

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF  
AQUINNAH**



**For The Year Ending June 30,**

**2016**

**With Which is Included the  
ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS**

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## ***Memoriam***

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### **Steven George Roth**

Cemetery Commission 2005 - 2016

Steven George Roth was born on December 18, 1948 to Russell and Arline Roth of Bernville, PA. He spent three years in the Peace Corp in Peru. His career was in advertising as a writer and he later specialized in educational materials for pharmaceuticals. He retired to Aquinnah in 2002.



## ***Dedication***



**Priscilla Belain**

Thank you for your 25 years of dedicated service  
as beach and bathroom attendant for the Town of Aquinnah

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# Aquinnah Town Officers

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## ELECTED

	Term Expires
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	
Julianne Vanderhoop	2017
James Newman, Chairman	2018
Gary Haley	2019
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	
Michael Stutz, Chairman	2017
Darren Leport	2018
Ted Cammann/Elise LeBovit	2019
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Carolyn Feltz	2017
<b>MODERATOR</b>	
Michael Hebert	2019
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	
James Glavin, Chairman	2018
Sarah Saltonstall	2017
Julianne Vanderhoop	2019
Julie Sierputoski, Adm. Ass't.	
<b>CONSTABLES</b>	
Betty Joslow	2017
Heidi Vanderhoop	2019
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
Jean Lince, Chairman	2017
Betty Joslow/Faith Vanderhoop	2018
Heidi Vanderhoop	2019
<b>MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION</b>	
James Vercruysse	2018
<b>UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	
Theresa Manning	2018
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Jim Wallen	2017
Peter Temple, Chairman	2017
Berta Welch	2018
Jo-Ann Eccher	2019
Carlos Montoya	2019
Sibel Suman, Adm. Asst.	



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK COMMISSION**

Sarah Thulin

2018

**APPOINTMENTS**

**(Term Expires June 30th except as noted)**

**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Carolyn Feltz, Chairman

June Manning

Mallory Butler

Marjorie Spitz

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Adam Wilson

2020

**SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE  
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION**

Kathy Newman

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Jay Smalley

**TOWN TREASURER**

Sibel Suman

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Wenonah Madison

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Emily Day

**FINANCE AND ADVISORY BOARD**

Allen Rugg - Chairman

Mark Foster

Tom Murphy

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Ronald Rappaport

**DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Richard Skidmore

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Angela Waldron

**FIRE CHIEF**

Simon Bollin

**ASSESSOR**

Angela Cywinski, MAA #1040

**POLICE CHIEF**

Randhi P. Belain

**POLICE OFFICERS**

Sergeant Paul G. Manning

Officer Steven M. Mathias

Officer David Murphy

**SPECIAL POLICE**

Special Officer Bret Stearns

Special Officer Michael Sellitti

Special Officer Rodney Silvia

Special Officer Michael Leecese

Special Officer Donald Seranton

Traffic Officer/Tribal Ranger Tyler Moreis

CPD Brian Cioffi

CPD Sgt. Jonathan Klaren

CPD Sean Slavin, Detective

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Simon Bollin (interim)

**HEALTH AGENT**

Julie Sierptutoski

**VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS BOARD**

Alan Wilson

**SHELLFISH CONSTABLE/HARBORMASTER**

Brian Vanderhoop

**SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**

William D. Vanderhoop, Jr., Chairman

James Sanfillipo

Brian Vanderhoop

Hollis F. Smith

Ed Belain

**SHELLFISH DEPUTIES**

Brian Vanderhoop

Hollis F. Smith

William D. Vanderhoop, Jr.

**TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

James Newman

**AQUINNAH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Kristina Hook, Chairman

**BOEM FEDERAL TASK FORCE**

Megan Ottens-Sargent

**LIBRARY**

Rosa Parker, Interim, Library Director

Angela Waldron, Library Assistant

Vera Dello Russo, Library Associate

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

June Manning

**PHILBIN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Eleanor Hebert

Roxane Ackerman

**UP-ISLAND COUNCIL ON AGING**

Joyce A. Albertine, Director

Bethany DeBettencourt, Asst. Director

**Aquinnah Representatives**

Jean Lince

Kristine Leslie

June Manning

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Eleanor Hebert, Chairman

F. Ryan Malonson  
Steven Roth

**M. V. REFUSE DISPOSAL & RESOURCE RECOVERY  
DISTRICT AND SOLID WASTE DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

James Glavin

Megan Ottens-Sargent

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

James Vercruysse, Chairman

2017

Peter Ives

2017

Hamilton (Ted) Cammann

2017

Kathy Newman, Alternate

2017

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Sarah Thulin, Chairman

2017

Sibel Suman

2017

Steve Yaffe

2017

Kathy Newman

2017

Mary Elizabeth Pratt

2017

**DUKES COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD**

James Newman

**INSPECTORS**

Mark Barbadoro, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator

Leonard Jason, Assistant Building Inspector

George Apostolides, Gas Inspector

George Apostolides, Plumbing Inspector

Peter Dawley, Wiring Inspector

David Schwab, Assistant Wiring Inspector

Simon Bollin, Smoke Detectors/Oil Burners

**LAND BANK ADVISORY BOARD**

Durwood Vanderhoop, Board of Health Representative

Mary Elizabeth Pratt, Conservation Representative

James Newman, Selectmen’s Representative

Peter Temple, Planning Board Representative

Michael Stutz, Assessors’ Representative

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL**

**Aquinnah Representatives**

Theresa Manning  
Elizabeth Witham, Sec. Mary Dunbar

**AQUINNAH HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Michael Hebert, Chairman Mary Elizabeth Pratt  
Derrill Bazy Sibel Suman  
Tiffany Smalley Sophia Welch

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Derrill Bazy, Chairman Mary Elizabeth Pratt  
Bettina Washington Marshall Lee  
Kathy Newman Richard Skidmore  
Carlos Montoya Beverly Wright  
Carolyn Feltz, Adm. Asst.

**CABLE ADVISORY BOARD**

Richard Skidmore Adam Wilson, Alternate

**MVTV ADVISORY BOARD**

Richard Skidmore, Aquinnah Representative

**CAPE LIGHT COMPACT**

Mike Hebert

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING**

**ADVISORY BOARD**

June Manning, Aquinnah Representative  
Adam Wilson, Aquinnah Representative

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Kathy Newman, Chairperson  
June Manning  
Alexandra Taylor

**LIGHTHOUSE ADVISORY BOARD**

Leonard Butler, Chairman Thomas Murphy  
Richard Skidmore Betsy Mayhew  
Elise LeBovit Bettina Washington  
James Pickman

# Report of the Selectmen

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Hello residents of Aquinnah:

This my third year of my first term many things have been happening in our small town. It has been for the most part a pleasure to try and be creative with those who serve on this board with me. Watching and reading what is going on with each committee is time consuming but what I hope that someday the town will be a vital place for all to visit and live in with a harmony that seems at times hard to find in our community. As I have learned many things about our town and the State it has become clear that we have many hurdles due to our size and infrastructure here in Aquinnah.

Some of the highlights were creating some new space and updating the old spaces within our town hall. These improvements were needed and have created some much needed space and privacy for our tax collector, treasurer, board of health agent and police force

We have renewed our agreement with the MV Museum for another year so the lighthouse tours will continue to be ongoing as are our efforts to finish our restoration. The new black steel railing looks down over our new lighthouse park which was opened in August and is beginning to green up nicely this Spring. You may notice the clearing on the Aquinnah Circle this is the work of the conservation commission to promote the growth of the endangered Coffee plant or Tinkerweed that we have discovered grows only in the headlands environment.

The final approval for Aquinnah town line is set and to be recorded in the State records with no square footage lost. Also the successful transfer of West Basin Road to the town from the Department of Transportation. Unfortunately, the dredging project of the channel was not so successful and once again the dredge company hired to do the job fail Army Corps Engineers. Once again we are looking to hire a company who can handle the scope of this job and get the job done.

In other news from the Menemsha Pond we have had a successful scalloping season this year and are hopeful with our amounts of young scallops that they will thrive over the coming year to full growth for a banner year to come. The governors office cut aid to the fisheries funding statewide so we will be looking to be creative in to find the funding need for seed purchasing and predator control this coming season.

We have a new town Financial and Advisory Committee. The BOS had been without a FinCom for a few years and it is exciting to see a small experience group come together to help us the challenges within our budget.

The Town was award \$250k by Southern New England Regional Institute to fix the culvert on Lobsterville Road.

At our Special Town meeting this Fall money was appropriated for a new boardwalk a Philbin Beach. We are having a Town Campus and Classification study is being conducted as well.

Finally I would just like to make a mention and thank Betty Joslow for her community work for many years. I wish many happy days with her family.

Also as we move forward we should remember Stephen Roth who served as a cemetery commissioner from 2005-2016.

Respectfully,

JULIANNE G. VANDERHOOP  
Chairman,  
Aquinnah Board of Selectpeople

# Report of the Town Administrator

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of the Town of Aquinnah:

The capable accomplishments the Town of Aquinnah made in 2016 kept me extremely busy. The ongoing work of being the executive secretary for the Selectmen, Lighthouse Advisory Board, Personnel Committee, Town Space Needs and E-911 committees, has kept me very engaged in town affairs beyond my role as the chief administrative officer for the town. Sometimes it is “above and beyond” what the position demands and requires additional hours both nights and weekends. But it is worth it! As a professional administrator and a resident of the town, I am committed to the ongoing municipal management that makes Aquinnah a wonderful place to live and work in.

Aquinnah Town Hall made changes in personnel this past year. We said thank you for the years of service put in by Pricilla Belain for her seasonal work as the attendant for the circle restrooms.

Her dedication to the job will always be remembered for consistency and quality that will never be matched. Olivia Larsen, our Library Director, left and the Library Trustees have hired Rosa Parker to be the library’s interim director.

At the annual town meeting in May, town residents took up 44 articles that covered a wide range of town needs. The free cash certification the town received in the Spring allowed for voters to spend funds for a new DPW dump truck and town hall copier, to do a space needs and classification & compensation study and to clear more land up at the circle for the propagation of an endangered plant species as part of the relocation of the lighthouse in 2015. Town residents also voted to accept the offer to transfer ownership the 1.1 mile West Basin Road and 1st parking lot from the State Department of Transportation. And in addition, there was a vote to amend various provisions of the Zoning By-law in order to create additional affordable housing options in the Town of Aquinnah by making available, in certain circumstances, accessory apartments and two family dwellings.

In November, a special town meeting was held to vote for community preservation projects and to pay for needed office upgrades for town hall and the police department. In addition, a newly formed ad hoc committee was created to look at an alternate access path to Philbin Beach. Plans are under way for a new boardwalk to be installed that will make getting to the beach easier and more enjoyable in 2016!

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the wonderful Aquinnah community over the last 6 years. I am always looking for people in the community to volunteer for committees to help make the municipality a stronger entity and capably accomplish the goals set down by its leaders. If you want to represent Aquinnah with the many regional boards and committees that are working to make the Vineyard a better place to work and live in, please let me know. There are more challenges to face in the years ahead but I am encouraged and optimistic that Aquinnah will rise up and meet the demands as they come to us. Working everyday for the benefit of a community is why I chose civil service. I enjoy taking on the tasks that come across my desk and work hard to bring projects to successful conclusions.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM WILSON



# Report of the Town Clerk

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## BIRTHS

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>2016</b>			
<b>October</b>			
2	Gino Daniel Marshall	male	Nerissa Marshall Daniel Marshall
<b>November</b>			
22	Ryan Mae Bodnar	female	Margaret Bodnar Jay Bodnar

## MARRIAGES

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	
<b>May</b>		
14	Meris Keating Bryan Begley	Non-resident
<b>August</b>		
5	Nicholas Ricciardi Florian Hollunder	Resident
<b>September</b>		
10	Melissa Zaffin Jason Bender	Non-resident
<b>October</b>		
22	Sophia Welch Kyle Colter	Resident

### DEATHS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>January</b>		
9	Kevin Gorman	66
<b>March</b>		
5	George S. Gilman	83
<b>May</b>		
26	Theodore G. Leslie Jr.	63
<b>September</b>		
26	Marvin Kendrick Jr.	7
<b>October</b>		
27	Steven Roth	67

### DOG LICENSES

<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>
Male/Female	3	\$ 36.00
Spayed/Neutered	24	144.00
Total Received		\$180.00

### HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES

<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>
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\*On the Island all hunting and fishing licenses are issued by the West Tisbury Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN FELTZ  
Town Clerk

# Report of the Personnel Committee

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Our primary goal for the year was to secure an outside professional to review our job descriptions and update our compensation and classification system. We were able to hire Mary Aicardi of the Collins Center for Public Management of the University of Massachusetts. She began the process in late spring and has just completed the report which will be available for this year's round of budget planning/review. She has worked with four other towns on the island and we are pleased that she had the on-island experience to be able to put the process into a local context.

Two amendments were made to the personnel by-law to clarify 'best procedures.' The first requires town employees to post their hours and to be at town hall during regular town hall hours.

The second by-law change is written so that a more comprehensive grievance system is established to allow employees an avenue or remedy to complaints of mistreatment by anyone in authority, appointed or elected. The system puts an emphasis on the personnel committee to act as an independent review board and to make recommendations resolving conflict between town hall personnel.

KATHY NEWMAN, Chair  
ALEXANDRA TAYLOR  
JUNE MANNING

# Report of the Aquinnah Democratic Town Committee

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The Aquinnah Democratic Town Committee was re-established a few years ago, and welcomes new members and participants to join us at our caucuses, meetings, political potlucks and events. Our committee is organized around the basic notion that individuals working together can make a positive impact on our community, and that government plays a vital role in the lives of individuals and communities.

The strength of our democracy depends on the engagement of thoughtful citizens.

Our meetings are open to all, regardless of party affiliation.

Our current members include:

Megan Ottens-Sargent, Chair

Sibel Suman, Secretary

Marsha Shufrin, Treasurer

Roxanne Ackerman

Elise LeBovit

Peter Ives

Francoise Theise

Jay Theise

Jim Wallen

Elise Lebovit and the four of us who are officers were elected on the November, 2015 Ballot.

Thank you for your support!

Some of us will attend the June 3, 2017 Democratic State Convention on June 3rd as Delegates. We will present local Issues that have state-wide ramifications to be considered as part of the Party Platform. Please let us know your priority issues and we will include them in our presentation.

Meetings and events are posted at the Town Offices, and often in the Town newspaper columns.

Please contact Megan at 508-645-2776 to formerly join our committee, or for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN OTTENS-SARGENT

Chairman Aquinnah Town Democratic Committee

# Report of the Fire Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

It is my pleasure to present the 2016 annual report of the Aquinnah Fire Department.

The department continues to grow as we welcomed Firefighter Russell Long and Junior Firefighters Ben Moreau and Cole Leport this year. Junior Firefighters are members between the ages of 16-18 who are interested in serving their community. Their exposure to hazards and emergencies is limited until they reach the age of 18 when they hopefully will join the department as active members. We are always looking for additional volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in learning more about what our department does, please stop by the station on Sunday mornings at 10:00am during radio check.

In addition to monthly in-house training, our members attended several Mass Fire Academy classes this year including “Live Burn” Fire Control, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Ladders and Hazardous Materials training. In March, Lieutenant Ken Cottrill and Firefighter Gordon Perry attended a 16 hour Company Officer Strategies and Tactics course. Continued training and education is vital to honing skills and preparedness for safeguarding our community.

In July we acquired a 25 foot Coast Guard fire/rescue boat through the Federal Excess Property Program. The need for this type of equipment stems from a boat fire which occurred on June 18th. We received a report of a boat fire on the Lobsterville Beach. Upon arrival, the boat was actively on fire and sitting on the bottom. We were able to attack the fire from the beach, but it highlighted our lack of resources to effectively provide fire suppression and emergency response on and around the waters of Aquinnah and our neighboring towns. We are diligently working to secure enough funding through donations to purchase new outboards, a fire pump and electronics for proper operation and functionality.

We are in the final engineering stages of designing our new Rescue/Pumper Fire Truck. It is a complicated process which often requires numerous revisions to ensure that the needs of the department and the town will be met. Once this stage is completed, we will have a build and delivery date to report.

In November we received 3 thermal imaging camera/mask combos which funding was approved for at Town Meeting. These units detect fluctua-

tions in heat and improve safety for firefighters. With the advancement in technology, these new masks provide increased visibility in dark environments which results in the reduction of hazards being missed, increased speed in locating victims, enhanced firefighter orientation and allows for quick identification of means of egress in the event the conditions of a structure fire suddenly deteriorates.



Aquinnah Firefighters participate in training utilizing rescue tools and extrication equipment

Our department responded to a total of 42 calls for service this year. These calls included alarms, motor vehicle accidents, rescues and fires. One fire caused substantial damage. On March 3rd the fire department responded to a reported structure fire on Towhee Lane. The first units to arrive observed heavy smoke coming from the basement. At that point mutual aid was requested from Chilmark and West Tisbury for tankers and pumpers to assist with water supply. We also utilized the Edgartown Fire Department's ladder truck on scene to fill SCBA bottles (firefighter breathing tanks). The dedicated men and women of the fire service worked tirelessly for many hours to extinguish the fire and conduct salvage and overhaul. Through the amazing efforts of our volunteers, the structure was saved and nobody was hurt. This type of incident and outcome illustrates the devotion our members have and their willingness to drop everything to help those in need.

In addition to emergencies, 23 fire inspections were performed including Smoke/CO detectors, oil burning equipment and propane tank installations; a 20% increase over last year's inspection requests.

