.00 in 2022, for the following:

Monthly Cell Phone Service	Special Programs Support
	Grounds Maintenance

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*Friends' Gift Fund*

Many of our seniors are especially vulnerable and are struggling to put food on the table, pay for heating bills, purchase prescription drugs, along with other everyday expenses. The Friends, concerned about the welfare of our elderly population on fixed incomes, established a Gift Fund to provide assistance paying for heating costs and food. The Fund was also used to purchase bus passes (VTA) and gift cards for island pharmacies. Thirty-two households received a total of \$16,066.00. The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Coordinator.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE ALBERTINE,  
Director

## Report of the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

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To the Honorable Select Board  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

### **Our Mission**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment. Our goal is to create an age friendly environment, promote dignity, reduce stigma, support independence and foster community engagement.

The Center for Living (MVCL) is a 501c3 non-profit, generously supported by all six Island towns, and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of members from each Island town and one County representative. In FY2022, board members were Risë Terney, President; Shirley Dewing, Treasurer; Jacque Cage; Jane Keenan, Clerk; James Klingensmith; Sandy Joyce; Christine Burke; Martina Thornton (Dukes County).

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

### **MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#### **Supportive Day Program**

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who are at risk if left alone and unable to participate independently in community activities and programs. Our focus is on providing community-based support and opportu-

nities for social connections to combat isolation and loneliness, the greatest threats to the wellbeing of our clients and their caregivers. The SDP is open Monday-Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

The Center for Living is a place where older adults, regardless of ability, can engage with their community, enjoy the company of friends and peers, in a safe environment free of stigma. The Supportive Day program offers companionship, conversation and widely ranging activities tailored to individual capacity, including exercise and yoga, music, singing, dancing, and arts and crafts. Careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. A morning snack and nutritious, home-made noon meal are prepared on-site and served family style.

Caregiver respite is a critical aspect of the service provided by the Supportive Day program. Many of our clients have multiple medical conditions and chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's and other dementias. Despite the challenges of long-term caregiving, many families choose to care for their loved ones at home rather than place in a long-term care facility. Caregivers experience increased depression, anxiety, stress, and heart disease, as well as decreased levels of self-care and immune responses. They are routinely faced with psychological, social, physical and often financial hardship. The respite and support they receive by sending their loved one to the Supportive Day Program is critical to their overall well-being and that of their loved one.

In FY2022, 30 clients with the average daily attendance 15-18 clients, were enrolled in the Supportive Day program. The fee is \$60 per day and an additional \$10 per day for transportation. These fees are either paid privately, or for low to moderate income elders, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (the regional Home Care Agency) covers some or all of the cost. MVCL also offers a modest donation supported scholarship program.

### **Transportation**

In October 2022, MVCL acquired a Lift Van from the Vineyard Transit Authority and hired a driver to provide daily transportation to and from the Center for approximately two thirds of our SDP cli-

ents. We continue to partner with the VTA, as they provide transportation for some of our clients, as well as the training and testing required of Lift drivers.

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

### **Memory and Music Café**

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

### **Dementia Family Support Services**

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

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

techniques of communication, behavior management, structuring the environment, creating therapeutic activities, and planning for future care needs.

The “Caregiver Tips” page on our website for support and additional referral information. Through Dementia Family Support services, families are connected to the Dementia Caregiver Support Group, the Supportive Day Program, and other agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the MV Community Services CORE program, Dukes County Health Care Access program and the Elder Law program for additional supports and services.

### ***TV for Living***

Begun in 2020, *TV for Living* is a weekly half hour informational program aired on MV TV Channel 13. Episodes include interviews with Center for Living staff, clients, family members, and community members such as local librarians with information on areas of interest and services available to elders and caregivers on the Island. Topics include Healthy Aging, Caregiver 10 Commandments, MV Center for Living programs, live demonstrated Functional Fitness work outs and art projects that can be done at home and much more. There are over 100 episodes archived and a new one produced every month and aired at 11 am Wednesday mornings.

### **MV Community Foundation Utility Support Program 2021-2022**

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

### **FEMA/Emergency Food & Shelter Program 2021-2011**

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

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

### **Emergency Food Program**

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

The Steamship Authority provides a discounted rate to IFP for these trips and the balance of cost is reimbursed with grant funding and donations. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the emergency distribution sites through their gleaning program. The local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Center for Living Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their community foundation give back programs. Cronig’s Market regularly donates food directly to the Emergency Food Program.

### ***55PLUS Times: Information and Referral***

The *55PLUS Times* is published monthly in the *MV Times* and is a resource for information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the *55Plus Times*.

### **Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program**

Post pandemic, we were finally able to resume this program in the 2021-2022 school year. Once a month between 25 and 40 folks enjoy

a delicious meal prepared and served by the MVRHS Culinary Arts department with Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell at the helm. It is a wonderful experience for all, diners and students included.

**Home-Delivered Holiday Meals**

MVCL coordinates with the Councils on Aging and Martha's Vineyard Hospital to provide a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone or homebound on the Thanksgiving, December and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns.

**Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program**

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Island towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living annual budget. In FY2022, the Island towns contributed \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for the generous support of all town Boards — Select Board, 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

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To the Honorable Selectboard:

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](http://massculturalcouncil.org). The MVCC gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In 2022 the MVCC held several meetings virtually from October-December to evaluate applications. For FY23, 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 \$57,901. This year the MVCC received 49 applications requesting a total of \$121,510. The 32 grants awarded by the MVCC are listed below.

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. The members of the Cultural Council hope that Aquinnah will again contribute \$1500 in FY24 so that the Council may continue to fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

RIZWAN MALIK, Chair

## MVCC MEMBERS

**West Tisbury**  
Irene Tewksbury,  
*Treasurer*  
Paul Doherty  
Hal Garneau

**Edgartown**  
Susan Pratt  
Susan Shea  
Bari Boyer, *Secretary*

**Chilmark**  
Dena Porter  
Heather Goff  
Stephanie Danforth

**Tisbury**  
Julia Kidd  
Suzanne Roberge  
David Forbes

**Aquinnah**  
Penny Weinstein  
Berta Welch

**Oak Bluffs**  
Abby Bender  
Abby Remer  
Rizwan Malik, *Chair*

Project	Funding Given
Islanders Write	\$3,500
Music and Memory Cafe: A New Vision 2023	\$2,250
National Fossil Day Celebration	\$1,400
Acoustic Memories	\$250
Poetry Drop-in (in-class writing sessions)	\$850
Sankofa Festival	\$2,200
Spring Short Play Festival	\$1,500
Built on Stilts	\$3,660
The 2023 Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	\$2,306
Cinema Circus	\$2,306
Summer Reading Kick Off 2023	\$1,534
Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival	\$1,706
Annual Native American Artisans Festival	\$4,331
Dance in the Schools	\$3,806
Pride Month - Spectrum Screenings	\$1,056
Ungrateful Taking 2022	\$924
Sounds Like Summer: Music on the Lawn	\$2,456
Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$2,341
Abby Bender Schmantze Theatre/Membership Down	\$2,056
Featherstone Photographers Salon	\$1,056
Island Folk Pottery Sculpture Trail	\$686
Musical Accompanists for Performance	\$1,556
Jesse Jason Choreography and Community Education	\$2,056
A Box Called Ocean	\$2,556
Quintango: Artist in Residence	\$556
North Atlantic right whale documentary educational edit and screening	\$3,056
Ecology Through An Artist's Lens	\$456
Chilmark Summer Dance Party	\$931
MVLA Classics Book Discussion Group	\$1,056
The Living Music Series (4th Annual)	\$256
New DocuTunes Music Episode	\$1,681
Oak Bluffs LGBTQ+ Pride Weekend	\$1,556

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Community TV

To: Select Board:

MVTV will be 20 years old on July 1, 2023 and it is something to celebrate thanks to the continued support from the Island community. We opened the doors on July 1, 2003 in the renovated tractor shed at the High School. We moved to our present facility at 58 Edgartown Vineyard Haven Road in 2013.

During those two decades the technological advances have been a constant challenge to keep up with. The world is saturated with video content on a variety of platforms. That said, MVTV provides the people on the Island access to the happenings on the Island about the community, high school athletics and most importantly, the government meetings of all the Island towns and regional bodies including the SSA.

The number of new shows aired this past year were 189 on Ch 13; 76 on Ch. 14; and 312 on Ch. 15. The video on demand server gets loaded every day and anyone with an internet connection can search for a specific show or meeting.

As the pandemic becomes more manageable and in-person meetings are coming back into the schedule along with the hybrid meetings on ZOOM we are getting people trained to cover the events. So far 30 new members have been through the orientation classes and video production tutorials. 40 students from Islandschools have been learning the video profession and there are 2 interns from the high school at the station.

The main studio has new cameras that record in high definition, 4K and 8K and that can be transmitted to the public if we can secure the necessary upgrade from Comcast. The audio will also be much better! The Islandwide Cable Advisory Board is in negotiations with

Comcast now about a renewed license with the towns and this is on the list along with reasonable costs for wiring developments on the Island.

We invite everyone to come to the station and check out the production studio, the podcast set-up, and the kitchen studio and join us in getting fresh content on the air. Enjoy the revolving Island artwork that is on our walls. Do it Yourself media is where it is at!

Sincerely:

**MVTV Board of Directors.**

ANNE WHITING, *Chair* (member elected)  
ANN BASSETT, *Vice Chair* (member elected)  
RICHARD KNABEL, *Treasurer*  
(member elected)  
REBECCA BARCA-TINUS, *Secretary*  
(MVPS appointee)  
MARCO RIVERA (member elected)  
HELEN GREEN (member elected)  
ALLEN LOOK (West Tisbury appointee)  
PETER VINCENT (Edgartown appointee)  
ROBERT TANKAND (Tisbury appointee)  
GEOFF PARKHURST (Chilmark appointee)  
FRED HANCOCK (Oak Bluffs appointee)  
LEON BRATHWAITE (member elected)

## Report of the Chilmark School Principal

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

Dear Dr. Smith:

The year of 2022 has continued to be a growth year at the Chilmark School. Our class sizes have continued to grow with 70 students. We tried to celebrate as many of our previous traditions as possible, now that we can do more activities without masks, and being closer together. We completed the 2021 school year having avoided any Covid cases within our school. Students continue to participate in many arts classes, along with all of their academic curriculum.