A couple of friendly reminders: The lifespan of a smoke detector is 10 years. All detectors are labeled with a manufacturer's date. If your detector does not have a label, it is already more than 10 years old and should be replaced. Please remember that working smoke alarms provide early warning of danger and are the single most important step in preventing fatal fires. Additionally, you should change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors at least once a year. An easy way to remember is "Change your clocks, change your batteries". If you have any questions, concerns or need help to accomplish this, please feel free to contact the department and we will be happy to stop by and assist. Fire Chief's cell phone 508-958-2033.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON BOLLIN  
Fire Chief

# Report of the Police Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

I'd like to start off this year's report with informing you of the personnel for the department. In 2016 the department was comprised of the following officers: Sgt. Paul Manning, Officer Steven Mathias, Officer David Murphy, Special Officer Michael Sellitti, Special Officer Bret Stearns, Special Officer Rodney Silvia, Special Officer Michael Leccese, and Special Officer Donald Scranton. Our special officers are a great complement to the Department as they help us during our busy summer season and assist with working open shifts due to the full time officers taking time off.

In 2016 we were able to make a couple of needed improvements at the police station. With the approval of a Warrant Article at the May 2016 Annual Town Meeting, we were able to install an efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at the station. We were also able to complete a renovation within the station to create much needed space. We removed a bathroom and a wall that separated the bathroom from a room that was previously used as a bedroom by the officers who worked the "On-Call/Overnight" shift. This renovation allowed for an additional office in the Station that became the Chief's office. Once the Chief's office was moved, the Sergeant was able to have his own office and moved into the Chief's previous office. Once the Sergeant moved, this allowed one of the officers to move his desk into the main area of the station. Even though all of this occurred, the Police Department still needs more space. While we don't conduct a lot of interviews associated with criminal activity, we still lack an area to conduct interviews. It's important that we have an area to conduct interviews as it's been strongly suggested by the Massachusetts District Attorney's Office that all interviews be audio and video recorded. We also lack space for proper evidence storage. Again, we don't take in a lot of evidence; when we do there are important steps that need to follow per our policies & procedures manual to ensure evidence is not tampered with and that the proper chain of custody occurs. At the 2016 May Annual Town Meeting funding was approved for a space needs study for the town campus. I'm very happy this funding was approved as I'm hoping a professional company will take an unbiased look at the town campus and provide the Town with recommendations on how to improve working space not only at the police station, but for the town campus as a whole. As I stated above, the police department needs additional space and we are not able to gain that additional space with the space we are currently in.



Aquinnah Circle experienced another busy summer season. With the Gay Head Lighthouse being opened at its new location, 9 Aquinnah Circle became a place to visit to view the process of the lighthouse move. The Aquinnah Cultural Center was open; all the shops at the Cliffs, and the beach parking lot had many tourists visiting this beautiful area. As such, the police department kept busy with traffic at Aquinnah Circle. As you can imagine, it's not easy dealing with pedestrian, vehicle, moped, bicycle, and bus traffic in such a small area. I'm proud of the job the officers of this department do at Aquinnah Circle to keep this area safe during the busy summer months.

The department continues working on accreditation with the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. What is accreditation and what does it mean for the department? Accreditation is self-initiated process by which police agencies voluntarily strive to meet and maintain standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession. It is important to note that this program is not a performance evaluation of any individuals in the department; rather it is a measure of the department's policies & procedures; typically verifying that the department has specific policies & procedures in place covering various aspects of its operations. We are in the self-assessment phase. This phase consists of 1) analyzing each standard to determine agency compliance, 2) achieving agency compliance where noncompliance is determined, and 3) documenting and centralizing compliance for the accreditation program assessors to review. This phase is very time consuming as there are approximately 100 standards that need to be met and reviewed internally before an external review by an accreditation program assessor. We hope to have our internal review completed soon. Once an external review is completed, we will achieve certification and continue with the accreditation process to become accredited.

I would like to thank the various agencies who assisted our department during 2016: Aquinnah Fire Department, Aquinnah Highway Department, various town boards & committees, the town administrator, Tri-Town Ambulance, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Natural Resources Department, other island law enforcement agencies and the Dukes County Sheriff's Department Communications Center.

I'd also like to thank Sgt. Paul Manning, Officer Steven Mathias, and Officer David Murphy for such a great job they did during 2016. These Officers are an asset to this department and I'm glad to have such dedicated, professional, courteous officers working for this department.

Listed below are the numbers and some of the types of calls for service the department responded to from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 compared with those responded to from 2015:

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	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Medical Emergencies	43	54
Alarms (Burglar)	60	60
Alarms (Fire)	20	16
Alarms (Other)	12	9
Assist Citizen (general)	39	35
Assist Law Enforcement Agency	4	4
Assist Aquinnah Fire Department	4	7
Public Utility / Hazardous Condition	0	3
Assault & Battery	0	1
B&E and Attempted B&E	0	1
Domestic Related Activity	0	7
Harassment Complaints	0	3
Larceny	0	7
OUI	1	0
Other Alcohol Related Incidents	0	1
Sexual Assaults	1	0
Shoplifting	0	1
Vandalism / Destruction of Property	3	5
Motor Vehicle Complaints	0	2
Disputes / Disturbances	0	3
Animal Complaints	0	4
Fireworks / Gunshot Complaints	0	2
Hunting/Fishing Complaints	1	3
Noise Complaints	2	2
Parking Complaints	2	2
Trespass Complaints	1	2
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Activities	0	12
Marine Mammal Incidents	0	1
Welfare Checks	0	3
Missing Person	0	1
Child Welfare	0	2
Marine Watercraft Incidents	2	3
Bicycle Accidents	1	1
Moped Accidents	0	1

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	4
Motor Vehicle vs. Deer / Other Animal	5	3
Deaths	1	0
By-Law Violations	11	2
Arrests	6	5
Protective Custody	2	0
Criminal Complaint Applications	11	9
Incidents on Tribal Lands	27	30
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>311</b>
Motor Vehicle Stops	346	212
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	86	62
Verbal Warnings Issued	260	143
Parking Tickets Issued	303	324

Respectfully submitted,

RANDHI P. BELAIN  
Chief of Police

# Report of the Tri-Town Ambulance

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To the Honorable Board of Selectman  
and Residents of the Town of Aquinnah:

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

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

- We are happy to welcome Traci Cooney (West Tisbury) and Eamonn Solway (West Tisbury) as new full time Paramedics to our service. In addition we would like to welcome EMTS Sam Neubauer (Chilmark), Phil Hollinger (Chilmark), Jonathan Brudnick (Chilmark), Amanda Gonsalves (Oak Bluffs), and Connor Chisholm (Vineyard Haven) to the service. They are wonderful additions to our squad.
- Haley Krauss, Belinda Booker, and Dawn Gompert have continued their journey through the Paramedic Program, and have had continued success and excellence within the program. We eagerly await their completion.
- In August, we purchased new stair chairs. This piece of equipment allows us to easily and safely help remove a patient from their home, while helping to eliminate the potential of injuries to the squad. This purchase was met with extreme happiness and support from the squad.
- Matthew Montanile was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Tri-Town Ambulance. He has been a member of the squad for many years, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. We are incredibly lucky to have him.
- During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association supported the fight for breast cancer by modifying our uniforms to include the breast cancer ribbon. In addition to having the ribbon as part of our uniform, the Tri-Town Ambulance Benevolent Association also donated \$150.00, to the Island Cancer Support Group.

This year remained a busy year, below are the reported runs for the year ending December 31, 2016:

Total Ambulance Runs: **407**

- West Tisbury: **226** Ambulance Runs (55.52% of total ambulance runs)
  - Medical Emergencies: **196**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **25**
  - Fire Standby: **5**
- Chilmark: **111** Ambulance Runs (27.27%)
  - Medical Emergencies: **104**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **6**
  - Fire Standby: **1**
- Aquinnah: **49** ambulance runs (12.03%)
  - Medical Emergencies: **47**
  - Motor Vehicle Accidents: **0**
  - Fire Standby: **2**
- Mutual Aid to Tisbury: **13** Ambulance Runs (3.19%)

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

- West Tisbury- Selectman Richard Knable
- Chilmark- Selectman Warren Doty
- Aquinnah- Selectman James Newman (Chairperson)
- Medical Control- Dr. Karen Casper

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

- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Fire Departments
- West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah Police Departments
- The Dukes County Sheriff's Department:  
Communication Center Dispatchers
- Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Ambulance Services
- Martha's Vineyard Hospital –  
Emergency Department Personnel, Pharmacy Personnel
- Bardwell Electronics
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- SBS

Without the members of the squad, Tri-Town Ambulance would not function. These EMTs make themselves available year round to ensure that

the people of their community receive high quality medical care in a timely manner. Please join us in our deep admiration and gratitude for the following:

**Full Time Staff:**

Benjamin Retmier-Chief  
Matthew Montanile-Deputy Chief  
Jason Blandini  
Traci Cooney  
Eamonn Solway  
Allison Graczykowski-Admin Assistant

**EMT-Paramedics:**

Hadley Antik  
Brenden Cooney  
Christopher Cowan  
Kyle Gatchell  
Christopher Greim  
Myriah Hallinan  
Tracey Jones  
Jeff Pratt  
Jason Hallett  
Max Moreis  
Heather McElhinney

**EMT-Intermediates:**

Peter Tennant

**EMT-Basics:**

Randhi Belain  
Belinda Booker  
Robyn Bollin  
Simon Bollin  
Jonathan Brudnick  
Connor Chisholm  
Roger Cook  
Diane Demoe  
Rebecca Cournoyer  
Alan Ganapol  
Dawn Gompert  
Amanda Gonsalves  
Ruby Antik  
Pierce Harrer  
Bruce Haynes  
Jennifer Haynes  
Phil Hollinger  
Jeffrey "Skipper" Manter  
Paul Manning  
Sam Neubauer  
Jim Osmundsen  
Farley Pedley  
Katherine Smith  
Luke Sudarsky  
Garrison Vieira  
Cindy West  
Nisa Webster  
Adam Wilson  
Gary Robinson

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN RETMIER  
Ambulance Chief

# Report of the Emergency Management Department

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To the Honorable Board of Selectman  
and the Citizens of Aquinnah:

In 2016 the Emergency Management Department (EMD), in cooperation with the Town Administrator and the Town Police and Fire Departments, continued to develop and enhance the ability of the Town to plan for, and to respond to, any emergency situations which may impact the health and safety of the Town's residents. In particular, in 2016 the EMD was active in the following areas.

- **Continued Training: Designed to better prepare members of the Town's Public Safety organizations to more efficiently respond to emergency situations:** In conjunction with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), members of the (EMD) completed the Massachusetts Emergency Management Directors Essentials Programs (EMD 101) and (EMD 102), given in Bridgewater, MA. These training courses were designed to greatly enhance the ability of an Emergency Manager to effectively manage and facilitate the response to natural and man-made disasters. In addition the Emergency Management Director also took two MEMA Courses designed to familiarize the attendee with the Federal Government's Incident Command System. These courses which are designated ISC-300: "Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents" and ISC 400: "Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff", better prepared those attending to effectively manage "large scale emergency incidents" which may require the coordination of Federal, State and Local assets, to be effectively managed.
- **Certification of an "All Island" emergency shelter:** In conjunction with MEMA, the American Red Cross and the Martha's Vineyard Emergency Management Directors Association, members of Aquinnah's Public Safety Group worked to get the Oak Bluff's Elementary School Certified as an "All Island" emergency shelter. The certification of this facility will ensure that Island residents have access to an emergency facility that can meet the short or long-term needs of those Island residents which, due to unfortunate circumstances, need a safe place to stay both during and after a man-made or natural disaster. The certification process is on-going but should be completed by the end of 2017.
- **Code Red:** As in previous years and continuing through 2017 and beyond the EMD in conjunction with the Town's Police and Fire

Departments is continuing to participate in the Code Red emergency communications program. The Code Red program gives the Town's Public Safety personnel and enhanced ability to gather and distribute important situational information, before and during an emergency situation.

The goal and the function of the EMD are to ensure the continued safety of the citizens of Aquinnah in both, every day, and in emergency situations. This will be accomplished with continued staff training as well as through the continued submittal for, and acquisition of grant funding which may be used not only to repair any damages which might occur as the result of an emergency, but also to purchase supplies and equipment which can be utilized to plan for, and to potentially respond to any emergency situation.

From a personal perspective I would like to thank, Police Chief Rhandi Belain, Fire Chief Simon Bolin and Town Administrator, Adam Wilson for all their support and assistance while I was off-island attending to family matters in Michigan. Their willingness to jump in and help out was greatly appreciated and is a reflection of the quality of individuals that make up the Town's Public Safety group.

Respectfully submitted,

GARY ROBINSON  
Emergency Management Director



# Report of the Animal Control

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

Martha's Vineyard animal control officers had a very successful year with the spay/neuter program known as "Spay Waggin". The Animal Rescue of Boston brings their travel surgery to the Island to perform discounted operations on community animals. Costs are discounted to start with and those who cannot afford these routine procedures for their animals may qualify for vouchers. Aquinnah residents needing this service can get in touch with me.

Loose, lost, and found dogs continue to be a problem in Aquinnah. When there is no identifier like a tag with the owner's name and phone number it is difficult to track down the owner. When rescued dogs become lost they present a particular problem - they run and they run and they run. They won't come when called, even by their new owners. It is often many hours before they are tracked down and returned home.

This is the first year we haven't had feral cat issues. Thanks to those who capture, treat, tag, and care for these cats.

I appreciate the continued assistance of the Aquinnah Police Department, the Dukes County Communications Center, the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard, and all those who helped injured and found animals.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELA WALDRON  
Animal Control Officer

# Report of the Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This season has seen its share of storms and I had to be involved in several searches and quite a few rescues. Luckily no one was injured. Please be reminded that safety comes first when handling boats. Always wear your PFD (Personal Floatation Devise).

For the second year in a row the company that worked on dredging the channel failed to get the job done. From October to January 2015/2016 and the same for 2016/2017 this company had a total of 8 months to do the job that should've only taken 58 days to complete. The 58 day number is the length of time it took to dredge the whole channel 45 years ago. At that time another company dredged down to 18 ft. ( this company only had to dig to 8 ft.) from the end of the jetties and the whole Menemsha Harbor up through to the south end of the channel. It would have been better to hire a different dredging company after the first failed to get the job done. The channel needs to be dredged, but unfortunately now we're going to have to wait until the Fall of 2017. I'm looking forward to meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Division of Marine Fisheries to discuss a more competent dredging company, maybe even have the Army Corps do the dredging instead.

The plans for fixing the bulkhead at the head of the pond (Red Beach) have been approved. As it is now, the riprap reinforcing the parking lot is falling down with every storm and parts of the lot are caving in. As a youngster when we went to the pond you got out of the car and could access the beach from every direction east, south, and west and everywhere in between with bare feet. The bulkhead was built like the stones on the jetties (very easy to walk across ) and tight against the parking lot and there were three areas where there were stone steps, one in the middle facing south, and 2 more in each corner of the parking lot. My goal is to make the bulkhead strong and secure again to protect the parking lot, and in doing so beautify the area. We still need to secure grants from historic preservation, but with your help I think that will go through.

As of this writing, the Aquinnah shell fishermen have harvested 396 bushel of bay scallops. That isn't a big number by today's standards, but a scallop harvest nonetheless. Due to predator control and propagation efforts there are more seed in the pond that I've seen in recent years and it looks like the harvest next year will be a substantial one.

I plan to double my efforts on scallop propagation by building more scallop spawning pens. Soft shell clam seed will be arriving in early June and

I'm going to try my luck at raising surf clams, so I have a very busy spring schedule ahead of me.

In closing I can't express enough how important safety is on the water; make sure you have all of your boater safety equipment on your vessel before your voyage. If you don't know what is required by law you can call me or the Coast Guard. You can also call the Aquinnah Police Department. Officer Steve Mathias belongs to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and does safety inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

CAPT. BRIAN F. VANDERHOOP  
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. In 2016 our program received funding from the six Island towns, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Farm Neck Foundation, the Vineyard Gazette, the Boston Foundation and other private donors. Highlights of our 2016 program are as follows:

**Solar Shellfish Hatchery** - The key mission of our shellfish program is to augment natural shellfish recruitment and maintain a critical mass of broodstock in the Island ponds. To that end, we annually produce millions of seed shellfish for release in the ponds. In 2016, we produced a record number of over 13 million seed quahogs; remotely set millions of eyed oyster larvae in both Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds, and produced over 20 million seed scallops. We remotely set gold-shelled blue mussels, and continue to develop culture methods for kelp and ribbed mussels. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful ongoing shellfish enhancement effort. With federal funding we produced an additional one million blue mussel seed to support the development of private shellfish farms.



Seed shellfish in hands.

**Expansion into the John T. Hughes Hatchery** – In 2016 we continued a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) expanding our shellfish culture operations into the John T. Hughes Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. Under the lease agreement, DMF supplies funds for utilities and systems maintenance. The arrangement provides additional hatchery and nursery capacity to complement our operations at the Solar Hatchery and Chappaquiddick Shellfish Nursery resulting in increased shellfish seed production.

**Improvements at the Chappaquiddick Nursery** – With private foundation funding and labor provided by the Edgartown Shellfish Department two failed underground electrical lines were replaced at our satellite shellfish nursery facility.

**Oyster Restoration** – In 2016, we continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. The overall goal of these projects is to restore the number of oysters in the ponds to levels at which this keystone species can again provide its vital ecosystem functions to restore ecological balance to the local marine environment. Following our restoration efforts, we are observing a continued expansion of the oyster populations in both ponds. Beneficial eelgrass habitat is returning to Edgartown Great Pond. In contrast, a thick potentially smothering seaweed bloom covered many of the oyster beds in Tisbury Great Pond.

**Shell Recycling Project** – When shellfish are harvested, shells are removed from the pond. Shell provides critical habitat for oysters and is increasingly important as a natural buffer to reduce the negative effects of acidified seawater on marine organisms, including shellfish. With funding Patagonia and the Farm Neck Foundation, we continued our shell recovery program coordinating restaurant pickups in partnership with a pilot organic waste initiative called “Composting on the Coast.” The program recovered well over 12,000 lbs. of clam and oyster shells this year.