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

As we start our 2022-2023 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 a kindergarten, a first grade, a 2/3 classroom and a 4/5 classroom

Our faculty includes: Ellen Rossi and Cici Drouin in K, Melissa McNickles and Pam Thomas in the first grade, Robyn Dori and Lauren Giglio in 2/3, and Jackie Guzalak and Kyra Whalen in the 4/5. Mari-ah MacGregor has returned as our 80% math specialist and 20% Art.

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 have added a new full-time nurse, Bea Whiting, who will be 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 2 – 5 can participate in strings, and in grades 4 and 5, in band. This is our 3rd year of Arts Integration. This one hour class focuses on learning through the arts. This teacher works with the classroom teacher to select a topic and then comes up with lessons to teach this concept using music, theater, or movement. Theater instruction for all students encourages self-expression and self-assurance.

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

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 added AimsWeb for progress monitoring. Additionally, this year 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.

The Lucy Calkins Writing Program helps students produce a great product in the area of writing. This year teachers are also using the Lucy Calkins Reading workshop materials, so reading and writing go hand in hand. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> learn better spelling using the Zaner Bloser Spelling connections. Another favorite subject is cursive writing, which is taught to all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. 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 attending a variety of trainings regarding landing pages, programs to use, synchronous and asynchronous learning, and flipping classes 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 had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak; however, we are hoping to bring them all back this year. Our first one this year was the 4/5 fundraiser for Water for South Sudan. The 4/5 students built games and a haunted house, and other grades played the games and won prizes. The class raised close to \$1,000 for this charity. 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](http://www.chilmarkschool.org).

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

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN STEVENS  
Head of School Chilmark School

2022 Chilmark School Students					
<b>Kindergarten</b>					
Meara	Begin	Robert	Douglas	Wren	Forte
Ryan	Bodnar	Zoe	Dubno	Emi	Glickman
Hezekiah	Crossland	Pepper	Eisner	Edward	Granquist
Reid	Macleod	Cash	Rykowski	Reed	Vanderhoop
Nora	Ruel	Leo	Sanseverino	Louisa	Whitcombe
Razmus	Ruel	Boon	Somparn Montoya	Booker	Wiesner
<b>First Grade</b>					
Willow	Bishop	Beatrix	Houghton	Cormac	Moriarty
Iyla	Bohan	Mischa	Keene	Orion	Newton Thibodeau
Enza	Horenstein	Reese	Kerns	Avalon	Parr
Linen	Sykes	Mica	Zoref-Wilcox		
Jonah	Whiteley Casey				
Maeve	Whiteley Casey				
<b>2nd Grade</b>					
Phoebe	Esposito	Estelle	Mason	Orion	Persinko
Bentlie	Kane	Leyawin	Mayhew	River	Rykowski
Anders	Mason	Orion	Parry	Hazel	Stahl
Taeko	Thomson				
Golden	Vanderhoop				
Virginia	Wallace				
<b>3rd Grade</b>					
Juniper	Begin	Noah	Hall	Poppy	Sykes
Eleanor	Brown	Asa	Ruel	Ida	Wiesner
Ava	Dubno	Luca	Sanseverino		
<b>4th Grade</b>					
Penelope	Athearn	Lorenzo	Doyle	Maeve	Moriarty
Ezra	Belisle	Luca	Mason	Josephine	Persinko
William	Bologna	Finnian	Moriarty	Elizabeth	Read
Lucille	Stahl				
Tillie	Taylor				
Hudson	Wike				
<b>5th Grade</b>					
Pablo	Begle	Liam David 'Alex'	Keene	Bowen	Solarazza
Charlotte	Bologna	'Alex'	Parr		
Stella	Glickman	Violet	Simon		

<b>Chilmark School Staff</b>		
<b>2022</b>		
Full Time Staff:		
Principal/ Head Of School	Susan	Stevens
Teachers:		
Kindergarten	Ellen	Rossi
1st Grade	Melissa	McNickles
2/3 Grades	Robyn	Dori
4/5 Grades	Jackie	Guzalak
Educational Support Professionals:		
Kindergarten	Celeste	Drouin
1st Grade	Pamela	Thomas
2/3 Grades	Lauren	Giglio
4/5 Grades	Kyra	Whalen
<b>Head Custodian:</b>	Jeff	Kurth
<b>Part Time Staff:</b>		
School Secretary (85%)	Mary	Kuh - Ambulos
Specialists:		
Special Education	Catherine	Mafcher
Special Education Assistant	Melissa	Schelhammer
Music/Theater/ Arts Integration	Donna	Swift
Strings	Chelsea	Pennebaker
Instrumental Music	Katie	Cademartori
Physical Education	Luke	Bettencourt
Art	Mariah	MacGregor
Guidance Counselor	Joan	Rice
Computer Coordinator	Rebecca	Barca-Tinus
School Nurse	Bea	Whiting
Reading	Jessica	Whiteley
Math	Mariah	MacGregor

## Report of the West Tisbury School Principal

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Richard Smith, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Martha's Vineyard Public Schools  
RR 2, Box 261  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. Richard Smith:

I am pleased to present to you this report for calendar 2022 at the West Tisbury School. I have highlighted significant aspects of the year, as well as staffing changes. We continue to build upon the excellence that has been characteristic of the West Tisbury School and for which it is well known and widely admired. "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." These words by John Dewey align with our mission and provide a motto for us to reflect on as we strive for continuous improvement.

Since 2012, we have grown significantly in student body at the West Tisbury School. Our student enrollment increased from 259 in 2012 to 337 this year. Our highest enrollment was last year at 352 students.

New colleagues joined our staff this year, including Shavonea Cherrington, Jessica Estrella, Mary Alice McCann, Victoria Miranda, Jennifer Nelligan, Jessie Seward, Erin Tilton and Nisa Webster. Orlaith McCarthy-Estes retired in October. I thank her for her many years of service and dedication to both the West Tisbury School and the Chilmark School.

We continued to see the impact of the pandemic on our students and their families although we saw improving trends from our focused supports the prior year, and as such, we continued to focus supports this year on the following three main areas:

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

Number of Students at WTS on October 1



We monitored student gains and achievement, and provided interventions accordingly 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, and we will continue them into 2023. We received a competitive grant from the state providing funding for a four day a week, full day summer program for over 75 students which we hope to replicate this summer through continued grant funding as it was well-received and proved very beneficial.

We were also fortunate to receive several grants to support our three priorities. Grant funding allowed us to significantly upgrade our regional lunch program with purchases including new stove, ovens, mixers, wash station, freezer and dry storage, and more. We are also in the process of procuring a grant funded food trailer which will allow us to process local produce more effectively and efficiently.

We continued to expand our social and enriching opportunities for students, provide therapists to students and families, and support our mitigation strategies by funding supplies and contracted services, e.g. additional cleaning. We were also able to run a homework support

club for students in third through eighth grade and provide professional development opportunities for staff members.

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) has prioritized three school improvement goals its members

identified to build upon from last year's School Improvement plan in the current school year in the areas of student social-emotional wellness, sustainability and greening our school, and universal preschool.

Thank you to Samuel Hall, Graham Houghton, Elle Lash, and 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

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Principal

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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, including three levels each of Drawing & Painting, Crafts & Sculpture, Photo/Graphics, and Design & Architecture; AP Art Studio and AP Computer Science Principles; Cartoon Design, 3D Digital Design, Fashion & Sewing, Sound Design, Invention & Technology, Animation, Game Design, Video Production, Web Multimedia, and Programming (including a new Programming and Robotics for ELL course for newcomers with limited English.)

We resumed public art exhibitions in 2022, including our annual showcase "Evening of the Arts" in May, including two exhibits at

Featherstone, a Vineyard Conservation Society exhibit at the Film Center and Mocha Mott's, a senior showcase at the Old Sculpin gallery, and an "Empty Bowls" ceramics charity fundraiser at the Ag Hall. One student raised funds for the Food Bank selling pottery for his Capstone senior project.

We also partnered with the *Martha's Vineyard Times* in February to produce the 12-page "Art Class" newspaper supplement showcasing student art.

Sixteen MVRHS student artists won a total of 23 awards in the 2022 Massachusetts Scholastic Art Awards; three students won Gold Keys and went on to national competition, and three seniors won art portfolio awards. Students were brought to Portfolio Day in Boston, where their portfolios were critiqued by school admissions professionals. When our school photo company dropped our contract, photography students stepped in to photograph some 600 students.

Our digital laser cutter has been put to heavy use this year; students digitally design everything from working lamps to jewelry to eyeglasses fashion, and cut and assemble them from wood. Students also utilize 3D printers, including a new resin printer.

After-school club attendance has been at record-high levels; students produced a successful 2022 yearbook and our art & literary magazine, *Seabreezes*, and students in the Innovation Club built a makerspace in the Oak Bluffs Library and facilitated a series of hands-on public technology workshops.

## **ATHLETICS**

The Athletic Department continues to develop student-athletes using athletics as a medium to develop life skills, offering a wide variety of opportunities with 38 programs at the varsity and sub-varsity levels. 2021-22 season recap:

The boys hockey and basketball programs qualified for tournaments with the boys hockey team winning the Lighthouse League championship for the Cape and Islands.

MVRHS won its first ever National Championship at the Nike Out-

door National Championship where the boys 4x800 meter relay team took home the title.

The boys and girls tennis programs went deep into the tournament, both taking league titles and the baseball qualified for the state tournament.

The girls soccer team qualified for the state tournament for the first time in 20 years and won its first tournament game. The boys soccer team shared the Cape and Islands Atlantic League Cape and Islands title.

The golf team won the Cape and Islands Willow Bend Cup and then qualified for the Division 3 championship where they were state runner-up.

The football team brought home the Island Cup with an exciting game vs Nantucket.

For the first time MVRHS hosted, what may become, the *Battle of the Islands*. On this day the field hockey teams, the boys and girls soccer teams, and the football teams all played Nantucket on the same day, with the culmination of the Island Cup. It was an exciting day where the varsity teams went 3-0-1.

As we move into 2023, with the help of a very talented coaching staff, we will continue to give our student-athletes opportunities that will provide lasting memories and skills of a lifetime.

## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

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

**Medical Assisting** welcomed instructor Melinda McCarron, who brings experience in several clinical areas including most recently as a registered nurse at MV Hospital. Her knowledge of the healthcare industry and her love of students have made her special addition to the department. The students in the Medical Assisting program have completed their first blood pressure clinic. The clinic, held during

school lunches, spurred excitement within the class and the students are excitedly planning other similar events to help educate the student body.

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

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

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

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

**Maritime Studies** continues to expand their presence. This is the fifteenth year they have offered the course with the continued support of Sail MV. The maritime studies program has had several students attend Maritime colleges or with the credentials obtained through the program enter into the maritime industry.

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

## ENGLISH

The English Department continues to thrive. Several teachers engaged in rigorous and meaningful professional development this past year, namely Rachel Schubert who was selected from a significant number of candidates nationwide to be awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to attend a two-week institute at Boston University in July 2022 on *Friendship and Identity in Literature, Film and Adolescence* along with 24 other teachers from around the country.

Additionally, members of the English and History departments attended a five-day Harkness training at Phillips Exeter Academy in June 2022. Teachers are implementing what they learned in order to better facilitate student-led discussions.

We are also thrilled that this fall English teacher Danielle Charbonneau was selected from a pool of candidates to become Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, the first teacher from MVRHS to be given such an honor.

Lastly, *Seabreezes Literary Magazine* co-led by English teacher, Jessica Russell, and art teacher, Chris Baer, published its 42nd edition and our school newspaper, *The High School View*, led by English teachers Kate Hennigan and Rachel Schubert, received the Highest Achievement Award from the New England Scholastic Press Association this past June.

Another development in the English Department is the offering of a Dual Enrollment course through Bristol Community College, a course taught by returning English teacher Maria Thibodeau. Overall, our state and national exam scores reflect excellent achievement by English students at MVRHS and are a testament to the hard work and commitment of its teachers.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The close of 2022 finds the ESL (English as a Second Language) Department in the midst of change. The number of Newcomers enrolling at the high school has slowed to a more manageable number. Consequently, the department is able to attend to issues in a timely manner, Cheri Cluff successfully completed her MS in Mental Health

Counseling last spring and is now working with the Student Affairs Office as a bilingual Adjustment Counselor. She is still a member of the ESL department and is ready to take on classroom duties when the need arises. Her work with ESL students, many of whom have experienced past trauma, has been incredibly helpful to both the students and the teachers who work with them.

Jonah Kaplan-Woolner and Lizzy Schule have settled into their second year of teaching. Lizzy teaches all sections of ESL 2, while Jonah takes charge of the ESL 3 & 4 sections. Dianne Norton, Department Chair, is teaching those ESL students in the Navigator program, as well as ESL 1 and Sheltered American Studies. Dianne is also working with the Health teachers to make the new health curriculum more accessible to Newcomers and ESL 2 students.

In addition to our teaching responsibilities, the entire department is working diligently to update our curriculum to include the new WIDA 2020 Standards. With the support of on-going professional development provided from WIDA webinars and MVYPS consultant Kelly Cooney, ESL teachers are writing curriculum units, learning how to better support ESL SPED students, and implementing strategies to more effectively address Student Success Plans for students not meeting improvement goals for the yearly state-mandated AC-CESS test.

## GUIDANCE

The Guidance Department continued to serve the academic and social emotional needs of the students. We were lucky enough to welcome aboard Sheila McHugh (MVRHS Class of 2012) as a guidance counselor to work with 10-12 graders. To help better serve our ESL population, Cheri Cluff, an ESL teacher, worked part-time as an Adjustment Counselor as she completed the hours necessary to become a licensed Adjustment Counselor. Luiza Mouzina, a licensed therapist, was also hired as a half-time school therapist. Luiza, who is from Brazil, was able to meet individually and in groups with many students from Brazil to help them with the social/emotional transition to schooling in the US.

Guidance counselors continue to work with all the Island-sending schools to implement a comprehensive transition program for incoming ninth graders as well as to develop an individual post-secondary plan. Students continue to meet with their counselors in groups and individually to explore personality profiles, career opportunities, and college options.

We also continue to partner with many Island agencies to offer alternatives to the traditional four-year college path. ACE MV, MV Youth, and many other groups and organizations are resources for students who wish to pursue two-year college degrees, vocational and trade opportunities, and various other post-secondary opportunities.

The guidance department was able to develop transitional plans for the nearly 150 graduates. As a result, the Class of 2022 had about 75% of its graduates attend a two or four year college or university or technical or trade school. Many of the remaining 25% had concrete work plans after they graduated.

The scholarship program again was hugely successful, and the generous donors provided scholarships, grants and additional items such as electronics and book stipends that totaled a remarkable \$2,391,644. Every student in the 2022 graduating class that was attending a post-secondary program received multiple awards totaling \$1,216,593. Post-graduates and other Island students received \$1,175,051. Moreover, not calculated in the total amount (per donor request) included an additional seven awarded for seniors and 26 awards for post-graduates. The scholarship program's list of contributing donors and financial assistance continues to grow yearly.

This demonstrates the value our community places on our students to receive a post-secondary education. Each and every scholarship awarded is an investment that creates an opportunity for a student.

## **HISTORY**

The History Department continues to expand our curriculum in order to provide courses that all students can access throughout their four years at MVRHS. We have been redesigning the sequencing of our curriculum over the past two years and are now currently offer-

ing World History in 9th grade, American Studies in 10th, Global Studies in 11th, and Civics in 12th.

Additionally, we are privileged to be one of 60 schools across the country chosen to participate in the newly created AP African American pilot program. This innovative curriculum is an exciting opportunity for our students to grow their understanding of American history and culture through a new lens.

In 12th grade Civics, all of the students are exploring the history of Voting Rights in the United States by exploring a case study of Martin Luther King, his SCLC organization and the events on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The students have been reflecting on how our country got to that point.

As part of a collective effort with the ELL program, the SAO and Student Government, the several history teachers hosted Kyle Williams in training approximately 100 students in the CPR protocol of A Long Talk training. The students were enthusiastic about the opportunity and love working with Kyle.

Finally, several teachers went to New Hampshire this past year to study the Harkness program and have brought back an enthusiasm for student-led discussions in their classrooms, which is quickly becoming the foundational principles for the Humanities programs in the 10th and 11th grades.

## **LIBRARY**

The Library Department continued in 2022 to serve the school community through lending, access to resources, and instruction. The school librarian co-teaches the senior Capstone course and teaches a mini-course as part of the CTE rotation in which most freshmen are enrolled. Called "Navigating Digital Information," it introduces foundational research skills using library databases, how to distinguish news from other types of information, and how to stop the spread of misinformation. Both classes meet in the library, where individual students and classes often visit to research and select books.

Circulation of library materials continues to rise. To date in 2022, nearly 1,400 books have been checked out, roughly two books for

every student at MVRHS. That is a 22% increase over the same timespan in 2019, when we were last continually in the building over those months.

The library continues to provide access to Turnitin (for plagiarism-prevention), WeVideo (a collaborative video-editing platform), accounts for *The New York Times* for all students and staff, and access to state-funded research databases. The librarian provides research instruction to classes across grades and departments.

## **MATH**

This past year for the Math Department has been one of “getting back to normal” not only with respect to classroom routine, but also in terms of raising the rigor of our curriculum. Many of our department members spent time over the summer engaging in work to support this endeavor.

Carole Flanders attended the AP Summer Institute for AP Calculus (BC); Michael Innes and Kelly Magnuson worked on the scope and sequence of our AP Calculus (AB) and Honors Calculus curriculum; Jerry Kadien worked on a platform called *EduLastic* to address the question/assessment bank issues that had been identified the previous school year; Dawne Nelson worked on writing the curriculum for the new semester Statistics class that is now offered as a Dual Enrollment through Bristol Community College; and Marylee Carlomagno is running a new semester elective entitled “Explorations in Engineering.”

We have partnered with a program called *Engineering Tomorrow* and its founder Bill Woodburn to connect our students with real Engineers in the field and college students who are currently studying to become Engineers, which has proven to be quite inspirational for the students.

Our State Test and National Exam Scores were impressive and we are continuing to implement extra support to ensure we see sustained improvement.

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

The Performing Arts Department had 11 students accepted into the South East music festival, and 3 received All-State audition recommendations. We sent 2 students (Jack Crawford and Emmett Favreau) to the All State Festival, where they performed at Symphony Hall in Boston.

The MV Big Band went to the MAJE competition in March, earning a Bronze medal. We had to adjust our schedule in early spring due to a COVID surge, but triumphed with a four-day run of *Les Miserables*, a collaboration between 50 high school students, dozens of community members, and two elementary schools.

The Minnesingers had a successful 10-day tour to Ireland. We had a May department concert with all of our performing groups, and the Minnesingers performed their annual Mother’s Day concerts in style. Finally, the band and choruses performed at graduation.

Our new drama teacher, Nate Punches, brings a whole new skill set to our department, focusing on technical theater, set design and build, and production. We are looking forward to some new course offerings in the spring of 2023, and more for the 2023-24 school year in theater.

We have added percussion ensemble as well as a hand-drumming rotational (CTE) to the instrumental offerings and a choral ensemble for the first time singers in our school.

We had 19 students audition for the South East Music Festival this year, with 12 accepted and 5 receiving All State audition recommendations (Annabelle Brothers, Jack Crawford, Samuel Hines, Linus Munn and Katie Ogden). We had our first department concert on December 1 where we will have 7 groups performing: Orchestra, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, MV Big Band, First Year Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and the Minnesingers.

The annual Whaling Church show for the Minnesingers is December 9-10. Our students are hard at work rehearsing *Chicago* for a Febru-

ary 9th opening night, and a smaller group is choosing a play to rehearse and perform at the METG competition in the spring.

Lastly, we have received another donation from the Kathryn Goodman foundation, in support of the music offerings at the school. We are studying, rehearsing, performing and competing a lot this year, with more students than we've seen in years. Things are looking up for the PAD at the high school!