**Pilot Seaweed Culture Project** – Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we continued a pilot study of the potential to culture edible seaweeds on the Island. Like shellfish, cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen while providing a healthful local food product. Kelp spores released from ripe pieces of sugar kelp were set on spools of twine at the Hughes Hatchery. Our system was improved and new tanks were purchased to double our capacity. Although we encountered hurdles at the nursery stage, we were able to deploy sugar kelp culture lines in Oak Bluffs, Chilmark and Aquinnah

**Nitrogen Bioremediation** - Nitrogen overloads are recognized as one of the greatest threats to estuarine water quality and shellfish resources. Under a \$135,693 grant from the EPA we began a two year investigation into the potential of nitrogen removal through Phragmites harvest.

**Transition** - After 41 years, I stepped down as Director of the MV Shellfish Group effective January 1st 2017. My experienced, long-term co-workers, Amandine Surier Hall and Emma Green-Beach, will share the Directorship.

**SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2016**

	TOWN	AMOUNT
<b>Quahogs</b>	Aquinnah	2,600,000
	Chilmark	2,600,000
	Edgartown	2,600,000
	Oak Bluffs	2,600,000
	Tisbury	2,600,000
	MA Marine Fisheries*	250,000
	<b>Total Quahog Seed</b>	<b>3,250,000</b>

**Scallops (Seed on cheese cloth (estimated))**

Aquinnah	4,000,000
Chilmark	4,000,000
Edgartown	4,000,000
Oak Bluffs	4,000,000
Tisbury	4,000,000
Gosnold*	160,000
Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000
<b>Total Scallop Seed</b>	<b>20,210,000</b>

**Scallop Eggs**

<b>Scallop Larvae</b>	Sengekontacket Pond	48,210,000
	Lagoon Pond	280,000
	Menemsha (Quitsa) Pond	740,000
	Lake Tashmoo	2,600,000
<b>Total Scallop Larvae &amp; Eggs</b>		<b>51,830,000</b>

**Oysters (Disease-resistant)**

<b>Oyster Larvae &amp; Eggs</b>	Tisbury Great Pond	Edgartown Great Pond**
Fertilized eggs	175,00,000	175,000,000
2 Day old larva	12,650,000	
4 Day old larvae	9,000,000	
19 Day old larvae	180,000	150,000
Released eyed-larvae	1,370,000	2,070,000
<b>Eyed -larvae (Remotely Set)</b>	<b>7,124,000</b>	<b>4,515,000</b>
<b>Total Oyster Larvae &amp; Eggs</b>		<b>387,059.00</b>

<b>Single Oyster Seed</b>	Edgartown Great Pond**	250,000
	Tisbury Great Pond	250,000
	Sengekontacket	6,500
	Lagoon*	5,000
<b>Total Single Oysters</b>		<b>511,500</b>

**Blue Mussels\*\*\* Total Mussel Eyed-Larvae (Remotely Set) 1,000,000**

\*Provided under contract

\*\*Provided under private foundation funding

\*\*\* Produced under special project funding

**More detailed reports of our work are posted on our website  
www.mvshellfishgroup.org. and on our Facebook page.**

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY,  
Shellfish Biologist/Director Emeritus

# Report of the Building Inspector

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Dear Citizens of Aquinnah:

Twenty-five (29) Building/Demolition permits were issued in the calendar year 2016.

The breakdown is as follows

New single family residences .....	3
Accessory buildings.....	0
Additions.....	2
Renovations .....	1
Alterations.....	0
Decks/Regular repairs.....	5
Miscellaneous .....	8
Demolitions.....	2
Solar .....	5

Respectfully submitted,

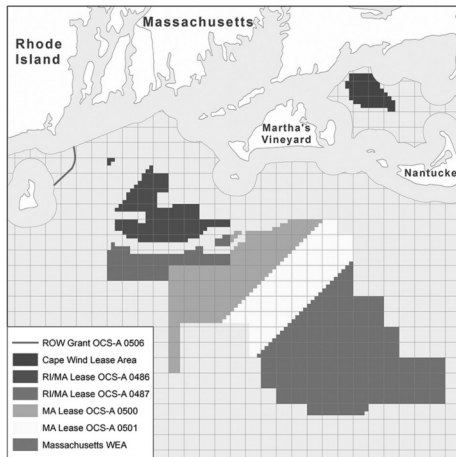
MARK BARBADORO  
Building Inspector

# Report of the BOEM Federal Task Force Offshore Wind

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In order to mitigate the impacts of global warming and climate change from fossil fuels, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 enabled the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), to regulate offshore renewable energy. This includes energy derived from wind, waves, tides, and ocean currents in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). BOEM coordinates OCS renewable energy activities in offshore Massachusetts with federal, state, local, and tribal government partners. Massachusetts is one of the first states to initiate plans for large scale offshore wind. Representatives from the six towns of Martha's Vineyard, Cuttyhunk, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) as well as stakeholders from other Tribes, and federal and state agencies make up this intergovernmental task force. Our BOEM Task Force was established in 2010. Among other things, BOEM conducts environmental reviews for each proposed project. Public input is an important part of BOEM's review process.

Activities in the past 5 years included the establishment of a Wind Energy Area at least 12 nautical miles off MV and Nantucket, southeastern MA and R.I. In 2015, leases were awarded to two developers. The Danish Oil & Natural Gas energy company was granted a lease in 2015, as well as Offshore MW (Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and Vineyard Power, our local energy cooperative). This really is close to home, as the nearest landfall to the proposed wind turbines is about 12 nautical miles off the Gay Head cliffs.



A third project in nearby Rhode Island is being pursued by Deepwater Wind, which has constructed a test wind turbine near Block Island.

This winter, two other developers have expressed interest in the remaining leases off MV. These areas are further out, in deeper water. Visual impacts will be less of concern as deep water is further away from the shore.



I understand that the two projects that have been awarded leases off Aquinnah and Chilmark are now referred to as Bay State Wind and Vineyard Wind, respectively. Vineyard Power's involvement with Vineyard Wind will enable our Island community to derive benefits that otherwise would not be on the table. A lot of pressure from local task force members, Vineyard Power and Islanders helped make this happen. Impacts to commercial fishing, marine mammals and birds are also key concerns. The rare North Atlantic right whale has been a big focus. Surveys and discussions with state and federal agencies, environmental orgs and wildlife advocates are ongoing. Measures to protect rare species and marine species will limit the size of the wind energy areas, and impact the business plans of the developers.

In November, 2016, BOEM and State officials held a meeting in Tisbury to release information on wildlife surveys and new state energy legislation, along with proposed mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of wind turbines on endangered species - NA right whales especially. Wind Turbines will also impact commercial fishing and marine navigation. BOEM is working directly with local fishermen to develop measures that will reduce some of these negative impacts, but it is challenging. Impacts to historic and cultural resources are also at issue, and under review. Harm to Wampanoag cultural resources and sacred sites are of great concern. The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Bettina Washington, tribal officials, archaeologists and other experts are working with BOEM to identify these resources, some of them submerged in the marine environment, to protect the heritage of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah).

BOEM coordinates public information meetings to help keep interested stakeholders updated on major renewable energy milestones.

With the new Administration in Washington, it makes sense to convene a meeting here on MV soon. I will keep you posted.

Public input and comment is important since this is happening in our waters, within our view, out there in the deep blue sea.

To obtain information discussed at BOEM meetings, check out:  
<https://www.boem.gov/Massachusetts/>

More information on renewable energy, including the number of wind turbines proposed, the square miles and energy production can be found at the BOEM website and at: Wind Energy: Facts - Mass.Gov

To comment, or learn more, please contact me at 508-645-2776 or through the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN OTTENS-SARGENT,  
Selectmen's Appointee,  
BOEM Federal Task Force

# Report of the Cape Light Compact

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Cape Light Compact is an award-winning energy services organization operated by the 21 towns and two counties on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact's mission is to serve its 200,000 customers through the delivery of proven energy efficiency programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive electricity supply and green power options. For more information, visit [www.capelightcompact.org](http://www.capelightcompact.org).

## *POWER SUPPLY – Stability, Security and Green Power Options*

Calendar year 2016 was slightly less volatile than prior years in terms of delivered natural gas prices, which resulted in lower and more stable electricity pricing overall.

The combination of milder-than-expected real-time wholesale electricity prices in the winter of 2014-2015, a relatively warm 2015 fall season, and the continuation of a New England-wide winter reliability program led to lower forward power pricing for the winter of 2015-2016 than the record highs seen in the 2014-2015 winter. Customers benefitted from this in the form of lower retail electricity prices, and based on these market factors, the Compact made a decision in December 2015 to lock in a rate for twelve months rather than go with the normal six-month pricing. The twelve-month rate was lower than Eversource's January-June Basic Service rate, which helped to mitigate impacts to customers' winter electric bills. This meant that Compact customers saved a cumulative total of approximately \$3.2 million over Basic Service from January through June.

Despite lower and more stable prices this year, New England continues to face electricity pricing challenges associated with the limited pipeline capacity that delivers natural gas to electric generators, which supply over fifty percent of New England's electricity. The pipeline constraint is only an issue for a limited number of hours in the winter, when gas is also used for heating homes, creating a supply shortage and increased pricing for generators, thereby increasing the price for every megawatt hour they produce. Until such time as this issue is addressed, either through additional infrastructure, demand reduction or other targeted programs, the possibility of future high winter pricing remains, and as such, consumers should still expect seasonal pricing fluctuations for the foreseeable future.

The Compact continues to provide power supply to commercial customers through its contract with NextEra Energy Services and to residential customers through ConEdison Solutions. As of November 2016, the Compact had approximately 400 electric accounts in the Town of Aquinnah on its power supply.

## *CONSUMER ADVOCACY – Committed to Consumer Interests*

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local and state level. In 2016, the Compact continued its focus on grid modernization, reviewing the plans submitted by the utilities in August 2015 and beginning to engage stakeholders about the plan and its implications for the energy future of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact was granted full party status in Eversource's grid modernization plan review docket at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), meaning the Compact will have the opportunity to take an active role in the adjudicatory review process of the plan. There are several key areas of concern to the Compact and Cape and Vineyard ratepayers, and the Compact will continue to engage our member communities to make sure they have a voice in these important decisions that will have a major impact on how energy is used and consumed on the Cape and Vineyard.

The Compact was also a participant in the DPU dockets for the proposals that were put forth this year by the state's two main electric distribution companies (EDCs), Eversource and National Grid, to contract for new natural gas pipelines and pass costs on to electric consumers. The EDC's proposed to have the costs of expanding natural gas pipelines paid by electric rate payers through increased distribution charges. The Compact noted that this concept is contrary to the 1997 Massachusetts Restructuring Act. The Compact objected to having electric rate payers fund natural gas pipelines, and supported the position that natural gas pipelines be funded by natural gas customers and natural gas company shareholders. In mid-2016, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled the utilities' proposed funding concept illegal, stating the proposal "would reexpose ratepayers to the very types of risks that the Legislature sought to protect them from when it enacted the restructuring act." This ruling put an end to the concept of electric ratepayers funding natural gas pipelines. As such, while the pipeline constraint issue remains, electric ratepayers are protected from exposure to the financial risks associated with these expensive pipelines.

In November 2016, the Compact learned that Eversource plans to file a rate case for its distribution service territory on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard for the first time in nearly twenty years. The Compact plans to petition the DPU for intervention in the case to help ensure that the interests of the ratepayers on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard are protected.

The Compact also continues to participate in dockets related to the retail electric market, pushing for policies that promote a competitive power supply market while ensuring common-sense protections for consumers.

*ENERGY EFFICIENCY – Saving Energy and Money*

Jan – Dec. 2016	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Residential	11	\$1,384.60	6,923	\$7,937.82
Commercial	1	\$380.60	1,903	\$240.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,765.20</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>\$8,177.82</b>

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 a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) and a portion of the “distribution charge” (\$0.01802 for residential customers and \$0.01343 for commercial and industrial customers) that appears on each customer’s electric bill.

Other Cape Light Compact efforts include:

- The Cape Light Compact's Energy Education Program continues to support teachers and students through classroom materials, standards-based education curriculum, teacher training, and sponsors the all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held in June. In addition, the Compact supports educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the grange hall in October

Respectfully submitted,

MIKE HEBERT  
Aquinnah Representative

# Report of the Lighthouse Advisory Board

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Gay Head Light, having been relocated in 2015, has settled into its new location and has begun receiving much needed restoration. In late spring 2016 the first phase of restorations were completed with the installation of a new and safer railing around the gallery deck. After completion of the work in mid June, the lighthouse was opened to the public for tours. In spite of the late start this past season the lighthouse staff hosted tours for over 20,000 visitors. We thank to a terrific staff of tour guides for providing a positive and enjoyable experience for our visitors. By all accounts from many visitors, shopkeepers, police and tour guides this past summer was a very busy, safe and successful season.

Further restoration work needed to reinforce the structure will be undertaken this spring. We intend to reopen to the public by Memorial Day and welcome the returning staff in anticipation of another successful season ahead. The newly landscaped Lighthouse Park at the former lighthouse location is now open to the public daily from 8am until one hour past sunset. This is an open natural setting offering views of the Gay Head Cliffs and an open space for the hosting of both public and private events by arrangement with the Town.

The Gay Head Light continues to be the proud symbol of our Town's maritime and cultural heritage and a gathering point, with its sweeping red and white beacon attracting both townspeople and visitors from near and far.

Respectfully submitted,

LEN BUTLER  
Chairman  
Lighthouse Advisory Board

# Report of the Highway Superintendent

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The department purchased a new truck this year approved at town meeting. During this winter season the truck was a huge asset allowing for the DPW to keep our roads clear. We have been clearing the area near the cliffs/lighthouse to ensure the tinkerweed native species is protected and continues to grow.

This year we will be maintaining the area surrounding the new lighthouse location, which will be a beautiful open park space.

The culvert on Lobsterville road that was damaged by a storm several years back is slated to finally be replaced. This will be a joint effort with the Town and the Tribe's Natural Resource Department.

Frank Perez and I continue to maintain the town roads, mowing and trimming. The cemetery continues to be maintained under our this department as well, including clearing overgrown gravesites.

Thank you to the townspeople for your continued support, we often are stopped during our work day with concerns and compliments. We appreciated the feedback and acknowledgement.

Respectfully submitted,

JAY SMALLEY,  
Director of Public Works

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Aquinnah:

3358 acres, representing 5.8% of Martha's Vineyard, have been conserved by the Land Bank since voters created it in 1986. Please visit them; maps are available at town halls and libraries; online at [www.mvlandbank.com](http://www.mvlandbank.com); and at the Land Bank office in Edgartown.

## **Acquisitions:**

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The town of Tisbury, as far back as the 1980s, recognized the need to protect the lands around its public drinking water wells. The water department and selectmen enlisted the Land Bank's participation and a number of strategic acquisitions were made. Inspired by the open space reservation that resulted, the Land Bank aimed to consolidate and expand it. An additional seven acres were added to the *Wapatequa Woods Reservation* in 2016, via a \$500,000 purchase from the Ellis Manter Trust.

Odd, small pieces sometimes fit into a larger puzzleboard. A \$4,000 purchase of a 3-acre landlocked lot was added to the *Toad Rock Preserve*; the seller was George Brush.

Accretion motivated the Land Bank's purchase of property on the flank of the hilltop *Middle Ridge Preserve*. The crest with its views out to Tuckernuck Island was acquired in 1994 but the lands on its slopes remained buildable. Fielding Lewis's sale of 19.8 acres here, for \$1,200,000, has now conserved them.

One of the Land Bank's first acquisitions, in 1986, was the land in West Tisbury located behind the venerable and plain Mayhew Chapel in Christiantown; the purpose was to prevent the historic site from being dulled by rearward suburban development. In 2016 the Land Bank applied the same logic to the lorn *Sailors Burying Ground* in Tisbury, purchasing 2.9 acres behind it so that the graves would never be de-solemnized by any beetling houses behind them. The seller was Christopher Dias and the price was \$382,000.

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

## **Land management:**

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Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Doug's

Cove Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Middle Line Woods Preserve, Middle Ridge Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The commonwealth approved management plans for the Toms Neck Preserve, Wapatequa Woods Reservation and the Manaquayak Preserve. The latter approval attained a long-sought goal direct access to the preserve from the Lamberts Cove Road. Shortly thereafter staff installed a four-space roadside trailhead and cut a new 1-mile sylvan path from the trailhead to the pond. Staff, at Toms Neck, also completed a 5-acre meadow restoration adjacent to the Pease Pond and Cape Poge Pond.

Rot was attacked. Boardwalks and footbridges were rebuilt or maintained at the Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Tea Lane Farm and Wompesket Preserve.

The Land Bank expanded the island's bluestem stock by planting the beautiful native grass both varieties, big blue and little blue at multiple preserves: Aquinnah Headlands, Chilmark Pond, Cove Meadow, Felix Neck, Gay Head Moraine, Ocean View Farm and Pennywise.

The goat herd, now 200 strong, spent a good deal of the summer at the valley bottom on the Waskosim's Rock Reservation. They overwinter at the Wapatequa Woods Reservation; staff erected a shelter/hay barn there for them this year.

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

### **Cross-island hike:**

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The Land Bank's twenty-fourth annual cross-island hike celebrating National Trails Day the first Saturday in June ranged from Pecoy Point Preserve in Oak Bluffs to south beach in Edgartown ... via Chappaquiddick Island and its Norton Point Beach. In total, 19 conservation properties were crossed. Sixty-five hikers started in the morning, 70 were present at the launch of the afternoon session and about 45 lurched across the finish line at left fork. 32 hikers completed the entire 21-mile, 9-hour hike, marking the third consecutive year that more than 30 have done so..



**Budget and related matters:**

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The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank's annual finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office:

	fiscal FY 2016 budgeted  cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal FY 2016 actual  cash amount and percentage of total	fiscal FY 2017 budgeted  cash amount and percentage of total
Revenues	\$9,500,000	\$13,295,337	\$11,075,000*
Administrative Expenses	(\$ 523,949) 5%	(\$ 523,929) 4%	(\$ 539,605) 5%
Land Management Expenses	(\$ 978,458) 10%	(\$ 995,003) 7%	(\$ 1,173,898) 11%
Debt Service Expenses	(\$5,884,461) 62%	(\$ 5,884,461) 44%	(\$ 6,127,000) 53%
Reserve Expenses	(\$ 30,000) 0%	(\$ 30,000) 0%	
Unencumbered New Receipts	\$ 2,158,132 23%	\$ 5,891,944 44%	\$ 3,179,497 29%

As of December 1, 2016 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$12.0 million in unencumbered funds.

The asterisk (\*) indicates the Land Bank's revenue projection.

**Gifts:**

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The Land Bank gratefully accepted several gifts of cash: \$50 from Stacy Malecki; and \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman.

**Transfer fee revenues:**

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Fiscal Year 2016 transfer fee revenues were:

	Received July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016	Percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$135,521	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$765,354	6 %
Edgartown Fund	\$3,024,799	23 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$1,000,331	8 %
Tisbury Fund	\$775,691	6 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$945,973	7 %
<i>central fund</i>	<i>\$ 6,647,668</i>	<i>50%</i>
	\$13,295,337	100%

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This represented a 23% increase over the previous year.

**Commissioners and staff:**

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The Land Bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; April Hamel (resigned), commonwealth; Glenn Hearn, West Tisbury; John Anthony Nevin, Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Matthew Dix, foreman; James Dropick, conservation land assistant; Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL  
Executive Director

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Commission

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of Aquinnah:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC or Commission) is the regional planning agency for Dukes County and offers planning services to the County's six towns and the county. The Commission's enabling legislation also allows the towns of Martha's Vineyard to adopt special regulations targeting Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC) and requires the Commission to review Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) on the Vineyard. The year 2016 was a demanding one for The Martha's Vineyard Commission. Along with completing reviews and decisions on an increasing number of projects, large scale planning efforts were also at the forefront.

The Commission's major planning focus for 2016 centered on the control and removal of nitrogen from island great ponds and the provision of housing for island residents. The Commission also considered important planning issues such the demolition of structures over 100 years old, review and update of the DRI checklist, the development of an island wide economic program, the programming of transportation projects, and the development of a comprehensive demographic data base.

The Martha's Vineyard Commission is made up of 21 Commissioners.

- 9 are elected by Vineyard voters in Island-wide elections held every two years,
- 9 are appointed on an annual basis by the boards of selectmen of the towns on Martha's Vineyard,
- 1 is appointed on an annual basis by the Dukes County Commission,
- 5 are appointed by the Governor or member of the cabinet, four of whom do not vote on DRIs or DCPCs. The Governor's alternate has full voting power on all MVC matters.

The Commission is supported with a professional staff of ten. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website: [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

The following items represent major focuses of the Commission during 2016.

## **COMMISSION FOCUS 2016**

### **DRI Checklist Review**

In 2016, the Commission completed its biennial evaluation of the standards and criteria for what developments should trigger review by the Commission

as Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) – commonly called the DRI Checklist. A background report was developed that reviewed historical DRI records and quantified DRI decisions by town and by type. Meetings were held with input from town officials as well as business people, non-government organizations, and residents. The final policy revision was consistent with recent adjustments to increase the thresholds before most commercial developments are considered as DRIs and provided a method for towns to handle development reviews in commercial areas as well as eliminating unclear references and providing more clarity in other areas. The Commission adopted the changes in August and is awaiting certification from the State.

### **The Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds**

The health of island ponds was a continuing focus of the MVC throughout 2016. The following actions represent MVC actions in this area:

Solutions Conference – the Commission organized and sponsored a conference in May that focused on efforts to remove nitrogen to improve water quality. Presentations were made on several technologies with State leaders such as George Huefelder of the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Testing Center, Brian Howes of the UMass School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST), Brian Anderson of Kohler Inc., as well as other experts offering explanation of the strengths and status of the various nitrogen removal technologies.

Testing – Commission staff conducted testing in 14 ponds on the island in multiple locations in each pond. Samples were collected that demonstrated nitrogen content, pond visibility, temperature, and other indicators. This testing was conducted in the same locations and manner that the Massachusetts Estuaries Program utilized so that results could be compared. A comprehensive report will be completed in early 2017 that will detail the results of the testing and evaluate the current trends for each pond.

Water Quality Policy - A wastewater subcommittee was established and began evaluating the MVC's ten-year-old DRI water quality policy. The committee evaluated data results, technologies, and recent DRI approvals. The subcommittee is in the process of developing their report to the full commission with recommendations for amendment of the policy.

### **Provision of Housing**

A second major focus of 2016 was the continuing effort to address the island's housing needs. The Commission working with the All Island Planning Boards, obtained funding to enable the towns to collectively hire consultants to assist them in individually developing Housing Production Plans, or HPP, that quantify types of housing units needed for each town and their potential general locations. A general scope of work was designed to permit each town to consider and complete a HPP that reflected their specific needs and focus. From September to December, each town held a series of

workshops assessing town housing needs, developing housing goals and policies, and identifying implementation methods particular to each Town.

The HPPs are scheduled to be completed in early 2017. The project was funded by the Commission and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Reports and background documents are found at [www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan](http://www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan).

#### **Development of DRI Demolition Policy**

MVC staff researched and produced a report to aid DRI review of proposed demolition of historical buildings. The guide establishes standards to determine whether a structure proposed for demolition merits protection based upon the structure's history, condition, architecture, location, and other factors. A Commission subcommittee on demolition reviewed the report made adjustments and recommended approval to the full Commission. In early 2017 the Commission will consider adopting a policy that establishes a process and standards for Commission review of proposed demolition to referred properties.

#### **Development of an Island Statistical Profile**

Staff developed a statistical profile of the island with focus on population, housing growth, economic condition, jobs, and other metrics. The report not only considered current statistics but also evaluated trends and other analysis. An initial presentation was made in October to the Chamber of Commerce. The MVC will expand upon this profile annually.

#### **Opening of the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge**

For more than a decade, the Commission has been involved in the planning and construction of the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge. In August 2016, the Bridge was completed and opened for passage. Early in the process, MVC staff, Vineyard public officials and stakeholder groups fashioned the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee to provide a unified voice in working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and its consultant engineers. Because of regular communications through the committee, the community could raise issues during the planning and engineering process that ultimately resulted the bridge including a Shared Use Path as part of a continuous SUP between Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, and in walkways around and underneath both ends of the bridge that expand public access to the water.

#### **Representative Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)**

The following summaries represent illustrative applications that were decided by the Commission in 2016:

**Squibnocket Beach** (Chilmark) - Project involved two, interdependent applications to address an eroding shoreline that the Commission reviewed concurrently and approved. A subdivision association sought to relocate its sole access to a new causeway/bridge inland. The Town sought to relocate inland of the Squibnocket Town Beach parking lot, which the subdivision's existing access bisected. In addition to the projects retreating from an eroding beach,

the fortification of the existing parking lot/access will be removed to return the shoreline to a natural state.

OB Water Solar (Oak Bluffs) -- The Oak Bluffs Water District proposed to allow Blue Wave Capital to construct a 1.46 MW solar farm on District property containing three public supply water wells between the State Forest and Goodales Construction. A portion of the electricity generated would go to reducing the District's energy costs. A 10.37-acre area between two wells would be cleared of trees. The Commission took extensive testimony regarding the merits of placing the facility on a natural forested area and ultimately denied the application finding that, although worthy in reducing taxpayer utility costs and generating clean energy, the project should be located in an alternative location where the land is already disturbed.

Dias Mixed Use (Tisbury) - Dias Construction proposed construction of a 25,200 sf 3-story warehouse building with 2 studio apartments and a showroom on a steeply sloped parcel fronting High Point Lane. The building would house a wholesale lumber business and be two stories facing High Point Lane and the attached three-story tall (35') warehouse behind would extend downward to a lower level of the site. The major issue was access as the proposal initially included an access driveway that cut through the adjacent Island Miniature Golf site. The Commission was involved in negotiating a solution whereby a land swap between owners resulted in all traffic accessing the site from High Point Lane and the access affecting the mini golf course not being necessary.

Wavelengths (Edgartown) - The application requested approval of modifications to a building previously approved as a DRI but that had already been built in a manner differing from the MVC approval. The Commission heard testimony and determined that the applicant had acted without authorization and had subsequently accepted a dozen or so modifications suggested by the Edgartown Planning Board. Ultimately, the Commission found that while the unsanctioned changes to the building negatively affected the massing of the structure, the changes, as moderated by the Edgartown Planning Board, were not significant enough to require the applicant remove the modifications. However, in approving the application, the Commission left leeway for the Edgartown Planning Board to work out additional details with the applicant without necessitating the applicant return again to the Commission.

Phillips Hardware and Lampost (Oak Bluffs) -- The Commission considered two proposals for redevelopment on Circuit Avenue. Phillips Hardware proposed to demolish the existing one- and three-story building to be replaced by a mixed-use three-story building designed in the character of the 1800s Inn on that site. The hardware store and another retail space will remain on the first floor, with residential accommodations above. The Lampost proposed the conversion and expansion of upper floors from night club space to employee housing. Both projects were approved by the Commission, with conditions.

**Lagoon Ridge (Oak Bluffs)** -- The Commission considered a Form C Subdivision proposed for 24 lots. As the development was located within the impaired Lagoon Pond watershed, much of the discussion centered on how nitrogen from wastewater would be addressed. The developer proposed a community-based wastewater treatment system where all but four homes. In the end, the MVC approved the application but required a bond to ensure that the proposed wastewater system can control the site generated wastewater.

**Mapping and Graphics**

The MVC continues to be the place of record for maps and other geographic data. MVC staff provided zoning, property, natural resources, and other graphics to each town as well as non- profits and private entities in 2016. The Commission also provides maps and other data to law enforcement agencies when requested.

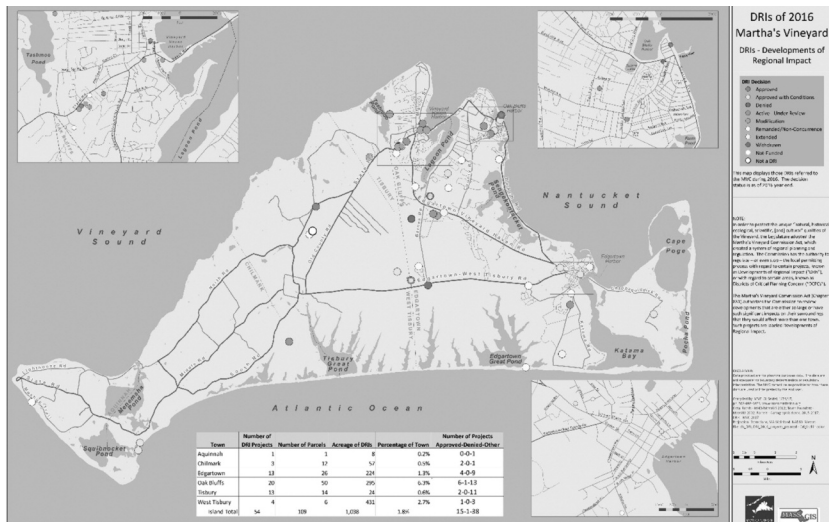
**Finances:** The Commission’s FY2016 income was \$1,436,409, of which 70.5% came from town assessments, 26.6% from grants and contracts, and 2.9% from other sources. Expenses were \$1,504,182 of which 55.4% was for salaries, 22.4% for salary-related costs, 5.6% for legal fees, and 16.6% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and audited financial statements are on the Commission website.

**ALL ISLAND EFFORTS**

The Commission reviews referred Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) applications to determine compliance with the Commission policies and the consideration of benefits and detriments as established in Chapter 831.

**Projects Reviewed:**

In 2016, **54** projects were referred to the MVC for review through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows: **14** were full DRI’s



reviewed with public hearings that were approved with conditions; one (1) was a full DRI reviewed with public hearings that was denied; 14 were minor modifications of existing DRI's that were approved and remanded back to their towns without a DRI public hearing review; 9 were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence review that were sent back to their towns without DRI public hearing review; 2 were previously approved DRI's returning to LUPC for approval of their landscape plan; 3 projects were withdrawn before a decision was made; 7 are either on hold at the applicant's request or still under review; three (3) previously approved DRI's were granted extensions; and one project that was referred did not trigger DRI review.

### **Housing, Community and Economic Development**

- **Housing Plans:** specific information on the development of Housing Production Plans is discussed above.
- **Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC Staff continued to provide technical assistance to complete *the Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan Phase I* and will continue to assist the town with *Phase II*. The Town of Tisbury's ongoing Visioning effort including mapping and other background information. Staff provided technical assistance and support to Aquinnah and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah to apply for and receive a state designated Cultural District. The Aquinnah Circle Cultural District is the first joint cultural district in the nation to include a municipality and Native American Tribe.
- **Gosnold Long-Range Planning:** The MVC staff continued to work with the Town of Gosnold Selectman and staff on several projects including improvement of the Towns internet/data capability, development of a specific personnel and compensation policy, housing, and transportation grants.
- **Economic Development:** Review of the State's Economic Development & Emerging Technologies Bill: MVC Staff provided towns and county a breakdown of One Billion Dollars in capital spending for various state programs. The Economic Development Bill is aimed at supporting initiatives focused on job creation, workforce development, and infrastructure projects while staff highlighted several key funding appropriations that could benefit Martha's Vineyard.
- **State of the State Economy Presentation by Dr. Michael Goodman.** The Commission organized and sponsored this Presentation in partnership with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority and MV Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Michael Goodman is Professor of Public Policy, Executive Director of the Public Policy Center, and Acting Chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Dr. Goodman offered his perspective on the current condition of and prospects for the Massachusetts economy during a period of considerable economic and political uncertainty. His talk



highlighted the state's recent economic performance, assessed the major threats to our economic outlook, and identified the major challenges that are weighing heavily on the prosperity of our people and major institutions with special attention to the implications for Martha's Vineyard and the larger Cape and Islands region.

- **ArtsMV: Fifth Annual Meeting: Best Practices Planning Session** with the some of the following presenters:
  - Anita Walker, Executive Director Mass Cultural Council
  - Helena Fruscio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Technology and Director of the Creative Economy
  - Maria Marasco, Regional Director, Massachusetts Office of Business Development
    - The Commission assisted October's *Fall for the Arts* and *Spring for the Arts marketing campaigns*. MVC Staff updated economic impacts such as jobs, wages, and business within the Creative Economy.
    - MVC Staff is currently assisting efforts in Oak Bluffs and Edgartown to create a state designated Cultural District.
  - Additional MVC Sponsored Webinars and Workshops:
    - South East Economic Development Corporation (SEED) and Small Business Administration (SBA): Entrepreneurial and Business Workshops with over 25 Participants
    - Cape Light Compact: Three Year Plan
    - USDA Rural Development Office: Economic Development Webinar
    - TA Connect Webinars:
      - Site Readiness Programs
      - Placemaking
      - Creative Economy, Innovation, & Technology
      - District Management Strategies for Downtowns
  - o Blue Economy: MVC supported Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce and MV Chamber of Commerce to secure letters of support from Island towns for state grant and attended several listening sessions
  - o The MVC provides the towns, business community and public with economic and demographic information from federal and state sources while also responding to more than 400 requests for information.

**GIS:**

The MVC's cartography and spatial data staff provides spatial analysis and cartographic production to aid MVC and town planning efforts, including custom cartographic services to towns, organizations, and individuals.

- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC cartography staff maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS (Geographic Information System) spatial data warehouse. The MCV uses the GIS to provide data

to towns, consulting groups working on town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. The cartography staff produced a series of town maps displaying frequently requested data such as zoning, overlay zoning, watershed boundaries, roads, flood zones, and parcels (available in the MVC website Map Library).

- **GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, twice-monthly GIS how-to sessions, and technical support via phone and email.
- **Assistance to MVC Planning Projects and Island-Wide Efforts:** In collaboration with the Island's Conservation Partnership and with information-sharing and feedback from many conservation stakeholders, the cartography staff updated and refined its trails and conservation land database, which is vital to multiple planning efforts. It also produced watershed maps for the Water Alliance's Living Local exhibit and Watershed Public Awareness Project in Island libraries.

### Coastal Resources

- **Climate Change Adaptation:** MVC continued technical work and outreach on impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, and related mitigation strategies. The main challenge here is preparing to adapt to coming changes with vulnerability assessments and mitigation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency.
- **Hazard Management:** *The Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* is updated every five years to keep towns eligible for FEMA funding of mitigation measures. The 2015 edition, prepared by the MVC, was approved by MEMA and FEMA, and was adopted by each town's Board of Selectmen and certified by the State in 2016. The plan includes management tools as well as keeping the towns eligible for federal funding of mitigation projects. Mitigation measures were highlighted and discussed in various planning sessions.
- **FEMA:** MVC staff coordinated with FEMA to hold Q and A sessions with regulators and professionals on the updated NFIP flood maps. FEMA personnel came in person to speak with the users.
- **CRS:** MVC staff coordinated with two towns interested in pursuing Community Rating System (CRS) rating to potentially lower flood insurance premiums. Neither town chose to pursue the relief further.
- **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. In 2016, the group participated in development and review of the Northeast Ocean Plan.

- **Martha’s Vineyard Wind Energy Area:** The MVC, towns, and Tribe kept in close contact with the 2 leaseholders for wind development south of Martha’s Vineyard. Various geophysical surveys were conducted in 2016.

**Transportation**

The MVC provides transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority, Martha’s Vineyard Airport, Steamship Authority, public, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provides approximately \$300,000 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services such as mapping.

**Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the County, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), MVC Staff, and the Airport and MassDOT as Ex-Officio Members, to coordinate Island transportation planning. In 2016, the JTC met to formulate, discuss, release for public comment, and approve the certification documents required to continue to qualify for federal and state funding for transportation projects in the region. The certification documents developed in 2016 included the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Martha’s Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2017-2021. The UPWP and TIP are produced annually on Martha’s Vineyard. In addition, the Martha’s Vineyard Public Participation Plan (PPP) was developed to provide an overview of transportation planning and outline the public process.

- **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 available federal and state funds. In Federal Fiscal Year 2016, \$14,095,057.20 in federal funds were obligated for Martha’s Vineyard. **The 2016 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects:**

**Korean and Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Bridge:** Construction was completed on the *Lagoon Pond Drawbridge in Tisbury* project, and the MassDOT Chief Executive Officer and Secretary Stephanie Pollack participated with the Veterans, Wampanoag Tribe, and communities in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2016, to officially dedicate the *Korean and Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Bridge*.

**Bus Purchases:** The 2016 TIP year funding was used for Martha’s Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) bus purchases. The transfer of funds for the VTA bus purchases was toward the purchase of vehicles in 2016 for a total estimated cost of \$1,752,902, with \$432,902 in CMAQ from the TIP, and the remaining \$1,320,000 in state and federal rural capital assistance funds.

**Bicycle-Pedestrian Network Improvements:** Two links in the island planned shared use path (SUP) network are under design, both are

along *Beach Road, one section in Tisbury and the other begins at the Lagoon Pond Bridge heading into Oak Bluffs* to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. MVC Staff continues planning support toward resurfacing of the Correllus State Forest paths with the Department of Conservation Resources, MassDOT, and the Towns.

- **Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members continued efforts and support toward improved facilitation of bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements in their respective towns.
- **Complete Streets:** MVC Senior Transportation Planner with Baystate Roads Program organized a MassDOT Complete Streets Program workshop on Martha's Vineyard in March 2016, held in Oak Bluffs. All six towns attended as the first step in the MassDOT Complete Streets Program. Tisbury and West Tisbury are developing and submitting complete street policies to MassDOT for review and approval. Provided updated complete streets program information in the fall.
- **Trails Planning:** A portion of the MVC Senior Planner's time is contracted by the Land Bank to work with towns and landowners to protect and extend the Island's trail network.
- **Data Collection:** During 2016, MVC staff conducted automatic traffic recording counts at various locations, and performed Turning Movement Counts at some intersections. MVC Senior Transportation Planner and a University of Connecticut intern used the Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and iPad to geocode and photograph a two-mile section of the state forest paths for the Department of Conservation and Recreation. A map package of the results was developed by MVC GIS Coordinator. Summer interns continued to collect parking observation data in downtown Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven.
- **Increased Engineering Capacity** – MCV staff worked with the members of the JTC to develop programs and funding opportunities for the hiring and work of an engineer to work with the JTC and towns to design, review and develop project plans for transportation projects.

### Water Quality

- **Water Testing, Solutions, and Water Policy** projects are discussed above.
- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the MVC offices, and all Island pond advisory committees.
- **Groundwater monitoring:** In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) staff monthly measures and maintains database of groundwater elevation at nine well-sites around the island.

## **Collaboration -**

The Commission facilitated collaboration on many fronts:

- **Education and Training:** The Commission hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the general public. Two workshops from the Citizen Planning Training Collaborative tailored for planning board and zoning board members were offered in the fall: *Writing Reasonable and Defensible Decisions and How to Create a Master Plan and Plan with Community Support*.
- **Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates meetings of town boards and other organizations to foster exchange of information and collaboration, such as the Joint Affordable Housing Group and the Island Conservation Commissions. Staff also attends and presents information to the quarterly meetings of the All Island Planning Boards. Staff support to an effort initiated by the All-Island Selectmen to improve taxi regulations, which produced a draft set of uniform regulations for circulation and comment in the beginning of 2017.
- **Inter-regional Collaboration:**
  - o Staff participated in a series of on-line sessions with other Regional Planning Agencies and the MA Department of Public Health exploring the health implications of transportation and development. This included exploration of state mechanisms for aiding localities to identify and address health issues in their evaluations of development proposals.
  - o The MVC is one of eight regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Rural Policy Advisory Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The commission is charged with making recommendations over a four-year period to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the health and well-being of its rural residents. Senior Planner Bill Venio is the appointed member and is on the commission's infrastructure subcommittee
  - o **Statewide Workforce Housing Projections:** MVC Staff in collaboration with MAPC, Cape Cod Commission, and Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission on Workforce Housing and Population Projections. Christine Flynn and Bill Venio have participated in this process
- **MARPA.** The Commission is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Associations (MARPA). The thirteen Massachusetts regional planning agencies that form MARPA are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MVC staff meets monthly with other members of the MARPA to discuss legislation and funding programs with senior Commonwealth officials, and to collaborate on many fronts.

## **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR AQUINNAH**

In addition to the efforts described above, the MVC undertook the following activities in the Town of Aquinnah.

### **Regulatory Activities**

In 2016, 1 project was reviewed in Aquinnah through the DRI process.

- 1 project was referred to the MVC for a concurrence review and was sent back to the town without DRI review;

### **Master Planning and Open Space Planning**

- MVC staff assisted with gathering maps and data for potential development of a Master Plan and Open Space Plan for the Town.
- **MEPA** - MVC staff participated in the MEPA review of the Tribe's proposed remediation at Herring Creek.

### **Economic Development and Affordable Housing**

- Notified and help draft letter from the Aquinnah Selectmen regarding proposed policy changes to FY 2017 CDBG Funding.
- Staff provided technical assistance and support to Aquinnah and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah to apply for and receive a state designated Cultural District. The Aquinnah Circle Cultural District is the first joint cultural district in the nation to include a municipality and Native American Tribe.
- MVC Staff worked with the Aquinnah's Affordable Housing Committee and Planning Board to review and support island-wide uniform zoning definitions for Affordable and Community Housing and Affirmative Fair Housing Practices.
- MVC Staff worked with The Resource Inc. (TRI) to apply for an Island-wide Community Preservation Act Application that would create an Island-wide Interest Free Housing Loan Program.

### **Geographic Information Systems**

- **Data Provided:** The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes federal aid projects to implement within available federal and state funds. In Federal Fiscal Year 2016, \$14,095,057.20 in federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard.
- **Mapping:** The MVC cartographer assisted the town with their efforts to create a Cultural District Brochure.

### **Transportation**

- **Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** In Aquinnah during 2014, the MVC conducted an automatic traffic recorder count at one location.
- **Planning:** MVC Senior Transportation Planner with Baystate Roads Program organized a MassDOT Complete Streets Program workshop on Martha's Vineyard in March 2016. Provided updated complete streets program information in the fall.

**Water Quality:** The Commission continued its scientific and community work helping to protect the Vineyard’s water quality and especially our threatened coastal ponds.

- **Menemsha, Squibnocket, and Nashaquitsa Ponds:** MVC staff assisted SMAST staff with placement, deployment, and collection of tide gauges to complete MEP data collection for the Menemsha-Squibnocket-Nashaquitsa system.

### **2016 Commissioners**

- CLARENCE “TRIP” BARNES, Tisbury,  
Elected Member at Large
- JOHN BRECKINRIDGE, Clerk/Treasurer, Oak Bluffs,  
Elected Member at Large
- CHRISTINA BROWN, Edgartown,  
Elected Member at Large
- ROBERT DOYLE, Vice Chairman, Chilmark,  
Elected Member at Large
- JOSH GOLDSTEIN, Tisbury,  
Elected Member at Large
- FRED HANCOCK, LUPC Chair,  
Appointed by the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectman
- LENNY JASON,  
Appointed by the Dukes County Board of Selectman
- JAMES JOYCE,  
Appointed by the Edgartown Board of Selectman
- JOAN MALKIN,  
Appointed by the Chilmark Board of Selectman
- KATHY NEWMAN,  
Appointed by the Aquinnah Board of Selectman
- BEN ROBINSON,  
Appointed by the Tisbury Board of Selectman
- DOUG SEDERHOLM, West Tisbury,  
elected Member at Large
- ABE SEIMAN, Oak Bluffs,  
elected Member at Large
- LINDA SIBLEY, West Tisbury,  
elected Member at Large
- ERNEST THOMAS,  
Appointed by the West Tisbury Board of Selectman
- JIM VERCRUYSSSE, Chairman, Aquinnah,  
elected Member at Large

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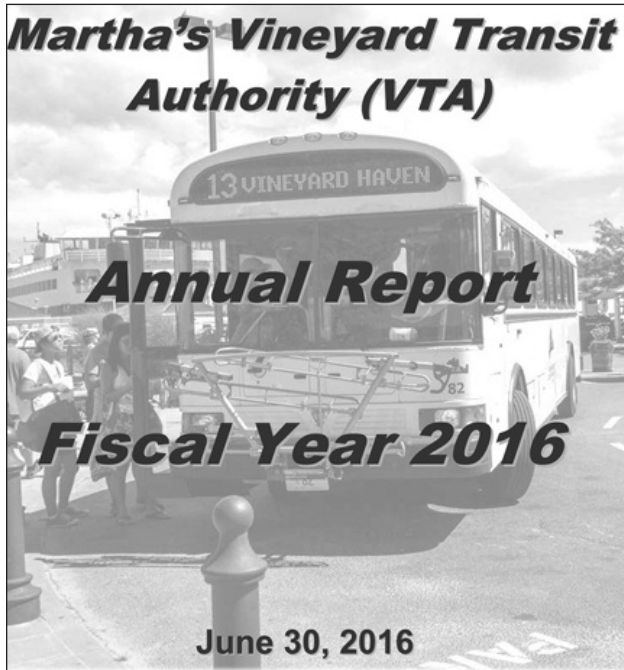
ADAM TURNER, Executive Director,

BILL VENNO, Senior Planner



# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

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## **Advisory Board**

Alice Butler, Chairman, Oak Bluffs

John Alley, West Tisbury

June Manning, Aquinnah

Jay Grande, Tisbury

Leonard Jason, Chilmark

Louis Paciello, Edgartown

Russell Ashton, Rider Community Representative, Oak Bluffs

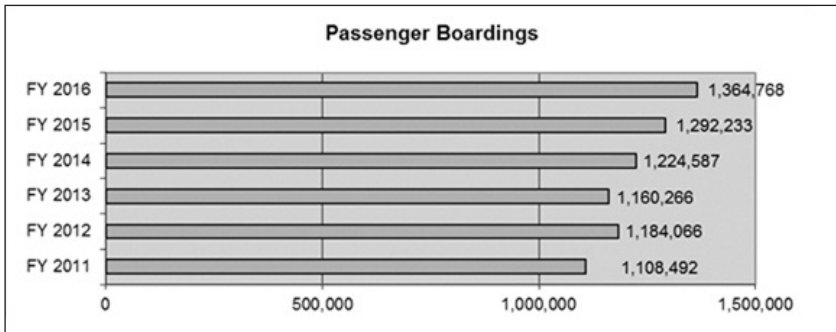
Angela E. Grant, Administrator, Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

## **Ridership**

Fiscal Year 2016 showed an overall increase of 5.61% in passenger boardings from FY 2015. Passenger boarding analysis showed a 4.91% increase in the FY 2016 off-season ridership from FY 2015 and a continuing increase of multi-day travel passes and annual passes purchased.

**Fixed Route Ridership**

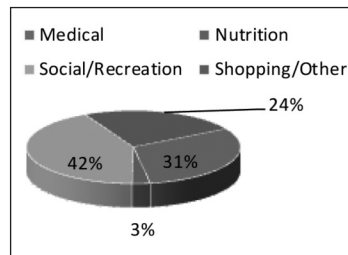
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
July	269,237	290,248	275,455	282,606	293,708	311,650
August	265,686	268,749	291,568	303,175	323,949	330,173
September	118,462	133,887	126,859	129,661	140,739	162,236
October	63,907	67,217	57,637	71,666	76,286	72,149
November	29,096	29,635	29,986	30,053	32,380	34,625
December	23,309	24,760	24,661	24,617	28,628	31,295
January	21,060	22,839	22,162	21,299	22,395	24,683
February	19,673	22,456	20,106	21,624	20,032	23,816
March	25,694	28,798	27,036	26,033	26,877	31,708
April	35,092	42,834	39,240	41,834	42,506	43,062
May	88,395	90,976	87,167	92,847	106,798	104,230
June	148,881	161,667	158,389	179,172	177,935	195,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108,492</b>	<b>1,184,066</b>	<b>1,160,266</b>	<b>1,224,587</b>	<b>1,292,233</b>	<b>1,364,768</b>



**“Lift” Ridership**

Fiscal Year 2016 showed an increase in medical and social/recreational service trips on “The Lift” resulting in a 13.2% increase over FY 2015.

Fiscal Year	Ridership	Change
FY 2007	14,408	
FY 2008	15,265	5.9%
FY 2009	14,578	-4.5%
FY 2010	15,997	9.7%
FY 2011	15,577	-2.6%
FY 2012	14,681	-5.8%
FY 2013	13,219	-10.0%
FY 2014	13,302	0.6%
FY 2015	14,471	8.8%
FY 2016	16,381	13.2%



### Fare Increase

The VTA Advisory Board approved a multi-year fare increase, beginning January 2014:

	<b>Date of Last Increase</b>	<b>Current Fare</b>	<b>1/1/2017</b>
One Day Pass	January 2015	\$8.00	same
Three Day Pass	January 2014	\$18.00	same
Seven Day Pass	January 2016	\$30.00	same
Annual Pass	January 2016	\$130.00	\$140.00
Senior Annual - Island	January 2016	\$30.00	\$35.00
Youth Annual - Island	January 2016	\$40.00	\$45.00
Zone Fare - Fixed Route	January 2015	\$1.25	same
Zone Fare - Lift	January 2015	\$2.00	same
Senior/Disabled Zone Fare	January 2015	\$0.75	same
Medivan	January 2015	\$15.00	same

### Alternative Fuels Assessment & Feasibility Study

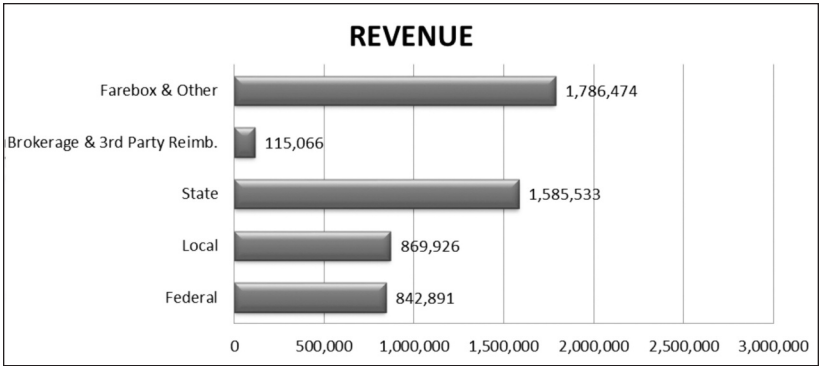
The VTA continuously looks for ways to improve and enhance their services and commitment to the Island community to provide safe, economical and environmentally responsible transportation. With that in mind, the VTA contracted with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation to conduct an alternative fuel assessment and feasibility study to assess the potential of transitioning part or all of their fleet to alternative fuel. The full report can be viewed on our website ([www.vineyardtransit.com](http://www.vineyardtransit.com)).

### Fiscal Year 2016 Audit Report

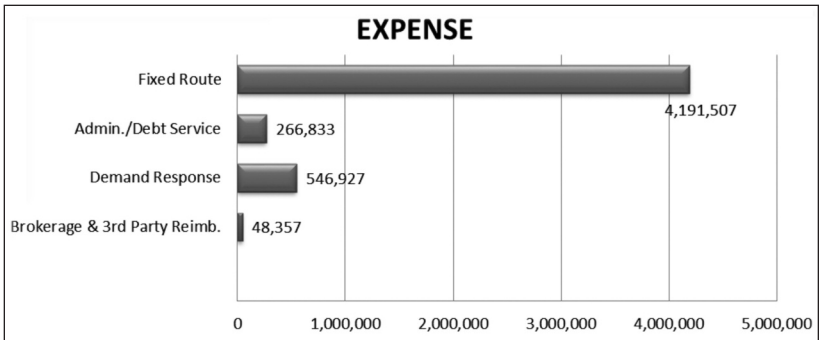
#### **Statement of Net Position June 30, 2016 and 2015**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 959,025	\$ 1,165,492
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,797,504	\$ 1,773,403
Other current assets	\$ 488,750	\$ 411,299
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 284,966	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 3,530,245	\$ 3,350,194
<b>Restricted &amp; Noncurrent Assets</b>		
<b>Restricted assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 168,288	\$ 1,311,369
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,788,713	\$ 456,985
Total restricted assets	\$ 1,957,001	\$ 1,768,354
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 387,325	\$ 495,342

Capital assets, net	\$ 10,778,886	\$ 10,185,325
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 13,123,212	\$ 12,449,021
Total assets	\$ 16,653,457	\$ 15,799,215
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 45,785	\$ 2,296
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 16,699,242	\$ 15,801,511
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 207,224	\$ 199,505
Total current liabilities	\$ 207,224	\$ 199,505
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,674,899	\$ 1,625,469
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,674,899	\$ 1,625,469
Other post-employment benefits	\$ 257,178	\$ 86,246
Net pension liability	\$ 267,629	\$ 245,465
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,699,706	\$ 3,457,180
Total liabilities	\$ 3,906,930	\$ 3,656,685
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred infows of resources related to pension`	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 3,906,930	\$ 3,656,685
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 10,778,886	\$ 10,185,325
Restricted	\$ 282,102	\$ 142,885
Other current assets	\$ 1,731,324	\$ 1,816,616
Total net position	\$ 12,792,312	\$ 12,144,826



Note: The increase in *State* revenue is due to the legislature changing the funding structure of regional transit authorities from funding in the arrears to current year financing.