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Building on a successful pilot last year, our 10th grade students are engaged in a full year of health and PE, covering health topics such as "Teen Mental Health First Aid," education around substance usage and deferment, "Get Real" sexual health education, as well as individual and team sports and recreation. All other grades continue to engage in Physical Education for a semester.

Our five teachers, Gary Simmons, Liane Dixon, Ryan Kent, TJ Reap and new staff member Tony Mottola work hard to instill healthy habits in mind and body through our coursework. The PE department is also supported by the Sound Foundation, which financially supports three yoga courses each semester. This partnership allows our 11th and 12th graders the choice to take Yoga or the traditional PE program, and this helps support improved student engagement.

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

### **PROJECT VINE**

Project Vine has had a great year in 2022! After welcoming 13 new members as our class of 2025 at the end of January, we took the entire program of 45 students to the Cape Cod Mall to participate in various team building challenges at 10 Pin, including laser tag, escape rooms and virtual reality games.

We held another successful "Chopped for Charity" event in March, raising over \$300 for the Island Food Pantry (through IGI.)

In April, we visited the city of Boston for a photo scavenger hunt, and in June we held a fantastic end of the year party where three graduating seniors were awarded the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial scholarship: the most awards we have given in a single year thanks to the generosity of Al & Jill Woollacott.

Over the summer, staff met to design a new character education curriculum based around shared movies representing our school's core values. In September, Project Vine traveled back to Penikese Island for our annual retreat, but not before celebrating Dani Charbonneau, our program chair, being named the 2023 Massachusetts State Teacher of the Year!

In October, seniors continued our tradition of working with staff at the MV Museum to research, write and perform historical fiction at our 6th annual *Island Lore Night*.

Project Vine also hosted the Navigator and Explorer programs on Halloween for a classroom Trick-or-Treat. We held our fall work day in November, where students cleaned, painted and personalized our space, this time working with MVRHS Art Teacher Tiffany Shoquist to design and make a beautiful group art tapestry.

In December, seniors will screen their new micro-documentary about the program for potential incoming members of the class of 2026.

### **SCIENCE**

In the past 12 months the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and Ap curriculum design.

The department has worked with several local groups (on- Island and off-Island), including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, Mink Meadows Conservation group and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

We now offer two dual enrollment classes through local community colleges. Students can earn college credit in Marine Biology and Anatomy and Physiology this year. We have also expanded our elective offerings to upperclassmen with the return Island Natural History and Environmental Biology and two lab skills courses offered in conjunction with the CTE department.

We are looking forward to a robust science fair in the second week of January and continued success in AP and MCAS testing results by our students.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Special Education Department continues to provide support to meet the individualized needs of our students. Programming can be found in the general education setting, co-teaching classrooms, as well as, the Navigator, Voyager and Compass programs.

Our staff has spent time over the last year increasing their strategies and instructional methods through a variety of conferences in the areas of executive functioning, reading, therapeutic, and transition skills. As a team of teachers this year we are placing an emphasis on programming and skill development at the intersection of executive functioning and social emotional learning.

Our students are educated throughout the Island community in places of employment and places of enjoyment. MVRHS students are developing their work skills at Felix Neck, Trustees of the Reservation, Thimble Farm, Farm Institute, MSPCA. We also have students participating in the work-study program in a variety of employment settings.

The Voyager continues with the Purple Paws business, where the students make, package, sell and deliver packages of dog treats. The Voyager program is also collaborating with a local business around the opening of a local cafe. The Navigator students continue their work with the Coffee Clipper Cart, practicing interacting with customers and managing money.

Our students are excited to be in action again with Unified Sports participating in Basketball in the Fall and Track and Field in the spring. At all grades, our students are using Naviance to develop skills that help them to reach their goals related to their post-secondary plans.

Some seniors took a trip to Cape Cod Community College in the fall as they are making plans to meet their vision.

### **WELLNESS**

In the past year, the Wellness Department has continued to engage students in peer to peer programming. *NAMI Peer Outreach* is a club that meets to educate and destigmatize mental health challenges within our school community. This is a collaboration with NAMI of MV.

The *SWEAR (Stand with Everyone Against Rape)* program held its first overnight retreat in June 2022. 30 students and 6 staff traveled to Camp Hale in NH. The retreat focused on deconstructing toxic masculinity and exploring the myths and repercussions of gender-based violence.

Our annual assembly was scheduled for December 2022. Our team is in the second year of *TMHFA (Teen Mental Health First Aid)* teaching mental health literacy to sophomore students.

We continue to engage in racial equity and social justice work collaborating with *A Long Talk* for both students and staff, weekly *WOC (Women of Color)* and *BSA (Black Student Alliance)* meetings.

We have implemented the 10 week *STRONG (Supporting Transition Resilience of Newcomer Group)* curriculum for Newcomers to support their development of resilience and adjustment to the United States.

As always we continue to support the social emotional well being of our students by offering 1:1 support (in both English and Portuguese) for issues/concerns students and families may be experiencing. We continue to collaborate with *CONNECT* to end violence; *ICC*; *IWYC*, *IHC Recovery Coaches* and private clinicians to offer support to our students.

## WORLD LANGUAGES

This past year the World Language Department continued to work to further develop our understanding of proficiency and the various means to teach and assess in order to ensure that our students and teachers thoroughly understand where students are in their journey through the various levels of proficiency.

We spent the winter and spring meeting with a consultant from the Avant testing company in order to be able to measure our students' proficiency levels in line with the American Council of Foreign Language and DESE.

We also explored the newly released World Language Standards by participating in collaborative online modules. In the classroom, we continue to focus on the three modes of communication; Interpretive, 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 13 graduates earning the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy and one student earning the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction, as well as a very successful showing for students that took the AP Spanish exam.

We are now offering American Sign Language online through the Bristol Community College and American School for the deaf.

Amy Crawford joined our department to teach Latin and Dr. Daniel Soares and Carlos Trindade joined our department from Brazil to develop our Heritage Portuguese and our Portuguese Language Arts program. We are so excited to welcome them to the department.

In addition, this fall our AP students volunteered their time and language skills to help with 47 Venezuelan and Colombian immigrants who arrived on Martha's Vineyard unannounced.

Three College Board Executives visited the school in October to commend these students for their help. They spoke of the enormous value of using their acquired language skills to make a difference in the lives of others.

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

Respectfully,

SARA DINGLEDY  
Principal

# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. Skipper Manter, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency Union #19  
All Island School Committee

Dear Mr. Manter,

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

I believe good school systems embrace a culture in which everyone who is invested in some manner with our schools, becomes a steward of our schools, establishing a guiding principle in which a genuine positive and caring regard for all children pervades our buildings.

As a steward of MVYPS for over 20 years, and as the new superintendent, I understand the privilege and honor that has been bestowed on me and I embrace and appreciate being entrusted with our schools. Being a part of this talented staff who supports our Island's children is very special for me.

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

- 1) Our work will always reflect the best interest of our students, all students. Their care is the most sustainable work that we do. During my time in MVYPS, I have seen our educators embrace caring as a primary responsibility of our schools. At the same time, promoting the social-emotional welfare of children is a responsibility that must be emphasized to the same degree as instructional measures. As our learners become intelligent problem-solvers, the skills of learning to listen with understanding and empathy become paramount.
- 2) Effective collegial and congenial relationships will highlight our collaborative work in support of our children. The establishment and maintenance of strong and supportive relationships among adults, students, and their families in our community are vital to student learning.
- 3) Trust and effective communication, nurtured by consistent collaboration, strengthens our work with our students, supporting their resilience and achievement. The internal accountability that is fostered through our collaborative practices, promotes the collective efficacy of our students and staff.

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

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

ward to ensure that meaningful progress is made on critical system-wide and school-specific goals in support of our Island's children.

These critical goals include:

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

- The continued support of our children and staff with improved behavioral health interventions, resources, and practices.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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January 23, 2023  
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, 2022.

- FY2022 Assessment
- FY2022 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual
- FY2022 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,  
  
MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

## Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — FY22 Assessment

DESCRIPTION	FY22 AMOUNT						
	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total
Operating & Capital Budget	\$ 23,266,867.01						
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	<u>765,489.00</u>	24,032,356.01					
Less							
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,875,680.00						
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	355,990.55						
Other Revenues	256,827.50						
E&D Offset	<u>600,000.00</u>	4,088,498.05					
FY18 Net Amount for Assessments	\$	<u>19,943,857.96</u>					
<b>Town Apportionments</b>							
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	228,827.00	508,506.00	2,491,679.00	2,471,986.00	2,363,828.00	1,144,138.00	9,208,964.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	22,280.27	564,432.92	2,614,215.65	2,911,285.61	2,866,725.12	1,232,840.34	10,412,302.11
(iii) Transportation	9,098.79	23,050.27	106,759.15	118,890.87	117,071.12	50,346.65	425,216.85
(iii) Capital	10,589.34	26,826.32	124,248.22	138,367.33	136,249.47	58,594.33	494,875.00
(iii) Other Costs	53.50	135.52	627.67	699.00	688.30	296.01	2,500.00
<b>Gross Assessments</b>	471,371.09	1,122,951.04	5,337,529.69	5,641,228.82	5,484,562.00	2,486,215.32	20,543,857.96
Less E&D Offset	12,838.81	32,524.96	150,641.94	167,760.34	165,192.58	71,041.37	600,000.00
<b>FY22 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method</b>	<u>\$ 458,532.28</u>	<u>1,090,426.08</u>	<u>5,186,887.75</u>	<u>5,473,468.48</u>	<u>5,319,369.42</u>	<u>2,415,173.95</u>	<u>19,943,857.96</u>
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)	1.84%	4.46%	23.62%	28.61%	26.25%	15.22%	100.00%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/22)	14	34	180	218	200	116	762

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	\$ 202,797.65	\$ 191,843.68	\$ 10,953.97
Administration: Expenses	12,805.00	18,462.36	(5,657.36)
Administration Subtotal	215,602.65	210,306.04	5,296.61
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	301,400.90	293,604.38	7,796.52
Instruction: Expenses	39,050.00	30,145.82	8,904.18
Instruction Subtotal	340,450.90	323,750.20	16,700.70
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Operations and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,817.67	(1,817.67)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	42,850.00	21,305.99	21,544.01
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	42,850.00	23,123.66	19,726.34
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Cost</b>			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	20,416.00	20,415.99	0.01
Fixed Costs: Expenses	41,297.18	49,132.21	(7,835.03)
Fix Costs Subtotal	61,713.18	69,548.20	(7,835.02)
<b>TOTAL Supt/Shared Services</b>	<b>660,616.73</b>	<b>626,728.10</b>	<b>33,888.63</b>
<b>High School Programs: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	124,397.00	142,057.00	(17,660.00)
Administration: Expenses	125,798.78	201,804.30	(76,005.52)
Administration Total	250,195.78	343,861.30	(93,665.52)
<b>High School Programs: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	10,687,653.75	10,561,916.04	125,737.71
Instruction: Expenses	846,979.58	778,627.66	68,351.92
	11,534,633.33	11,340,543.70	194,089.63
<b>High School Programs: Other School &amp; Community Services</b>			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	2,104,145.47	1,882,997.59	221,147.88
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	911,005.69	833,978.38	77,027.31
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(1,296,176.28)	(1,217,731.27)	(78,445.01)
Other School & Community Subtotal	1,718,974.88	1,499,244.70	219,730.18
<b>High School Programs: Operations and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	626,555.99	538,740.13	87,815.86
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,256,852.73	1,286,902.71	(30,049.98)
Operations and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,883,408.72	1,825,642.84	57,765.88
<b>High School Programs: Fixed Costs</b>			
Employee Retirement	376,095.57	395,568.25	(19,472.68)
Retired Municipal Teachers	603,638.41	832,090.37	(228,451.96)
Other Post Employment Benefits	958,314.00	958,314.00	-
Employee Separations Costs	10,430.00	7,845.00	2,585.00
Insurance - Employee Related	2,561,194.30	2,299,135.99	262,058.31
Insurance -School Related	379,136.70	424,538.06	(45,401.36)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Bus/Vehicle Purchases	301,375.00	296,447.99	4,927.01
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	13,500.00	13,500.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	1,223,766.58	1,222,668.98	1,097.60
Contingency Reserve/Contingency/COVID 19	600,000.00		600,000.00
Fixed Costs Subtotal	7,209,950.56	6,630,108.64	579,841.92
<b>TOTAL High School Programs</b>	<b>22,597,163.27</b>	<b>21,639,401.18</b>	<b>957,762.09</b>
<b>TOTAL Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,257,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,266,129.28</b>	<b>\$ 991,650.72</b>

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District — Balance Sheet, June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Internal Services	Trust & Agency	General Long-Term Obligations	Total
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and Investments	\$ 5,715,545.19	\$ (253,188.43)	\$ 648,118.19	\$ -	\$ 464,241.91	\$ -	\$ 6,574,716.86
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,715,545.19</b>	<b>(253,188.43)</b>	<b>648,118.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>464,241.91</b>	<b>360,000.00</b>	<b>6,934,716.86</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>							
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	935,349.32	65,975.54	-	-	53,415.25	-	\$ 1,054,740.11
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,232,807.55	142,782.60	-	-	363,091.80	-	\$ 1,738,681.95
Withholdings	(5,856.24)	-	-	-	-	-	\$ (5,856.24)
Other Liabilities	64,298.05	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 64,298.05
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	360,000.00	\$ 360,000.00
Total Liabilities	2,226,598.68	208,758.14	-	-	416,507.05	360,000.00	3,211,863.87
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	614,270.24	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 614,270.24
Reserved for expenditures E&D/Other	963,780.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 963,780.00
Excess and Deficiency/Undesignated Fund	1,910,896.27	(461,946.57)	648,118.19	-	47,734.86	-	\$ 2,144,802.75
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>3,488,946.51</b>	<b>(461,946.57)</b>	<b>648,118.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,734.86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 3,722,852.99</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 5,715,545.19</b>	<b>\$ (253,188.43)</b>	<b>\$ 648,118.19</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 464,241.91</b>	<b>\$ 360,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,934,716.86</b>

# Up-Island Regional School District of Martha's Vineyard

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January 26, 2023  
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, 2022.

FY2022 Assessment

FY2022 Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

FY2022 Balance Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

**Up-Island Regional School District — FY2022 Assessment**

	TOTAL	AQUINNAH	CHILMARK	WEST TISBURY	TOTAL
<b>ASSESSMENT PART A (SHARED)</b>	\$ 1,658,807.40	191,594.78	337,811.84	1,129,400.78	1,658,807.40
<b>ASSESSMENT PART B (SCH COMM)</b>	2,323,953.50	268,420.16	473,267.13	1,582,266.21	2,323,953.50
School Committee Medicaid Offset	(10,600.00)	(1,224.32)	(2,158.66)	(7,217.02)	(10,600.00)
<b>TOTAL PART A &amp; B</b>	<b>3,972,160.90</b>	<b>458,790.62</b>	<b>808,920.30</b>	<b>2,704,449.97</b>	<b>3,972,160.90</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT PART C</b>					
Chilmark Operating Budget	1,462,141.27	398,765.80	697,840.15	365,535.32	1,462,141.27
Chilmark School Choice Offset	(33,073.00)	(9,019.91)	(15,784.84)	(8,268.25)	(33,073.00)
W. Tisbury Operating Budget	7,669,479.49	699,671.81	1,237,880.90	5,731,926.78	7,669,479.49
W. Tisbury Circuit Breaker Offset	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury School Choice Offset	(266,403.00)	(24,303.43)	(42,998.38)	(199,101.19)	(266,403.00)
<b>TOTAL PART C</b>	<b>8,832,144.76</b>	<b>1,065,114.27</b>	<b>1,876,937.83</b>	<b>5,890,092.66</b>	<b>8,832,144.76</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT PART D</b>					
Chilmark Principal & Interest	-	-	-	-	-
W. Tisbury Exterior Renovations	151,968.75	10,972.14	19,421.61	121,575.00	151,968.75
Short-Term Borrowing - WT	85,072.50	6,142.23	10,872.27	68,058.00	85,072.50
Short-Term Borrowing - CH	33,083.75	3,450.64	26,467.00	3,166.11	33,083.75
<b>TOTAL PART D</b>	<b>\$270,125.00</b>	<b>\$20,565.01</b>	<b>\$56,760.88</b>	<b>\$192,799.11</b>	<b>\$270,125.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PART A, B, C &amp; D</b>	<b>\$13,074,430.66</b>	<b>\$1,544,469.91</b>	<b>\$2,742,619.01</b>	<b>\$8,787,341.74</b>	<b>\$13,074,430.66</b>

	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL CHOICE	CIRCUIT BREAKER	MEDICAID
<b>ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENT</b>				
Chapter 70 - State Aid	879,292.00	(\$299,476.00 to be used to offset FY22 Budget, see above)	-	(\$10,600 to be used to offset FY22 Budget, see above)
Chapter 71 - Reg'l Transportation	177,244.10			
Charter School Sending Tuition	(1,141,557.00)			
Charter School Tuition Reimbursements	39,315.00			
SPED Circuit Breaker	-			10,600.00
Medicaid Reimbursements	36,000.00			
School Choice Sending Tuition	(71,545.00)			
School Choice Receiving Tuition	-	299,476.00		
<b>Total Reimbursements</b>	<b>(81,250.90)</b>	<b>299,476.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,600.00</b>
<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>				
E&D Offset	98,779.00			
Interest Income	25,000.00			
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00			
<b>Total Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>127,779.00</b>			

E&D Offset	98,779.00
Interest Income	25,000.00
Misc. Revenue	4,000.00
<b>Total Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>127,779.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$46,528.10</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$13,027,902.56</b>
	<b>\$5,476.36</b>
	<b>\$9,440.55</b>
	<b>\$31,611.19</b>
	<b>\$8,755,730.55</b>
	<b>\$13,027,902.56</b>

**UIRSD FY 2022 FORMULAS**

	School Attended		Total	Does Not Include Students Tuitioned Out-of-District
	Chilmark	West Tisbury		
<b>Town of Residence</b>				
Aquinnah	12	26	38	Charter School 44
Chilmark	21	46	67	School Choice 13
West Tisbury	11	213	224	Shared Services 3
<b>District Enrollment</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>329</b>	Residential 0
School Choice	6	56	62	
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>391</b>	FY20 Foundation Enrollment = 402

Cost Share For Part "A" & "B"	Based on the total enrollment per town divided by the total district enrollment.
<b>Supt &amp; Sch. Comm.:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b> 11.55% <b>Chilmark</b> = 20.36% <b>W. Tisbury</b> = 68.09%
Cost Share For Part "C" Sites	Based on the enrollment per town in each school divided by the district enrollment of each school.
<b>Chilmark School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b> 27.27% <b>Chilmark</b> = 47.73% <b>W. Tisbury</b> = 25.00%
<b>W. Tisbury School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b> 9.12% <b>Chilmark</b> = 16.14% <b>W. Tisbury</b> = 74.74%
Cost Share For Part "D" Debt	Owning Town pays at least 80%; non-owning Towns pay remaining 20% based on enrollment per Town.
<b>Chilmark School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b> 10.43% <b>Chilmark</b> = 80.00% <b>W. Tisbury</b> = 9.57%
<b>W. Tisbury School:</b>	<b>Aquinnah</b> 7.22% <b>Chilmark</b> = 12.78% <b>W. Tisbury</b> = 80.00%