# Report of the Board of Health

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Greetings to the Town:

Greetings to the Town: Land transfers, New buildings, Upgrades, and inspections have caused us to issue the following permits:

Disposal works applications: .....	4
Well permits: .....	4
Permits to operate food establishments: .....	5
Inn Keepers Licence: .....	1
Bakery:.....	1

Another busy year has passed. The Board of Health continues to issue permits grant licences, conduct regular inspections, monitor beaches and the Aquinnah public water systems. We have had no negative results from our 2016 beach sampling program.

We have a new Community Health Nurse through the Vineyard Nursing Association, (VNA) Her name is Elizabeth Sanderman. She is at The Town Hall on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 2:00 to 3:30PM. Home visits, Blood pressure checks and private consultations are available. The VNA can be reached at 508-957-7660 or by contacting the Board of Health 508-645-2309

Our health agent works with the All Island Health Agents Coalition on several current jointpublic health Initiatives such as The Annual Flu Clinic, disaster preparedness through the Medical Reserve Corps, Infectious Disease Outbreaks, Fertilizer Regulations, Public Nursing, Tick Born Illness Reduction, Mosquito Monitoring, Mobile Poultry processing, Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention (through the Island Wide Youth Collaborative), Annual free Dental Clinic, the Septic Repair Loan Program and the Plastic Bag Initiative.

The Aquinnah Board of Health looks forward to continued work on programs with our community partners that benefit the townspeople of Aquinnah..

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES GLAVIN, Chairman  
SARAH SALTONSTALL, RN  
JULI VANDERHOOP  
JULIE SIERPUTOSKI, Health Agent

**COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY**  
**VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT, FY 2016: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

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**Client Services:** The Access Program’s core service is connecting the Island residents with affordable health insurance and helping them to retain this coverage. We provide health care program and insurance application, enrollment and retention services; information, referral and advocacy; referrals to medical providers; make doctor’s appointments and help clients manage medical debt; and we facilitate access to services like specialty care, dental care, vision care and prescription medication assistance. The Senior Assistance Program provides application assistance, benefits counseling and program navigation for low-income Island seniors. We are also a liaison agency for other public benefits including Food Stamps (SNAP), emergency cash assistance, and Social Security disability claims.

*In FY2016, the Access Program provided application and enrollment assistance for 2,767 individuals of all ages for MassHealth and Health Connector affordable insurance programs; Medicare, Medicare Part D and Prescription Advantage; the MassHealth Long Term Care and Frail Elder Waiver programs; Food Stamps and/or emergency cash assistance and Social Security Disability. We completed health insurance, medical, dental, prescription and referral assistance 6,490 times.*

The Access Program is one of 15 programs in the Commonwealth to be part of the Massachusetts Health Connector’s **Navigator Program**. The Navigator program is an outreach, education and enrollment assistance program required by the federal Affordable Care Act and is administered by the Massachusetts Health Connector. The Access Program’s enrollment staff must participate in extensive training and pass an exam to become certified Navigators. As a result, we have the most up to date information about enrollment programs and systems in order to facilitate insurance enrollment for our community.

The **David Kurth Memorial Fund** provides emergency financial assistance to Islanders with medical-related expenses that they cannot afford, primarily prescription medication. We also assist with medical transportation assistance for people under age 60 with medical appointments off-Island. *In FY2016, we assisted uninsured or underinsured Islanders to get prescription medications and related assistance by providing \$4,954 in financial assistance.* Contributions to the fund in FY2016 came from the Elizabeth and Peter Tower Foundation; the United Methodist Church; individual donors, and local businesses. This fund has provided over \$60,000 in financial assistance to help Islanders get needed medications and medical transportation since its inception.

**Vineyard Smiles** provides school-based mobile dental services and dental education for children in grades K-12; monthly dental hygiene clinics for seniors; and care facilitation for adults with unmet oral health needs. ***In SY 2016, 231 children received dental care including exams, cleanings, fluoride treatment, sealants and fillings.*** Dental hygiene clinics for low-income adults were held once per month on average at senior centers and Island Elderly Housing. In FY2016 ***91 low income adults, including elderly and disabled patients, received services.*** These services are made possible by funding from the Town Boards of Health for health promotion services.

In FY2016 we assisted in the development of additional social services for Islanders. The County succeeded in securing funding for a part time Social Services Caseworker, and the Housing Assistance Corp. agreed to hire a part time Housing and Homeless Prevention Counselor. These services provide support for the Island's economically and socially disadvantaged residents.

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

- The Dukes County Health Council
- The MassHealth Training Forum
- The Healthy Aging Task Force
- Elder Care Providers Work Group

**Technical Assistance and Training:** The Access Program provides trainings including and MassHealth program updates and overviews to staff at MV Community Services and MV Hospital. We also offer a seminar titled "Understanding Medicare" via ACE MV.

**Funding:** The County maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the six Island Towns for the ongoing funding of the Access Program. This MOU describes the Access Program's governance structure; the County's role and services provided; Town obligations; Municipal Membership Assessments; and Indemnification and Insurance.

Our total FY16 budget was \$413,818.

By having agreements in place with each town, the Access Program's funding is secured and not subject to service cuts if grant funding is reduced. When the program succeeds in obtaining grants, these will offset the Town funding in the following year. Town funding for FY16 was \$339,054.

Other FY16 funding sources included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands, and local funders including Martha's Vineyard Hospital, the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, local businesses and individual donors.



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**FY2017 & FY2018**  
**County Assessment: Vineyard Health Care Access Program**

FY2017 Budget	\$465,254
FY2017 Anticipated Grants	\$149,309
FY2017 Towns Assessment	\$310,606.00

	<b>50/50 formula</b>	<b>Cost per town</b>
Aquinnah	3.27%	\$10,157
Chilmark	11.13%	\$34,570
Edgartown	29.68%	\$92,188
Oak Bluffs	21.42%	\$66,532
Tisbury	19.22%	\$59,698
West Tisbury	15.28%	\$47,461
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	100.00%	\$310,606

FY2018 Budget	463,064
FY2018 Anticipated Grants	\$146,275

FY2018 Towns Assessment	\$316,789.00
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	<b>Cost 50/50 formula</b>	<b>per town</b>
Aquinnah	3.17%	\$10,042
Chilmark	11.67%	\$36,969
Edgartown	30.56%	\$96,811
Oak Bluffs	21.06%	\$66,716
Tisbury	18.75%	\$59,398
West Tisbury	14.79%	\$46,853
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	100.00%	\$316,789

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living

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## **Mission statement:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living provides programs and services that promote dignity; self-worth, self-sufficiency and a life lived to its fullest potential.

The 2010 census figures indicate that Dukes County is the second fastest growing, and most rapidly aging County in Massachusetts. Locally, the way we address and plan for the needs of this growing older population is critical. Transportation, health care, housing, information dissemination, education, and long term care (nursing and assisted living facilities) are issues that not only affect those 60 and over, but the entire population and the overall economy of Martha's Vineyard.

In 2015, all six town approved the purchase of a large building at 29 Breakdown Lane in Vineyard Haven, to house and expand MV Center for Living programs. This marked a milestone in the ability of the island community to rally support around a common cause and singular purpose, and serves as a model for collaboration between a private non-profit and municipal governments to further a common mission. In March of 2016 the building purchase was official and over the next several months we engaged in negotiating a long term lease with the County, and municipal agreements with all six towns for MV Center for Living to first renovate and finally occupy the new space, (the first floor, approximately 5,000 square feet of the building).

As of December 15, 2016, work has begun in the new building. A fire suppression system is being installed throughout the entire building at MVCL expense. Final plans for the renovation of the first floor are in hand and we should be ready to hire a contractor by the end of January 2017. It is our hope that work will progress without delay. A July 1 completion would be ideal but may not be realistic. We will hopefully move in no later than fall of 2017.

## **Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services:**

### **Supportive Day Program:**

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate independently in the programs and services offered at the municipal Senior Centers. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of the clients of the SDP

suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, but wish to remain at home in the care of their families. At the SDP, a wide range of engaging activities are tailored to individual capacity. Most importantly, loving, careful attention is paid to the individual physical and emotional needs of our clients. Nutritious meals and snacks are provided. Transportation is available.

In 2016, 30 individuals, along with their families and caregivers were served at the Supportive Day Program; providing over 20,000 hours of quality direct care and respite for families and caregivers. At \$40 for full day and \$30 for half day attendance, this is a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The Supportive Day program partners with families in the care of their loved ones at home; to extend and enhance a safe, nurturing environment into the community. The anticipated move to the new building will become a reality in 2017 and provide the opportunity to expand the program to 5 days and increase the number of clients on a daily basis from 18 to 25.

**Memory Café:** In 2016, we expanded the Memory & Music Café, with funding from the Department of Developmental Services, to be inclusive of individuals receiving services through DDS programs. Older adults with developmental disabilities are more likely to develop an early dementia than the general population. This program takes place once a week, at the American Legion Hall, and was originally for individuals experiencing memory loss, and now includes younger people with developmental disabilities, their family members and caregivers. It is a safe place where they can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of stigma. Our café activities are centered around music and sing-a-long, discussion, art activities and Martha's Vineyard Museum programs. There is no charge to participants and this program has grown in popularity, with 25-30 participants on a regular basis. We expect to permanently move the Café to the new Center for Living building in 2017.

**Medical Taxi (transportation to off-Island medical appointments):**

In FY2016 (Sept 2015 – Oct 2016), the Medical Taxi program provided 210 Islanders with transportation 1073 one way trips to and from medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The direct cost of this program was \$18,138. MV Center for Living provides management and administrative support for this program. In early 2017, with support from the MV Transit Authority, we will receive a handicapped accessible van to keep in Woods Hole for the purpose of expanding the Medical Taxi program, with a cost effective alternative to using private taxi services.

**Funding Sources:**

Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands Title IIIB Grant, \$6,000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands,

Department of Elder Affairs Grant, \$6,000 (through Oak Bluffs Council on Aging)

Voluntary donations from participants, \$4947

All grants and donations go toward the direct cost of this service.

**Emergency Food Program:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is the island's lead sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program. As such MVC4L coordinates five designated Emergency Food Pantries (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, located at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). On a monthly basis, each of the 5 sites orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston. MV Center for Living is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

In 2016, we added a second monthly trip to Boston, increasing our capacity by over 30% and bringing nearly 80,000 pounds of food to the island. Island Food Products (IFP) picks up our orders twice a month at the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) in one of their refrigerated trucks. This program serves an average of 250 households monthly, including children and elders. This year the Faith Community (church suppers and homeless shelter program) has joined with us to order food from the GBFB to support their Community Suppers and Homeless Shelter programs.

GBFB hopes to further expand our capacity by providing additional grant funding for refrigeration and/or freezer storage at sites where this is feasible.

**Funding sources:**

Project Bread Grant \$2,000

GBFB Grant \$4,000 for transportation costs

Vineyard Committee on Hunger donation \$2195.74

Stop & Shop donations (Food for Friends Program) \$3,491.40

79,736 pounds of food received (30% increase over FY15)

Value of food received \$93,389.95 (45% increase over FY15)

Cost of purchased food \$3,235.37

Island Food Products donation (truck, time, storage) valued at over \$30,000

We also partner with the Island Grown Initiative Gleaning program to distribute freshly harvested produce gleaned from local farms during the harvest season. Our local Stop & Shop stores have designated the Emergency Food Program as the recipient organization for their "Meat the Needs" program, as well as their holiday "Food for Friends" program. This year, through the "Food for Friends Program" 300 boxes (an assortment of non-perishable items) were donated and distributed during the holiday season through the Emergency Food Pantries. In early 2016 we received the proceeds from the 2015 Food for Friends program in the amount of \$3,491 which supports the on-going expenses of the Emergency Food Program including transport and food costs.

**55PLUS Times: Information and Referral** The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month. MV Center for Living is responsible editing and submitting all the information published in the 55Plus Times.

**Older Americans Act:**

The Elder Services Nutrition Program, under the Older Americans Act (Meals on Wheels and Senior Dining Centers), is supported financially by the six Vineyard towns through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living budget. In FY2016, the towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Culinary Arts Department to offer a three course gourmet meal for \$12 per person once a month in the Culinary Arts dining room at the High School. Under the direction of Chef Jack O'Malley, Culinary Arts students plan, prepare and serve the meal. Students from the Music Department, under the direction of Michael Tinus, provide musical entertainment. Between 25 and 40 seniors attend these luncheons each month. Proceeds go to the Culinary Arts Department.

**Home Delivered Holiday Meals:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. This year, on Thanksgiving Day 77 meals were delivered and on Christmas Day 67 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

Through Martha's Vineyard Center for Living programs and services, 55+ islanders have benefited from the generous support, both financial and in spirit, of the town Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Councils on Aging, other municipal agencies and the community at large. This on-going support and generosity makes a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP  
Executive Director

# Report of the Up-Island Council on Aging Center

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To the Board of Selectmen:

The Up-Island Council on Aging (UPICOA) and Senior Center is a branch of municipal government of the Towns of West Tisbury, Chilmark and Aquinnah. We are responsible for the administration, development and coordination of elder programs. We are committed to expanding our programs to meet the ever-changing interests and needs of elders. Funding sources include local tax dollars, grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Friends of the Up-Island Council on Aging. The Senior Center is open for both scheduled and drop-in activities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; and is home to a variety of social/cultural, educational and health programs. These programs resulted in the utilization of the senior center for an average of 180 hours per month in 2016.

The proportion of Massachusetts's population that is 60 & older is growing more rapidly than other components of the population. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than 25% of Massachusetts's population will be 60 & older by the year 2030.

## **Service Indicator Highlights January 1 – December 31, 2016 Unduplicated Count**

Approximately 974 up-island residents (seasonal & year-round) sixty years of age and older and 62 individuals under the age of sixty received services and/or participated in our programs in 2016.

### **Social, Recreational & Cultural Programs**

355 individuals participated in the following:

Day Trips (theatre, museums, symphony)

Recreational games (bridge, Mah Jong)

Lobster Picnic

Annual Cookout

Holiday Events

Off-Island Shopping Trips

### **Direct Service Programs**

445 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

Respite Care

Lifeline

Food Stamps

Client Support (assistance with errands, companionship & socialization)  
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association)

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

Durable Medical Equipment  
Fish ( M.V. Bluefish Derby) DVDS/Books on Tape  
Reusable Shopping bags (Cronig’s Market)  
Fresh Vegetables (Island Gleaners)

### **Educational Programs**

286 people participated in the following educational programs:  
Community Education Talks Writing Group  
Watercolor Classes Discussion Group

### **Nutrition Programs**

60 individuals participated in the following nutrition programs:  
Congregate Lunch  
Home Delivered Meals (holiday meals included)

### **Health & Fitness Programs**

290 individuals received and /or participated in the following:  
Podiatry Services Strength Training Class  
T’ai Chi Chih Parkinson’s Support Group  
Yoga Class Pilates  
Qi Gong Balletics  
Smile Program (Free dental checks & cleanings)  
Chair Massage Freestyle Dance

### **Health Programs Sponsored by the Up-Island Boards of Health:**

30 elders received the following services and/or participated in the following:  
Monthly Blood Pressure Checks & Nursing Clinics  
Health Promotion Visits (In-home health assessment conducted by a R.N.)

### **Outreach Program**

The Outreach Program provides for individual case management. The Outreach Worker’s primary role is to ensure that basic needs for housing, food, mobility, socialization and access to health care are being met. Emphasis is placed on those who are isolated and/or homebound by assisting them in defining their needs, and to facilitate access to meet those needs. The Outreach Worker assists elders in navigating through the seemingly endless amount of paperwork required to participate in state and federal service programs. Outreach services range from reassurance calls to crisis intervention. These services are especially helpful to families of elders who are acting as caregivers for at-risk family members. The Outreach Program served 96 elders in 2016.

### **UPICOA Board of Directors**

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



**Volunteers**

25 volunteers contributed approximately 382 hours in 2016. We estimate the fair market value of their services to exceed \$5,000.00.

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Watercolor Instruction    | Writing Group Facilitator    |
| Lunch Servers             | Special Event Organizers     |
| Meals on Wheel Drivers    | Community Education Speakers |
| Tax Preparers             | Fish Baggers                 |
| General Office Assistance | Discussion Group Leader      |

**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 \$14,609 for the following:

- Defray utility costs (oil heat & telephone)
- Internet Services
- Provide for meeting/conference attendance
- Defray transportation costs to off-island meetings
- Office, equipment & furnishings
- New carpeting for office area
- Purchase and installation of main entrance door with automatic assist button

**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 \$20,000 in 2016 for the following:

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Grounds Maintenance     | Monthly Cell Phone Service |
| Special Program Support |                            |

**&**

**(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. Forty- three households received a total of \$12,000 to pay for heat and food. The Gift Fund is administered by the COA Director and Outreach Worker.

In closing, I would like to thank the tax payers for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOYCE ALBERTINE, Director

# **Report of the Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, Inc.**

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Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands was founded in 1972 as a private, not-for-profit community-based organization dedicated to promoting the welfare, enhancing the quality of life, and maintaining the dignity of older citizens. The agency has grown to become an integral part of the Massachusetts Aging Service Network. A complete list of state and federally funded programs administered by Elder Services is attached.

Collaboration with local community resources and the engagement of volunteers are essential components of our services.

In FY 16 our Nutrition Program served 46,739 meals purchased from Martha's Vineyard Hospital. 252 seniors were served at Elder Services' Dining Centers located at local senior centers. 245 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 70 Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders the supportive services they need to live safely and independently at home or respite for family caregivers. A professional Elder Services caremanager develops a care plan based on individual need. Support services which may include personal care, meal preparation, shopping, homemaking, emergency response systems and adult day care are purchased from local service providers.