Up-Island Regional School District — Budget and Actual Expenditures, June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>SUPT/SHARED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 1,658,807.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,564,492.54</b>	<b>\$ 94,314.86</b>
WT PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	448,124.52	444,879.94	3,244.58
WT TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	3,094,603.53	3,053,715.76	40,887.77
WT UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	85,850.00	85,869.77	(19.77)
WT FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	57,852.00	56,237.61	1,614.39
WT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	30,950.00	20,139.66	10,810.34
WT INSTR COMPUTERS EXP & SALARIES/COPIERS/AUDIO VISUAL	256,755.09	267,650.20	(10,895.11)
WT FURNITURE EXPENSE	10,000.00	9,883.64	116.36
WT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXP & SALARIES	1,145,414.55	1,052,682.33	92,732.22
WT LIBRARY SERVICES EXP & SALARIES	139,617.17	136,811.29	2,805.88
WT GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT EXP & SALARIES	232,208.18	232,715.24	(507.06)
WT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES EXP & SALARIES	114,821.47	117,800.56	(2,979.09)
WT CUSTODIAL SERVICES EXP & SALARIES	286,006.65	290,008.71	(4,002.06)
WT UTILITIES	92,600.00	96,814.31	(4,214.31)
WT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	178,280.00	304,376.26	(126,096.26)
WT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	1,100,053.32	1,073,622.76	26,430.56
WT INSURANCE	129,940.00	140,899.32	(10,959.32)
<b>TOTAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL</b>	<b>7,403,076.48</b>	<b>7,384,107.36</b>	<b>18,969.12</b>

CH PRINCIPALS OFFICE SALARIES & EXPENSES	179,421.73	169,972.66	9,449.07
CH TEACHERS/STAFF SALARIES	556,019.63	609,529.79	(53,510.16)
CH UNDISTRIBUTED SUPPLIES, TEXTBOOKS, MISC	34,150.00	29,911.20	4,238.80
CH ENRICHMENT/FIELD TRIPS/PROGRAMS	14,602.00	7,952.00	6,650.00
CH CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	8,200.00	75.00	8,125.00
CH INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTERS EXP & SALARIES/COPIERS	75,684.00	73,237.77	2,446.23
CH FURNITURE	300.00	72.99	227.01
CH SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXP & SALARIES	104,903.77	102,998.07	1,905.70
CH LIBRARY SERVICES EXP & SALARIES	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
CH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT EXP & SALARIES	44,188.36	44,188.00	0.36
CH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES EXP & SALARIES	60,395.60	85,224.30	(24,828.70)
CH CUSTODIAL SERVICES EXP & SALARIES	89,916.57	82,263.73	7,652.84
CH UTILITIES	29,000.00	34,211.17	(5,211.17)
CH GENERAL MAINTENANCE	62,925.00	65,818.26	(2,893.26)
CH EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	144,023.62	147,734.35	(3,710.73)
CH INSURANCE	23,338.00	27,642.24	(4,304.24)
<b>TOTAL CHILMARK SCHOOL</b>	<b>1,429,068.28</b>	<b>1,480,831.53</b>	<b>(51,763.25)</b>
SCHOOL COMMITTEE/DISTRICT	1,941,438.55	1,930,365.44	11,073.11
DEBT	270,125.00	261,369.00	8,756.00
TRANSPORTATION	273,135.95	272,124.94	1,011.01
RESERVE DISTRICT	98,779.00	-	98,779.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>2,583,478.50</b>	<b>2,463,859.38</b>	<b>119,619.12</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 13,074,430.66</b>	<b>\$ 12,893,290.81</b>	<b>\$ 181,139.85</b>

Up-Island Regional School District — Balance Sheet, June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	Special		Capital		Trust &		General	
	Revenue	Projects	Enterprise	Agency	Obligations	Long-Term	Total	
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,324,197.81	\$ 474,281.77	\$ 1,037,503.57	\$ -	\$ 57,956.81	\$ -	\$ 3,893,939.96	
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	-	398,000.00	\$ 398,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,324,197.81</b>	<b>474,281.77</b>	<b>1,037,503.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,956.81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,291,939.96</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Warrants/Accounts Payable	418,266.45	10,873.48	5,765.00	3,324.00	-	-	\$ 438,228.93	
Accrued Payroll/Withholdings	692,435.47	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 692,435.47	
Other Liabilities	24,694.28	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 24,694.28	
Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 398,000.00	
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,135,396.20</b>	<b>10,873.48</b>	<b>5,765.00</b>	<b>3,324.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,553,358.68</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>								
Reserved for Encumbrances	77,577.71	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 77,577.71	
Reserved for Expenditures E&D/Other	341,088.86	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 341,088.86	
Undesignated Fund Balance	770,135.04	463,408.29	1,031,738.57	54,632.81	-	-	\$ 2,319,914.71	
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>1,188,801.61</b>	<b>463,408.29</b>	<b>1,031,738.57</b>	<b>54,632.81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,581.28</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,324,197.81</b>	<b>\$ 474,281.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,037,503.57</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 57,956.81</b>	<b>\$ 398,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,291,939.96</b>	

Town of Aquinnah  
 FY2022 Final Budget/FY23 Appropriations/FY24 Proposed Operating Budget  
 Annual Town Meeting May 9, 2023

	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024	
	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase	
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
Telephone	\$ 19,875	\$ 14,300	\$ 27,500			
Advertising	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 11,000			
Postage	\$ 2,625	\$ 2,625	\$ 3,500			
Supplies	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 6,000			
Vehicle Lease	\$ 19,199	\$ 19,199	\$ 19,199			
<b>General Town Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,099</b>	<b>\$ 50,524</b>	<b>\$ 67,199</b>	<b>\$ 16,675</b>	<b>33.0%</b>	
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
Selectmen - Salaries	\$ 17,189	\$ 17,160	\$ 17,160			
Selectmen - Consultant Fees	\$ 6,360	\$ 6,360	\$ 3,000			
Selectmen - Expenses	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150			
Selectmen - Ceremonial Use	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ -			
<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>\$ 26,879</b>	<b>\$ 26,850</b>	<b>\$ 23,310</b>	<b>\$ (3,540)</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>	
Administrator - Salary	\$ 115,759	122,795	\$ 136,806			
Administrator - Expenses	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200			
<b>Administrator</b>	<b>\$ 119,959</b>	<b>\$ 126,995</b>	<b>\$ 141,006</b>	<b>\$ 14,010</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	
Finance Committee Expenses	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100			
Finance Committee Reserve Fund	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000			
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>\$ 26,100</b>	<b>\$ 26,100</b>	<b>\$ 26,100</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Financial Audit</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
Town Accountant - Wages	\$ 56,311	59,730	\$ 106,446			
Accounting Clerk - Wages	\$ 20,945	22,214	\$ 24,751			
Town Accountant - Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
<b>Town Accountant</b>	<b>\$ 78,756</b>	<b>\$ 83,444</b>	<b>\$ 132,697</b>	<b>\$ 49,253</b>	<b>59.0%</b>	
Assessor - Expenses	\$ 54,100	\$ 46,000	\$ 53,340			
<b>Assessors</b>	<b>\$ 54,100</b>	<b>\$ 46,000</b>	<b>\$ 53,340</b>	<b>\$ 7,340</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	

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	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024	
	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase	
Treasurer Salary	\$ 62,904	63,579	\$ 68,873			
Treasurer - Expenses	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ 13,630			
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>\$ 65,354</b>	<b>\$ 66,029</b>	<b>\$ 82,503</b>	<b>\$ 16,474</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	
Tax Collector - Wages	\$ 46,395	47,784	\$ 54,820			
Tax Collector - Longevity	\$ 464	\$ 478	\$ 548			
Certification Stipend	\$ 1,000	-	-			
Tax Collector - Expenses	\$ 4,960	\$ 4,960	\$ 4,960			
<b>Tax Collector</b>	<b>\$ 52,819</b>	<b>\$ 53,222</b>	<b>\$ 60,329</b>	<b>\$ 7,107</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	
<b>Legal</b>	<b>\$ 71,250</b>	<b>\$ 90,000</b>	<b>\$ 90,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Data Processing</b>	<b>\$ 79,355</b>	<b>\$ 73,500</b>	<b>\$ 81,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	
Town Clerk - Salary	\$ 38,858	41,228	\$ 57,394			
Town Clerk - Expenses	\$ 2,950	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700			
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 41,808</b>	<b>\$ 43,928</b>	<b>\$ 60,094</b>	<b>\$ 16,166</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	
<b>Elections</b>	<b>\$ 1,600</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ (1,500)</b>	<b>-50.0%</b>	
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 71,392</b>	<b>\$ 80,199</b>	<b>\$ 80,199</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Town Report</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 770,651</b>	<b>\$ 794,970</b>	<b>\$ 924,456</b>	<b>\$ 129,486</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS/BLDGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>						
PW Director - Public Works Salary	\$ 99,298	\$ 103,669	\$ 115,487			
Highway/Public Works Foreman	\$ 68,673	\$ 72,286	\$ 80,534			
Highway/Public Works Temporary/Seasonal	\$ -	\$ 6,568	\$ 9,750			
Public Works Bldg Maint Wages	\$ 6,839	\$ 14,752	\$ 15,958			
Property Management Wages	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000			
Bldgs/Grounds Service & Maintenance	\$ 34,208	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000			

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	Final Budget	Appropriations	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase	% Increase	
Bldgs/Grounds Utilities	\$ 30,292	\$ 22,000	\$ 24,200			
Bldgs/Grounds Storage Unit Rental	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,512	\$ 2,430			
Bldgs/Grounds Supplies	\$ 14,986	\$ 12,200	\$ 13,000			
Bldgs/Grounds Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 7,200	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000			
Public Wks Snow/Ice Removal	\$ 31,790	\$ 10,759	\$ 10,759			
PW Highway Road Maint Contractors	\$ 19,820	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000			
PW Highway Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 5,614	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000			
PW Highway Supplies Expense	\$ 14,300	\$ 13,300	\$ 13,700			
PW Highway Continuing Ed Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
Public Wks Cemetery Expenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000			
<b>PUBLIC WORKS/BLDGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 344,032</b>	<b>\$ 308,546</b>	<b>\$ 342,318</b>	<b>\$ 33,772</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
Police Chief - Salary	\$ 145,367	\$ 149,738	\$ 157,206			
Police Officers - Wages	\$ 465,294	\$ 497,591	\$ 506,560			
Police Officers - Longevity	\$ 14,809	\$ 16,921	\$ 18,743			
Police Department - Expenses	\$ 45,825	\$ 47,325	\$ 48,325			
<b>Police Department</b>	<b>\$ 671,295</b>	<b>\$ 711,575</b>	<b>\$ 730,834</b>	<b>\$ 19,259</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	
Fire Chief - Salary	\$ 41,200	\$ 41,200	\$ 43,260			
Firefighters - Wages	\$ 34,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000			
Fire Department - Expenses	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600			
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>\$ 118,800</b>	<b>\$ 120,800</b>	<b>\$ 122,860</b>	<b>\$ 2,060</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	
<b>Ambulance Service</b>	<b>\$ 390,622</b>	<b>\$ 371,274</b>	<b>\$ 428,343</b>	<b>\$ 57,069</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	
Emergency Mgmt. - Pay	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000			
Emergency Mgmt. - Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000			
<b>Emergency Management</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Animal Control Officer - Pay	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000			
Animal Officer - Expenses	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200			
<b>Dog Officer</b>	<b>\$ 7,200</b>	<b>\$ 7,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,200</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	