Mature Worker Program participants are receiving on-the-job training at Felix Neck Sanctuary and Martha's Vineyard Center for Living. Senior Service Corps Volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Elder Services has been an active member of the Dukes County Health Council since its inception; we serve on the Oversight Committee of its Healthy Aging-Martha's Vineyard task force. Our Protective Services Unit has joined Martha's Vineyard Community Services' Connect to End Violence elder abuse prevention effort and our Nutrition Program participated in the Island Food Equity Network Summit. We look forward to active participation in these local initiatives.

In October 2016, The Area Agency on Aging under the auspices of Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands distributed Older Americans Act funds to the following local agencies.

Island Health Care Community Health Center ("My Life My Health program, \$5,343).

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living (Transportation to Medical appointments on Cape Cod, \$3,477).

Martha's Vineyard Community Services (Caregiver Support Group, \$5,220).

Martha's Vineyard Community Services (Assessment, intervention and referral mental health and substance abuse services, \$5,220).

Tri-Town Ambulance Service (Tri-Town Ambulance Elder Wellness Care Transit Service, \$6,000).

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

Respectfully submitted,

JACQUE CAGE, MV Director

# Report of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The mission of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council is to promote excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all Island residents. Our grants are modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

Each year the Council meets early in November to vote on the distribution of grants for the current fiscal cycle. Grant applicants must be residents of the Commonwealth and at work on projects in the arts, humanities or interpretative sciences. Instructions, program guidelines and forms are available at [www.mass-council.org](http://www.mass-council.org), as well as at each town hall and public library. The Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council gives priority to projects originating on the Island and benefiting the year-round Island community.

In November 2016 the Commonwealth allocated the MVCC \$26,400 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted to donate \$1,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$2,500, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$41,000.

In 2016 the MVCC received 53 applications requesting a total of \$123,491.

The 42 awards granted by the MV Cultural Council in the December 3-4, 2016 Annual Grant Meeting are listed below:

Martha's Vineyard Playhouse	Shakespeare for the Masses	\$1213
West Tisbury School	Creative Dramatics	\$1214
Danielle Doell	LanDforms	\$568
Kristina Fletcher		
Second grade visit to the Whaling Museum		\$660
MV Chamber Music Society	Artist in Residency Project	\$1175
Lisa Sherman	Children's Room Art Mural, Edgartown Public Library	\$1233
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute, Inc.		
	National Fossil Day Celebration	\$800
West Tisbury Public Library	Children's Room Mural,	\$1440
Cinema Circus	Cinema Circus	\$1340
BiodiversityWorks	MV Kindergartens for Monarchs	\$1115
Abby Bender		
Built on Stilts Community Dance Festival		\$1651

The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	Vineyard Shorts	\$1005
Casey Ann Hayward	A Genetics Play	\$494
Roberta Kim		
	Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$1135
Lynn Ditchfield		
	Nightmares and Dreams: Immigrant voices from the Inside	\$1935
MV Film Society	2017 MV International Film Fest	\$1234
Paul Levine		
	The World of Troubadours and Trobairitz VIII	\$498
Lynn Thorp	MV Signs, Then & Now	\$1117
Jennifer Rapuano, MVLA	MV Minimizer Faire	\$1173
Emma Young	The Book:From Scratch	\$925
Nathan Luce	Oak Bluffs African American Lit. and Culture Festival	\$1258
Renee Richard	New Works Lab	\$1165
Elise LeBovit		
	Creator Spring, Easter Egg Hunt, Aquinnah	\$973
Julianne Vanderhoop	Cranberry Festival	\$280
Mabelle Felipe		
	The News & Weather with Mabelle	\$741
Garden Gate CDC	Rights of Children	\$943
Tisbury School First Grades		
	Attend Theater production at Wheelock College	\$423
Holly Nadler	A Novel: Emily Just in Time	\$330
Lynne McKenney Lydick		
	Family Letters of Abby Kelley and Stephen Foster	\$465
West Tisbury School	StarLab Planetarium Visit	\$1039
Aquinnah Cultural Center		
	11th Annual Native American Artisans' Festival	\$1964
West Tisbury School Teachers		
	Indoor Mini-Golf Multi Disciplinary Collaborative	\$517
Corinne de Langavant	MV Ice Theater Ballet	\$731
MV Environmental Educators Alliance		
	MVEEA	\$324
The Yard Inc.		
	The Yard's MAKING IT with H.Y. Chen & Dancers	\$1170
Memorial Day Picnic Committee, Tisbury		
	Tisbury Memorial Day Picnic	\$510
Lynne McKenney Lydick		
	To My Dearest: The Civil War Letters of General Ward	\$360

Donna Swift	
Performance Skills for Island Kids	\$1251
Mass Audubon's Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	
Felix Neck Fall Festival	\$405
Richard Clark	
Great Scott it's Andrew Carnegie	\$346
Liz Witham	
Keepers of the Light: The History of the Gay Head Light	\$2802
Ken Wentworth	
Sustainable MV Documentary Series	\$1299

As always, we wish to thank West Tisbury Town Accountant Bruce Stone and Town Treasurer Katherine Logue, who have processed the financial transactions of the Council since it became a regional entity in 2003. We are grateful as well to Director Joyce Albertine and the Up-Island Councils on Aging for allowing us to use the Howes House as our meeting place.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J-P. HAUCK, Chair

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council  
2015 Membership**

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
THERESA MANNING	HARVEY BETH, Treas.
ELIZABETH WITHAM, Sec.	WALLACE BULLOCK
MACY DUNBAR	HOLLY NADLER
Chilmark	Tisbury
DYAN DEMERS	NOREEN BAKER
LINDA THOMPSON	ROBERT CROPPER
ALISON MEAD	
Edgartown	West Tisbury
LORI STONE	ROBERT HAUCK , Chr.
WILLIAM G. VENO	NIKI PATTON
	LINDA VADASZ
Ex-Officio	
WIET BACHELLER	DAN WATERS (emeritus)
BETH KRAMER	
MARTA CAMARGO	

Check out our Facebook page!  
<https://www.facebook.com/marthasvineyardcc>

# Report of the Aquinnah Public Library

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To the Board of Selectmen  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

As stated in our Long-Range Plan, “The mission of the Aquinnah Public Library is to continually strengthen the fabric of the community by encouraging the interaction of the diverse population of Aquinnah and its visitors as well as provide a balanced and professionally developed collection of materials, online and wireless access, and recreational programs. The Aquinnah Public Library, through open, respectful and receptive patron service, strives to provide for the personal development, education and achievement of all library users; maintain an inviting, safe and neutral atmosphere; provide means through which the whole community may examine and explore the ideas, images and information of our world; and promote the value of learning, reading and exposing oneself to new, different and challenging ideas.” The Library seeks to uphold these core values in all of our endeavors and is honored to be a haven for the Aquinnah community.

The Library offered a wide array of programming and events in 2016, providing diverse avenues for patrons to enhance their knowledge, skills, and enjoyment. Music on the Deck was a huge success, and we are extremely grateful to MVY, Laurel Reddington, and all of the performers for making this program such a tremendous event. The Summer Speaker Series continues to be one of the highlights of our programming; the Library extends our heartfelt thanks to Cornelia Dean, Nancy Aronie, Nancy Caldwell, Duncan Caldwell, Holly Hodder Eger, John Merson, Linda Coombs, and Susan Branch for donating their time and sharing their brilliance with us. Thank you to Philip Weinstein, who led us through a fascinating exploration of “Notes From the Underground” by Fyodor Dostoevsky as part of the “Islanders Read the Classics” series. In addition, Bridgette Bartlett of Maple Mehndi offered two Henna events at the Library, both of which garnered great interest, and patrons savored the results for weeks afterwards. We are profoundly grateful to the Friends of the Aquinnah Public Library for their generous support and dedication to all of our ventures and helping us to reach our mission statement goals.

Year-round programming at the Library is paramount to the health and vitality of the Aquinnah community. Adult and children’s movie nights continue to be a great opportunity for people to congregare and socialize in the winter. Our monthly book group also speaks to this need for connection

and creates a space for formal and informal discourse. Jennifer Burkin emceeds the After School Club, Storytime, and Saturday crafts for children. She has started hosting adult landscape painting workshops and has organized a knitting group. The Library staff is working collaboratively to develop enticing programs, and we are always encouraging new ideas from patrons.

The Aquinnah Public Library continues to reap the benefits of being a member of the Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing network. Membership to CLAMS gives our patrons access to 1,668,596 items and provides 260,049 patrons access to our materials. CLAMS saw 3 million total checkouts of materials and 15,158 new patrons in 2016. The Library is able to richly serve its patrons through our association with this network.

We look forward to sustaining and expanding these diverse offerings in our drive towards continued excellence in 2017. Thank you for the opportunity and for your support. We look forward to an exciting and enriching year ahead with you all.

Respectfully submitted,

The Aquinnah Public Library Board of Trustees,  
JEAN LINCE, Chair  
HEIDI VANDERHOOP, Vice Chair  
FAITH VANDERHOOP, Secretary .



# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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Colleen McAndrews, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
Union #19 School Committee

Dear Ms. McAndrews:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2016 annual report as Superintendent of Schools to the members of the six school committees of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools. The schools on the Island continue to strive to provide our students with a quality education that prepares them with the skills necessary to compete in today's world.

There are several personnel changes that have occurred over the past year. At the high school, Ms. Sara Dingley has been hired as our new principal. Ms. Dingley previously served as the founding principal of the Westchester Square Academy in New York City. Additionally, with the retirement of Assistant Principal Andrew Berry, we have restructured the Career and Technical Education Director position to serve also as an Assistant Principal. Consequently, Mr. Berry's position has been eliminated.

At central office we have reorganized our Director of Student Services position. Ms. Nancy Dugan, who has been in the position of Special Education Director at the high school, has become our Director of Student Support Services at the elementary level. Hope MacLeod, who served as our Interim Director last year, has become our Director of Student Support Services at the secondary level. This change has brought stability to this important position and allowed us to develop our on-island talent. We will continue to explore ways to utilize our personnel as productively and efficiently as possible.

At the Oak Bluffs School, Megan Farrell has been hired as the permanent Principal. Megan stepped in as the Interim Principal last year and did a terrific job. As a result, she has been hired to fill the position.

One of my goals as the Superintendent of Schools has been to conduct a needs assessment of our shared services programs. The intent of the study is to determine our areas of strength and to identify areas in which we could make improvements in both the Bridge and Social Skills programs. Mr. James Shillinglaw, an Educational Consultant, was here in mid-December to lead us through the evaluation. Mr. Shillinglaw has been in education for almost 40 years. He has served as a Director of Student Support Services for

25 of those years and has been a consultant for over six years, leading several districts through program evaluations. The process included interviews with staff, administration, and parents, along with observations of our programs. We expect to receive Mr. Shillinglaw's report in late January or early February. The assessment will be an excellent means to make any necessary changes to our programs, but also to educate the Island community about the services we provide compared to districts across the state. We have excellent special education programs on the Island, and I hope that a needs assessment will help us to make our successful programs even better.

At the high school, we continue to upgrade our facility to ensure that the building is safe for our students and staff, and that the teachers have the resources they need to provide our students with the best education possible. We will continue to pursue all avenues to upgrade and improve the facility.

Several teachers will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the Tisbury School, science teacher Connie Alexander, instrumental teacher Julie Schilling, and Educational Support Professionals Kelly McElhinney and Denise Lambos will be moving on. English teacher Dan Sharkovitz will be retiring from the high school and Jill Rosenkranz will be leaving the Chilmark School each after thirty-nine years of teaching in the Island schools. Finally, Ann Fay Lawton will be retiring from her teaching position in our social skills program after twenty-five years. Collectively these staff members have over two hundred years of service to the Island's students.

I am truly privileged and honored to be serving as the Island Schools' Superintendent. Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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March 16, 2017

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, 2016.

Statement of Net Position

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

General Funds – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

	<b>Government Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,413,758
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	754,692
Total current assets	<u>2,168,450</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	158,970
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,322,867
Total Noncurrent assets	<u>1,481,837</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>3,650,287</u>
 <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Related to Pensions	<u>130,652</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Warrants Payable	395,939
Accrued payroll	601,034
Other Liabilities	17,901
Compensated absences	8,485
Long-term bonds and notes payable	150,000
Total current liabilities	<u>1,173,359</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Compensated absences	76,362
Net OPED obligation	4,520,074
Net Pension Liability	1,127,893
Long-term bonds and notes payable	750,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>6,474,329</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>7,647,688</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets 581,837	
Restricted for:	
School Choice	361,828
Special Education	182,664
Building & Grounds	113,561
Other specific purposes	125,169
Unrestricted	<u>(5,231,808)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ (3,866,749)</u>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNMENT FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

	<u>General</u>	<u>School Choice</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,293,027	-	\$ 120,731	\$ 1,413,758
Restricted Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	361,828	392,864	754,692
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>1,293,027</u>	<u>361,828</u>	<u>513,595</u>	<u>2,168,450</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Warrants Payable	358,803	-	37,136	395,939
Accrued payroll	601,034	-	-	601,034
Other liabilities	17,901	-	-	17,901
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>977,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,136</u>	<u>1,014,874</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Restricted	-	361,828	421,394	783,222
Committed	64,966	-	120,731	185,697
Assigned	9,604	-	-	9,604
Unassigned	240,719	-	(65,666)	175,053
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>315,289</u>	<u>361,828</u>	<u>476,459</u>	<u>1,153,576</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 1,293,027</u>	<u>\$ 361,828</u>	<u>\$ 513,595</u>	<u>\$ 2,168,450</u>

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>School Choice</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
Member town assessments	\$10,065,628	-	-	\$10,065,628
Charges for Services	-	-	113,303	113,303
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
State aid-foundation	821,922	-	-	821,922
State aid-transportation	157,644	-	-	157,644
State Aid - school choice	54,700	-	-	54,700
State aid - charter school assessment reimbursement	76,628	-	-	76,628
Federal aid - impact aid	23,157	-	-	23,157
Other state and federal grants	1,100,319	376,918	265,228	1,742,465
Department and other	1,892	-	170,977	172,869
Contributions and donations	-	-	127,298	127,298
Investment Income	10,062	-	-	10,062
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>12,311,952</u>	<u>376,918</u>	<u>676,806</u>	<u>13,365,676</u>

**EXPENDITURES**

Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	2,894,159	250,000	-	3,144,159
Special Education	1,450,223	-	150,581	1,600,804
Other	65,049	-	-	65,049

	<u>General</u>	<u>School Choice</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Support Services:				
Pupil	850,419	-	9,318	859,737
Instructional	213,346	-	20,780	234,126
Administrative	1,230,813	-	8,102	1,238,915
Business	63,678	-	-	63,678
Building and grounds	928,564	-	204,544	1,133,108
Transportation	277,802	-	-	277,802
Food	111,379	-	144,191	255,570
Rent	187,950	-	-	187,950
Pension benefits	1,203,419	-	-	1,203,419
Employee Benefits	1,504,495	-	-	1,504,495
Property and liability insurance	137,470	-	-	137,470
State Assessments:				-
Charter School	978,178	-	-	978,178
School Choice	109,400	-	-	109,400
Debt Service - principal	150,000	-	-	150,000
Debt Service - interest	21,563	-	-	21,563
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>12,377,907</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>537,516</u>	<u>13,165,423</u>
<b>(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	(65,955)	126,918	139,290	200,253

	<u>General</u>	<u>School Choice</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	267,890	267,890
Transfers out	(267,890)	-	-	(267,890)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(267,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,890</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(333,845)	126,918	407,180	200,253
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	649,134	234,910	69,279	953,323
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	<u>\$315,289</u>	<u>\$ 361,828</u>	<u>\$ 476,459</u>	<u>\$1,153,576</u>



**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENERAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ Negative
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Member town assessments	\$ -	\$ 10,097,802	\$ (23,157)	\$ 10,074,645	\$ 10,065,628	\$ -	\$ 10,065,628	\$ (9,017)
Intergovernmental								
State aid-foundation		812,797	-	812,797	821,922	-	821,922	9,125
State aid-transportation		162,000	-	162,000	157,644	-	157,644	(4,356)
State aid - school choice tuition		-	-	-	54,700	-	54,700	54,700
State aid - charter school assessment reimbursement		82,393	-	82,393	76,628	-	76,628	(5,765)
Federal aid - impact aid		-	23,157	23,157	23,157	-	23,157	-
Other State and Federal grants		-	-	-	106,932	-	106,932	106,932
Investment Income		8,000	-	8,000	10,062	-	10,062	2,062
Departmental and other		4,000	-	4,000	1,892	-	1,892	(2,108)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	-	11,166,992	-	11,166,992	11,318,565	-	11,318,565	151,573

**EXPENDITURES**

Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular		2,952,683	(52,587)	2,900,096	2,894,160	-	2,894,160	5,936
Special Education		1,489,329	2,000	1,491,329	1,450,223	-	1,450,223	41,106
Other		65,167	-	65,167	65,049	-	65,049	118
Support Services:								
Pupil		828,613	840	829,453	850,419	-	850,419	(20,966)
Instructional		261,917	(48,350)	213,567	213,346	-	213,346	221
Administrative		1,258,630	(755)	1,257,875	1,230,813	-	1,230,813	27,062
Business		63,678	-	63,678	63,678	-	63,678	-

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
Building and grounds	14,254	749,315	200,580	964,149	928,564	9,604	938,168	25,981
Transportation		279,858	(2,744)	277,114	277,802	-	277,802	(688)
Food		111,066	600	111,666	111,379	-	111,379	287
Rent		187,950	-	187,950	187,950	-	187,950	-
Pension benefits		210,032	-	210,032	210,032	-	210,032	-
Employee Benefits		1,505,495	(1,000)	1,504,495	1,504,495	-	1,504,495	-
Property and liability insurance		100,634	36,836	137,470	137,470	-	137,470	-
State Assessments:								
Charter School		940,840	-	940,840	978,178	-	978,178	(37,338)
School Choice		90,080	-	90,080	109,400	-	109,400	(19,320)
Debt service - principal		150,000	-	150,000	150,000	-	150,000	-
Debt service - interest		21,563	-	21,563	21,563	-	21,563	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	14,254	11,266,850	135,420	11,416,524	11,384,521	9,604	11,394,125	22,399
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	(14,254)	(99,858)	(135,420)	(249,532)	(65,956)	(9,604)	(75,560)	173,972
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>								
Transfers in	(167,890)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out		(100,000)	-	(267,890)	(267,890)	-	(267,890)	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	(167,890)	(100,000)	-	(267,890)	(267,890)	-	(267,890)	-
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(182,144)	(199,858)	(135,420)	(517,422)	(333,846)	(9,604)	(343,450)	173,972
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	649,134	649,134	649,134	649,134	649,134	-	649,134	-
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	466,990	\$449,276	\$513,714	\$131,712	\$315,288	\$(9,604)	\$305,684	\$173,972

# Report of the Chilmark School Principal

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

Dear D'Andrea:

The year 2016 has seen several change at the Chilmark School! Our school community began with 43 students in three classrooms; a K/1 class, a 2/3 class and a 4/5 class (last year we had two 4/5 classes)

New faculty members this year include: Donna Swift, music teacher, and Jane Katch, our librarian. These new positions will help us reach the needs of all students.