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Shellfish Constable - Wages	\$ 46,403	47,796	\$ 54,843		
Shellfish Constable - Longevity	\$ 1,856	1,912	2,194		
Temporary/Seasonal Employee	\$ 1,500	1,500	1,500		
MV Shellfish Group Assessment	\$ 38,000	39,000	39,000		
Shellfish/Harbormaster - Expenses	\$ 14,405	12,875	12,875		
<b>Shellfish / Harbormaster</b>	<b>\$ 102,164</b>	<b>\$ 103,083</b>	<b>\$ 110,412</b>	<b>\$ 7,329</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>\$ 1,292,081</b>	<b>\$ 1,315,931</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,649</b>	<b>\$ 93,718</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
Gas & Oil	\$ 25,000	25,000	25,000		
Ferry Travel	\$ 3,000	3,000	3,000		
<b>TRAVEL</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>					
Landfill Drop-off - Wages	\$ 20,496	23,915	26,647		
Landfill Drop-off - District Assess.	\$ 25,404	24,050	24,293		
Landfill Drop-off - Expenses	\$ 41,700	43,500	43,500		
<b>Board of Health - Landfill</b>	<b>\$ 87,600</b>	<b>\$ 91,465</b>	<b>\$ 94,440</b>	<b>\$ 2,974</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Board of Health Clerk - Wages	\$ 26,322	26,459	28,462		
Board of Health Inspector - Wages	\$ 3,600	3,600	3,600		
Board of Health - Nursing	\$ 5,700	6,700	6,700		
Board of Health - Expenses	\$ 5,250	4,250	4,250		
<b>Board of Health - General</b>	<b>\$ 40,872</b>	<b>\$ 41,009</b>	<b>\$ 43,012</b>	<b>\$ 2,003</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Up-Island COA Services	\$ 53,500	54,369	55,150		
<b>Board of Health - Councils on Aging</b>	<b>\$ 53,500</b>	<b>\$ 54,369</b>	<b>\$ 55,150</b>	<b>\$ 781</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Homesite Clerk - Wages	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000		
Homesite Committee - Expenses	\$ 250	250	250		
DC Housing Authority Assess.	\$ 11,350	11,565	12,988		
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>\$ 12,600</b>	<b>\$ 12,815</b>	<b>\$ 14,238</b>	<b>\$ 1,423</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>	<b>\$ 194,572</b>	<b>\$ 199,658</b>	<b>\$ 206,840</b>	<b>\$ 7,182</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
<b>LAND USE</b>					
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ 200</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Planning Board Clerk - Wages	\$ 36,094	36,558	43,926		
Planning Board - Expenses	\$ 4,750	4,750	4,750		
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>\$ 40,844</b>	<b>\$ 41,308</b>	<b>\$ 48,676</b>	<b>\$ 7,368</b>	<b>17.8%</b>
<b>Board of Appeals</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>M.V. Commission</b>	<b>\$ 41,486</b>	<b>\$ 44,993</b>	<b>\$ 53,647</b>	<b>\$ 8,654</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
Building Inspector - Pay	\$ 10,000	10,000	12,000		
Building Inspector Clerk - Wages	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000		
Building Inspector - Expenses	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000		
<b>Building Inspector</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL LAND USE</b>	<b>\$ 94,630</b>	<b>\$ 98,601</b>	<b>\$ 116,623</b>	<b>\$ 18,022</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Library Director - Salary	\$ 51,521	54,666	60,891		
Library - Wages	\$ 64,605	67,376	75,480		
Library - Expenses	\$ 45,725	45,325	48,925		
<b>Library</b>	<b>\$ 161,851</b>	<b>\$ 167,367</b>	<b>\$ 185,296</b>	<b>\$ 17,928</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
<b>Arts / Culture</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Parking Wages	\$ 41,072	55,000	35,000		
Restrooms Cleaning/Monitoring	\$ -	\$ -	30,000		
Restrooms Maintenance	\$ 22,100	8,800	12,000		
Parking/Restrooms Expenses	\$ 63,172	\$ 63,800	\$ 100,000	\$ 36,200	56.7%
<b>Recreational Facilities - Parking/Bathrooms</b>					

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Lighthouse Wages		\$ 32,549	\$ 32,549		
Lighthouse Keeper	\$ 8,668	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800		
Bldgs/Grounds Maint - Lighthouse	\$ 3,502	\$ 5,500	\$ 8,000		
Lighthouse Expenses	\$ 2,250	\$ 4,350	\$ 2,000		
<b>Recreational Facilities - Lighthouse</b>	<b>\$ 14,420</b>	<b>\$ 55,199</b>	<b>\$ 55,349</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Community Programs Expenses	\$ 3,739	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000		
Dukes County - Vineyard Health Care Access	\$ 11,815	\$ 12,517	\$ 13,685		
Dukes County - Social Services Program	\$ 1,352	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,404		
Dukes County - Homelessness Prevention	\$ 1,674	\$ 1,664	\$ 1,805		
Dukes County - SUD Coalition	\$ -	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,472		
Dukes County - MV Center for Living	\$ 15,614	\$ 14,819	\$ 17,495		
Dukes County - CORE program	\$ 3,066	\$ 2,955	\$ 3,083		
Dukes County - First Stop	\$ 281	\$ 271	\$ -		
Dukes County - Healthy Aging MV	\$ 3,208	\$ 3,092	\$ 3,629		
Dukes County - Overhead	\$ -	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,378		
Dukes County - HHS building debt	\$ 5,850	\$ 5,720	\$ 5,590		
<b>Community Programs</b>	<b>\$ 46,599</b>	<b>\$ 48,864</b>	<b>\$ 55,541</b>	<b>\$ 6,677</b>	<b>13.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>\$ 287,542</b>	<b>\$ 336,730</b>	<b>\$ 397,686</b>	<b>\$ 60,955</b>	<b>18.1%</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Elementary School Assessment	\$ 1,516,994	\$ 1,522,018	\$ 1,776,417		
High School Assessment	\$ 458,532	\$ 460,394	\$ 432,432		
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,975,526</b>	<b>\$ 1,982,412</b>	<b>\$ 2,208,849</b>	<b>\$ 226,437</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>DEBT</b>					
Long-Term Debt Principal & Interest	\$ 30,855	\$ 30,598	\$ 34,149		
Long-Term Debt Principal & Interest	\$ 51,646	\$ 51,247	\$ 59,220		
<b>DEBT</b>	<b>\$ 82,501</b>	<b>\$ 81,845</b>	<b>\$ 93,369</b>	<b>\$ 11,524</b>	<b>14.1%</b>

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County Retirement Assessment	\$ 199,946	\$ 213,295	\$ 220,833		
OPEB Trust Contribution	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -		
OPEB Trust Fiduciary Assessment	\$ 645	\$ 750	\$ 750		
Workers Compensation	\$ 15,041	\$ 5,928	\$ 5,928		
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 11,817	\$ 12,474	\$ 12,474		
Health/Dental/Life Insurance	\$ 281,399	\$ 396,479	\$ 416,303		
Medicare/Social Security - Town	\$ 21,215	\$ 20,889	\$ 20,889		
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-RETIREMENT</b>	<b>\$ 555,063</b>	<b>\$ 674,815</b>	<b>\$ 677,177</b>	<b>\$ 2,362</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 5,624,598</b>	<b>\$ 5,821,509</b>	<b>\$ 6,404,967</b>	<b>\$ 583,458</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

# Warrant for Aquinnah Annual Town Meeting

TOWN OF AQUINNAH  
MAY 9, 2023  
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 Aquinnah Town Hall in said Town on the Ninth day of May, 2023 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 Eleventh day of May, 2023 at twelve noon, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of officers, ballot questions and 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 11, 2023.

## ARTICLE ONE:

To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot

One member of the Board of Selectmen for three years

Two members of the Planning Board for three years

One member of the Planning Board for one year

One member of the Board of Health for three years

One Town Clerk for three years

One Library Trustee for three years

## Question One:

Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to assess an additional One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operating the Up-Island Regional Schools for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023?

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 2024 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; provided however, that the amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) set out under a portion of the Up-Island Regional School District shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of the voters casting ballots at the Annual town election to be held on May 11, 2023, vote in the affirmative to override Proposition 2-1/2, so called. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

## ARTICLE FOUR

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to paint and make emergency repairs to town buildings, including the Town Hall, Town Comfort Station at Aquinnah Circle and Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

## ARTICLE FIVE

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$18,876.20) to be paid to the Up-Island regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to electrical service upgrades and heating system

equipment replacement in or on the West Tisbury School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto, provided however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE SIX**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$2,990.00) to fund the Town's share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for continuing community education in Fiscal Year 2024, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$6,958.68) to be paid to Sgt. Paul Manning for unpaid Fiscal Year 2021 longevity payment as allowed by the police contract. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred (\$2,100.00) for the purchase of a new printer for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE NINE**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and Six Cents (\$73,406.06) to pay outstanding cost overruns in design, feasibility of repairs and additions to Town buildings, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE TEN**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents (\$23,476.97) as the Town's share of

Fiscal Year 2024 costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communications System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. Funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such cost in Fiscal Year 2024 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to renew its option for transportation engineering services for design work and/or technical analysis of Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission for Fiscal Year 2024, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

#### **ARTICLE TWELVE**

To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter XXIX of the Town of Aquinnah General Bylaws, entitled "Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration," for the purpose of restricting and prohibiting new building construction and substantial renovation projects that are not fossil fuel free, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR XX, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto. This shall take effect only if Aquinnah is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources as a Participating Community pursuant to 225 CMR XX.

#### **Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration**

§ 1 Definitions

§ 2 Purpose

§ 3 Applicability

§ 4 Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration

§ 5 Amendments to the Specialized Energy Code

§ 6 Building Permits

§ 7 Waivers

§ 8 Appeals

## § 1 Definitions

**Effective Date** -- The provisions of this bylaw shall take effect on January 1, 2024, provided that the Town's participation in the Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration has been approved by the Commonwealth's Department of Energy Resources.

**Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration** – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 24.00, the Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration.

**Review Board** -- A Town board, established and appointed by the Select Board, whose members shall have the experience and expertise necessary to perform the functions and requirements of reviewing waivers and appeals as set out in Chapter XXIX, Sec. 7 and 8 of this Bylaw. The Review Board shall have at least three (3) members serving three-year staggered terms. Review Board members shall be considered special municipal employees for purposes of G. L. c. 268A. The Select Board, in its discretion, may serve as the Review Board in lieu of appointing Review Board members.

**Specialized Energy Code** – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch energy code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050.

**Major Renovation** -- Alteration of an existing building in which the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area. [See 2015 IEBC section 505.1]

**Work Area** – The portion or portions of a building consisting of all reconfigured spaces as indicated on the construction documents. Work areas exclude other portions of the building where incidental work entailed by the intended work must be performed and portions of the building where work not initially

intended by the owner is specifically required by the IEBC code. [See 2015 IEBC section 202]

## § 2 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the health and welfare of Town inhabitants and to protect the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which cause climate change, and by reducing other air pollutants. The Town seeks to do this by participating in XX CMR XX, also referred to as the Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration, to prohibit new building construction and Major Renovations that are not fossil fuel free.

## § 3 Applicability

The restrictions in this bylaw apply to residential and commercial buildings that qualify as new construction or Major Renovation. These restrictions shall not apply to research laboratories for scientific or medical research, hospitals and medical offices regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility as defined in XX CMR XX.

## § 4 Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration

The Fossil Fuel Free Demonstration, as codified by the entirety of XX CMR XX, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Aquinnah General Bylaws, Chapter XXIX.

## § 5 Amendments to the Specialized Energy Code

With adoption of the Fossil Fuel-Free Demonstration, and upon approval by the Department of Energy Resources, the following amendments to the Specialized Energy Code are adopted. These changes are enforceable by the inspector of buildings and will go into effect for any project seeking a permit after the Effective Date.

- a. **Low-rise Residential Code (225 CMR 22 Appendix RC)** Sections RC102 and RC101 “Zero Energy Pathway” and “Mixed Fuel Pathway” shall not be permitted for use for new construction or major renovations.
- b. **Commercial and All Other (225 CMR 23 Appendix CC)** Sections CC103 and CC105 “Zero Energy Pathway” and “Mixed-Fuel Pathway” shall not be permitted for new construction or major renovations, with the following exceptions:

1. Research laboratories for scientific or medical research,
2. Hospitals regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility,
3. Medical offices regulated by the department of public health as a health care facility,
4. Buildings heated with Clean Biomass Heating Systems as defined in 225 CMR 23 as the only combustion equipment,
5. Multi-family buildings over 12,000 square feet with permit application filed prior to January 1, 2027 may utilize gas or propane for domestic water heating as the only combustion equipment.

**§ 6. Building Permits**

On and after the Effective Date,

- a. Any application for a building permit for a new building or a Major Renovation must identify the means of heating, cooling, and hot water that will be used in the building.
- b. The Town will grant a building permit for a new building or a Major Renovation only if the building will comply with the restrictions in this bylaw.

**§ 7. Waivers**

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

3. The Review Board, or the Select Board if in its discretion it chooses, may issue guidance on the granting of waivers and the imposition of conditions, to be periodically amended in light of experience under this bylaw. The Review Board shall submit its proposed guidance to the Select Board for review before the guidance becomes effective, which may offer amendments or additions. The Review Board's decisions on waiver requests shall be final, with the exception of judicial review as provided for in Section 8b. below.

**§ 8 Appeals**

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

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN**

To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter XXX of the Town of Aquinnah General Bylaws, entitled "Specialized Energy Code" for the purpose of restricting and prohibiting new building construction and substantial renovation projects that are not fossil fuel free, pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR XX, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto. This shall take effect only if Aquinnah is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources as a Participating Community pursuant to 225 CMR XX.

## Specialized Energy Code

§ 1 Definitions

§ 2 Purpose

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### § 1 Definitions

**International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)** – The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards and published in state regulations as part of 780 CMR.

**Specialized Energy Code** – Codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, the Specialized Energy Code adds residential and commercial appendices to the Massachusetts Stretch Energy Code, based on amendments to the respective net-zero appendices of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to incorporate the energy efficiency of the Stretch Energy Code and further reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code, with the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from the buildings sector no later than 2050.

**Stretch Energy Code** - Codified by the combination of 225 CMR 22 and 23, not including Appendices RC and CC, the Stretch Energy Code is a comprehensive set of amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) seeking to achieve all lifecycle cost-effective energy efficiency in accordance with the Green Communities Act of 2008, as well as to reduce the climate impacts of buildings built to this code.

### § 2 Purpose

The purpose of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, also referred to as the Specialized Energy Code, is to

provide a more energy efficient and low greenhouse gas emissions alternative to the Stretch Energy Code or the baseline Massachusetts Energy Code, applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

### § 3 Applicability

This energy code applies to residential and commercial buildings.

### § 4 Specialized Code

The Specialized Code, as codified by the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC, including any future editions, amendments, or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Aquinnah General Bylaws, Chapter XXX. The Specialized Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings.

### ARTICLE FOURTEEN (4/5 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$6,825.00) to pay Crosswater Landscape for services related to landscape maintenance at Aquinnah Circle in FY 2022, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

### ARTICLE FIFTEEN (4/5 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$4,317.22) to pay Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering for an outstanding invoice from FY 2022 for services related to surveying work related to clearing view channels on Moshup Trail at the request of Carlos Montoya and Peter Temple, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

### ARTICLE SIXTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the auxiliary generator at the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

### ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the amount

of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) for the purpose of funding sailing programs offered during the summer, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN** (2/3 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to take the necessary steps to convey its title to Set-Off Lot 341 to the Heirs of Shirley A. Francis Jardin. (By petition)

**ARTICLE NINETEEN**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to purchase and install equipment to facilitate video conferencing of meetings at the Town Offices, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars to purchase and install wireless speaker system for the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE**

To see if the Town will vote to take 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 TWENTY-TWO**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Three Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$35,703.26) for highway construction or improvements from the Town of Aquinnah's Chapter 90 local transportation aid apportionment from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for FY 2024, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the short-term rental tax from four percent (4%) to six percent (6%) and assess a two and one-half percent (2.5%) administrative fee as allowed under M.G.L. Ch. 64G,

sec. 3A, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to purchase and install mini-split heating/cooling units in the offices of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Accountant in the Town Office building, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE**

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept a gift of land from the East Pasture Trust, West Basin Trust, Jane Bernstein and The James D. Bernstein GST – Credit Shelter Trust, consisting of approximately .38 acres of unimproved land located at Off Moshup Trail (Assessors' Map 10, Parcels 37 and 38) for purposes of expanding the Philbin Beach parking lot and access to Philbin Beach, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX** (4/5 vote required)

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to pay unpaid overtime due the Town Highway Supervisor for work in prior years, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN**

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 2024 Community Preservation revenues of **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000)**. Thirty percent of those funds shall be allotted in the following amounts as required by Community Preservation legislation:

*\$30,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and,*

*\$30,000 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve; and,*

*\$30,000 to the Community Preservation Housing 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:

- \$15,000 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve; and,*
- \$20,000 to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve; and,*
- \$172,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and,*
- \$3,000 to FY '24 CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.*

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT**

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:

- \$7,000 (seven thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the restoration, preservation, display, and storage of documents and artifacts within the Aquinnah Conservation Commission's archival collection, and
- \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the restoration of the Gay Head Community Baptist Church Meetinghouse , including restoration and reinforcement of the bell tower, steeple and roof structure, as well as the exterior trim, shingles and paint, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE**

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 Harbor Homes, and

**\$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA's Rental Assistance program, and

**\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for pre-development and permitting costs for Affordable Housing efforts in Aquinnah, and

**\$2,900 (two thousand nine hundred dollars)** to be transferred from previously appropriated FY '22 Covid-19 Rental Subsidy funds, to the DCRHA's Aquinnah Rental Assistance program, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY**

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 the proposed playground behind Aquinnah Town Hall, and

**\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for additional design and permitting costs for new bathrooms at the Aquinnah Circle, and

**\$87,840 (eighty-seven thousand eight hundred and forty dollars)** for ongoing mortgage costs related to capital improvements at the Aquinnah Circle and the Acquisition of #13 Aquinnah Circle; including an additional \$20,000 paydown of principal on the Capital Improvements at Aquinnah Circle portion of mortgage, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Community Housing funds, from proceeds to be received from the Island Housing Trust from the conservation of a portion of the Smalley's Knoll property,

for the undertaking of the following **Community Housing** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

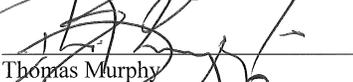
**\$90,400 (ninety thousand four hundred dollars)** to be dedicated to the reduction or pay down of principal on the Town of Aquinnah's Town Center Apartments borrowing amount (as approved in FY '23), thereby reducing the previously approved \$400,000 borrowing total to \$309,600, or take any action relative thereto.

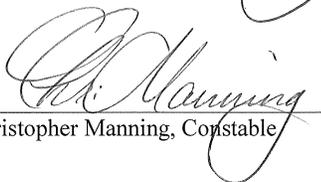
**ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO**

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Dollars (\$13,003.00) to pay charges for FY 2024 lease on the Town Police Cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at the Schoolhouse/Library and Town Hall in said Town at least seven days prior to time of 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 Eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three we the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen.

  
 Julianne Vanderhoop, Chairman  
  
 Thomas Murphy  
  
 Gary Haley

  
 Christopher Manning, Constable

Posted: April 12, 2023

# Town Hall Telephone List

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