An all-school morning circle starts our day as a community. We often have several parents participating with us each morning. 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" a program developed by the Cape Cod Symphony.

Our school continues to focus on project-based learning. Project based learning is "a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an engaging and complex question, problem or challenge". An example of this at the Chilmark School would be the 2/3's investigation of whaling. They began the year learning about whalers, and whales ships in social studies. Their reading lessons also utilized books about whaling. Students researched why whales were hunted, so they could understand the resources that the whales provided. They built a town that would have existed in early whaling times and each student was a proprietor of a shop in town. Field trips were taken. They visited a whaling museum, and participated in a whale watch. These types of activities keep students actively engaged in learning when immersed in a specific topic. They ended the unit by making whales to scale, so that replicas could fit in the classroom. The current focus on STEAM activities (combining science, technology, engineering, art and math) is very similar to project- based learning and enlists just a few changes for us to be following the STEAM teaching ideas.

Chilmark School has many Whole School Events involving the entire school community. These activities allow students to get to know, and work cooperatively with children of different ages and abilities. Whole School Events, as well as the multi-age classroom model, allow for maximum differ-

entiation of curriculum, as well as helping students develop leadership skills. Teachers within each multi age classroom encourage older students to become role models and to demonstrate leadership skills. With our proximity to the Chilmark Preschool and their participation in our various Whole School Events, even our kindergarten students can begin to learn leadership skills. Our recess time is also multiage, so students can participate in a variety of activities with students of all ages and abilities.

To promote physical awareness as well as self-regulation, we have continued to embrace mindfulness and yoga instruction. 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.

We are in our 2nd year of utilizing “Math in Focus Singapore Math”. This is the same program being utilized at the West Tisbury School ensuring continuity to our graduates that move on to 6th grade at the West Tisbury School.

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

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

Many traditions make our school special, starting with the 4/5 outdoor education week of sailing aboard the tall ship Alabama during the first full week of school. Since this trip takes place during the school year, with teachers on board, students complete all of their lessons while on the ship. The 4/5 class sponsors a fundraiser at the end of October. This year we raised funds for “Water for South Sudan”. The K/1 and 2/3 classes visit the residents at Windemere once a month. The K/1 students do a short performance for the residents, while the 2/3 students meet with them to share photos of the island. In November, we hold the Turkey Trot, where students “race” a mile down Middle Road. We then return to school for a reading of Stone Soup, and eat Stone Soup for lunch. This was the 2nd year that Dr. D’Andrea and Mr. Smith were our distinguished readers of two different versions of “Stone Soup”. In February the 5th graders visit Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine for our annual ski trip. At the beginning of May we have a May Day Celebration. The 4/5 students perform a May Pole Dance. Afterward they organize games as a Whole School event. At the end of May

we travel to Menemsha to listen to “Taps”, played by students, and throw flowers in the water in memory of our veterans. An annual end of year tradition is our 5th grade graduation. A high school senior, who attended the Chilmark School, joins us to read their scholarship-winning essay about their experience here. All 5th graders share a speech about their time at the school and then we have a Whole School potluck lunch. Our final tradition of the year is a kayak trip for the 3rd and 4th graders. This prepares the students for their adventure on the Alabama in the fall. These traditions foster community involvement and help create the uniqueness of our school.

There are many contributors that support the Chilmark School’s success. The staff, a group of talented individuals, works 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 and to learn”*..

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN STEVENS  
Head of School

# Chilmark School Students 2016

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## Kindergarten

Maybeline Brown  
Moses Thomson  
Annalee Wike

Lucy Doyle  
Dylan Waldman  
Genevieve Wise

Rasmus Mayhew  
Kiyla Weiner

## 1st Grade

Tauras Biskis  
Oscar Flanders

Emme Carroll

Mira Davis

## 2nd Grade

Zeb Athearn  
Leah Thomson

Malia Bodnar  
Aki Weiner

Emmett Taylor  
Fletcher Zack

## 3rd Grade

Grazina Biskis  
Jean Flanders  
Walter Prescott

Hunter Broderick  
Grady Keefe  
Claus Smith

Cian Davis  
Lathrop Keene

## 4th Grade

Elizabeth Chavtal  
Phoebe Griffiths  
Charlotte Scott

Katherine Chavtal  
Hayden Higgins

Laila Fenner  
Rodeo Purves-Langer

## 5th Grade

Axel Abrams  
Kestutis Biskis  
Peter Miller  
Sam Zack

Clara Athearn  
Oona Carroll  
William Miller

Laina Benoit  
Oisin McVey  
Yossi Monahan

## **Chilmark School Staff 2016**

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### **Full Time Staff:**

Principal/Head of School

Susan Stevens

Teachers:

K/1

Robin Smith

2/3

Gretchen Snyder

4/5

Jackie Guzalak

Educational support Professionals:

K/1

Eleanor Neubert

2/3

Celeste Drouin

4/5

Caroline Fenske

Enrichment/SPED

Jed Katch

Head Custodian:

Lisa Nichols

### **Part Time Staff:**

School Secretary (85%)

Mary Ambulos

Specialists:

Special Education (80%)

Jill Rosenkranz

Music (20%)

Donna Swift

Instrumental Music (10%)

Ruth Scudere-Chapman

Physical Education (20%)

Channon Capra

Art (20%)

Mariah MacGregor

Guidance Counselor (40%)

Joan Rice

Computer coordinator (30%)

Rebecca Barca-Tinnus

School Nurse (20%)

Janice Brown

Reading (30%)

Jessica Whiteley

Yoga (20%)

Jen DeLorenzo

Library (20%)

Jane Katch

# Report of the West Tisbury School

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Matthew D’Andrea, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Martha’s Vineyard Public Schools  
RR 2, Box 261  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D’Andrea:

I am pleased to present this report for calendar 2016 at the West Tisbury School. In it, I describe significant aspects of the year, as well as staff changes. In sum, staff, parents, and leadership continue together to build on the excellence that has characterized the West Tisbury School and for which it is well known and widely admired. This year, as ever, we have followed Ben Franklin’s guidance, “Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

Student enrollment increased once again in 2016. Current numbers in kindergarten through eighth grade are 338, distributed as follows:

Kindergartens.....	16 and 16
First Grades.....	20 and 21
Second Grades .....	20 and 21
Third Grades .....	17 and 21
Fourth Grades .....	16 and 17
Fifth Grades .....	17 and 18
Sixth Grades .....	17, 18 and 18
Sixth Grades .....	17, 18 and 18
Seventh Grade .....	45*
Eighth Grade.....	20*

\*students configured differently in various courses

New colleagues include Caitlyn Clark, Casey Hayward, Amy Hoff, Sarah Karlinsky, Cathy MacDonald, David Mesheau, Allison Saiff, Sam Scott, and Nina Webster. Karl Nelson returned from sabbatical. Jill Lane, third grade teacher, retired, and we thank her for her long service and unflinching dedication to the West Tisbury School and its community.

We have continued to refine the implementation of our math program that uses the Singapore approach. We have continued our intervention and enrichment reading block in the first and second grades. Having all students work in small groups for a half-hour daily for targeted reading instruction that aligns precisely with their current reading levels has shown gratifying early results. Professional development training and materials for this program



continue to be funded through several grants, we sought energetically and won.

Concurrent with implementing new science standards, we began an interdisciplinary approach to the learning called STE(A)M, an acronym for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Teachers are developing and implementing a STE(A)M curriculum that immerses students in open-ended exploration as well as hands-on, project-based learning, a hallmark of the West Tisbury School throughout its history. We are also partnering with the Boston Museum of Science Gateway Schools Project, along with Chilmark School, Edgartown School, Oak Bluffs School, Tisbury School, and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

Additional grant support and donations have allowed us to continue a yoga program in every grade, to install interactive whiteboards in more classrooms this year, to partner with Martha's Vineyard Museum to allow student access to primary sources to participate in a variety of innovative learning experiences across several grades, and to continue to provide a homework support club for students in third through fifth grades. Recent donations will fund installation of a filtered water bottle refilling station, will finance the planting of a large shade tree for the new playground as well as the installation of irrigation around it.

About the playground: With the help of the West Tisbury Community Preservation Committee and citizens of West Tisbury, the towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark, the West Tisbury Parent/Teacher Organization, and thanks to many donations from community members, we completed a large part of our playground renovation by removing the deteriorating Big Toy and installing a new one with a fully accessible surface. This new area has attracted lots of enthusiastic use, and comments have been frequent and extremely positive. We thank everyone for uniting to create this badly needed replacement to the old, tattered playground.

In terms of state assessment, we will move from the recently implemented Partnership for Assessment and Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments, administered last spring, to a new state assessment system now being developed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in collaboration with PARCC. We will administer the new MCAS 2.0 assessments in English, math, and science.

Our School Advisory Council is at work on four school improvement goals in the current school year. They include implementing the new science standards, English language arts enrichment, writing, and school parking lot safety and accessibility. Along with measuring progress on our current goals, the council has identified four new ones for the upcoming school year in the areas of best practices; methods and programs for special education and 504s; unstructured time recommendations; phase two and three of the playground/outdoor learning area renovation; and health and wellness. This

plan was first shared with the UIRSD school committee at its November meeting and will be followed by a full presentation to the school committee in January.

The very active and encouraging Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) created opportunities for families to join in fun activities and raised funds to support school initiatives. Highlights from the year include providing free, healthy cooking classes for families, raising funds for the school playground, helping to build the middle school garden, building school store display cases to revitalize the school store and allow children to work on all the skills needed to run a business, including learning to count money, and providing new bike racks and athletic uniforms.

This year as every year, the support of community members has been paramount in the success of our school. I thank them all for their unstinting support of the West Tisbury School and its mission of “providing a solid academic foundation, to inspire a love of learning for the sake of learning, to foster an understanding of basic human values with a working knowledge of the rights and responsibilities associated with those values, and to promote independent thinking through cooperative and inclusive learning while maintaining the unique values of our diverse, rural island community.” I am eager to continue this immensely valuable and successful collaboration with educators, parents, volunteers, community members, organizations, and business partners, all focused steadily on the advancement of our school and the achievements and success of all our students.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT  
Principal

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

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Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

It is my pleasure to present to you a summary of many of the accomplishments of our departmental staff at MVRHS in the service of our students and community. There are lots of 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 had a full and productive year in 2016. Our annual Evening of the Arts was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts department and a new tradition was begun: live “Art Throwdown” competitive events. The MVRHS Yearbook and our art and literary magazine, SEABREEZES, both had successful publications this year.

Twenty-five students won awards in the 2016 Scholastic Art Awards and six of them advanced to the national competition, including one senior ceramics portfolio. Advanced students attended Portfolio Day in Boston in November and prepared senior portfolios for college admission, as well as for the Young Arts portfolio contest. Art and design students also took field trips to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston and to the Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Several graduating seniors were showcased in an exhibit at the Old Sculpin gallery, and several photography students designed solo exhibits and participated in group shows at the West Tisbury Library. Many students participated in the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and others entered Rep. Keating's Congressional Art Contest in Plymouth.

Ceramics students participated in a Raku firing and a multi-day wood firing at Featherstone, and held a pottery show and sale at Featherstone's Pebble Gallery. Also, these students made bowls for an Island Grown School fundraiser in conjunction with Culinary Arts classes.

Drawing & Painting students designed a schoolwide “Unity Art Project” in November, bringing hundreds of students together for a unifying sidewalk

chalk design. Design & Architecture students participated in a "Tiny House Jam" in conjunction with Island Housing Trust for publication in the *Martha's Vineyard Times*.

Five students won awards in the 2016 *Cape Cod Times*' "Classroom Times" photography contest and a sophomore won first place in the *Martha's Vineyard Magazine's* annual photo contest. MVRHS students won first and third prize at the international 2016 iEARN Photography Challenge and participated in a captioned photography exchange with a high school on the island of St. Vincent, culminating in an exhibit at Featherstone's "VincyFest." Photo students also participated in a "Day in the Life" captioned photography challenge by the *Martha's Vineyard Times* and two presented their work in a live international online conference.

A new AP Computer Science Principles class was piloted this year. Technology students presented projects at the first Martha's Vineyard Maker Faire and also presented at the national Maker Faire in New York City. Technology students collaborated with physics classes and Here Lab to study environmental data, and collaborated with ELL students to make interactive maps using the Scratch programming language.

### **Athletics**

Once again, the athletic teams at the High School have represented the community of Martha's Vineyard in excellent fashion. Many communities across the Commonwealth consider a successful season in wins and losses. Although our teams have their share of success in the win column, we continue to boast the success of our student-athletes both on and off the field. Our teams continually get praise on their demeanor as young adults. This is what carries success into adulthood. We take pride in our athletic programs by developing our athletes as complete individuals. Our mantra is: "Coaches build character, confidence, and citizens. Wins are a product of the above."

Teams that have seen post-season play are: Boys and Girls Basketball; Baseball; Boys and Girls Lacrosse; Boys and Girls Tennis; Golf; Boys Soccer; and Field Hockey. Our girls' tennis team has now won back-to-back state championships and look to get even stronger. Several individuals saw success by qualifying for post-season state meets in cross country, indoor track, swimming, and outdoor track.

We would like to thank the entire Martha's Vineyard community for their continued support of our student-athletes, and all should be proud of the young adults participating in our athletic programs.

### **Career and Technical Education**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) at MVRHS offers students exposure to a variety of pathways, depending on their choices after high school. The skilled trades continue to be the hardest positions to fill, not only here on the Island, but across the Commonwealth. Middle-skill jobs, jobs that

require education and training beyond high school, but less than a bachelor's degree, are a significant part of the economy. *CTE addresses the needs of high-growth industries and helps close the skills gap.*

Students in CTE programs can continue on to a 2- or 4-year college, pursue additional licensing and training, or go directly into the workforce. The number of program offerings is growing to meet the needs of the Island community. During 2016, Radio Broadcasting and Business/Marketing were formalized to begin to develop sequential programming for students.

Under the direction of Ken Ward, the Automotive Technology department has undergone some significant equipment updates. New lifts and specialized equipment have advanced the technical skills offered. The automotive students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification and are prepared for entry-level employment.

Health care occupations, many of which require an associate degree or less, make up 12 of the 20 fastest growing occupations. The Health Assisting program continues to grow and expand its presence in the community with its partnership with MVH and Windemere. Mary Vivian, BSN, RN, brings her knowledge of nursing, the health care industry, and her love of students to this new program. The Health Assisting students were instrumental in organizing a fundraiser for Haiti during its most recent hurricane.

The Horticulture department, under the direction of John Wojtkiel, is in its second year of raising trout as part of its aquaponic/hydroponic system. The horticulture students earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification and Pesticide Application training. During the spring months, students of horticulture landscaped the Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Senior Centers. The annual spring plant sale was a great success. Former students are now proprietors of several landscaping businesses.

Chef Cynthia Cowan joined the Culinary Arts department to work with Chef Jack O'Malley and the students, who are always busy preparing delicious meals for members of the Island community. Culinary Arts continues to host events for local groups, frequently using locally sourced produce from the horticulture program and the school garden. Annually, culinary students become ServSafe and OSHA 10 certified.

Over the last year, our Building Trades department, taught by Bill Seabourne, has continued with its shed building program. The building trades students earn the important 10-hour OSHA General Construction Certification. Building Trades students, in collaboration with Island Grown Schools, received Blue Ribbon recognition for designing and building the school's composting bin. Students of this trade regularly join local construction businesses directly out of high school.

Maritime Sciences, with Brock Callen at the helm, continues to expand its presence within CTE. This is the eighth year MVRHS has offered

seamanship science, with the support of Sail MV. The program is the first of its kind in the state. The Maritime Sciences program has helped several students, with the credentials obtained through the program, to attend maritime colleges or enter into the maritime industry.

Our newest programs, Radio Broadcasting and Business/Marketing were added to the exploratory rotation, offering students an opportunity to explore career paths in communications and business. WYOB 105.5FM, the Island's newest radio station, broadcasts directly from MVRHS. We are proud of this student-run endeavor and thankful to Skip Finley and Bill Narkiewicz for their tireless efforts in fundraising and managing this station.

Our newest staff member, Brian Jakusik is working with Josh Burgoyne to expand the business offerings at the high school to include a sequence of marketing courses. Brian comes to us with a strong background in business and marketing and is a great addition to the DECA program begun by Josh last year.

Career Technical Education programs benefit from biannual advisory meetings. Advisory groups are made up of industry professionals and provide valuable oversight of programs. The departments rely on them for curriculum, equipment, and budgetary advice.

## **English**

The English department sponsored the second annual Writers Week during the spring term. Twenty Island writers attended the event, delivering coffeehouse style readings and teaching lessons about all aspects of writing to nearly 300 students. English teachers Christine Ferrone and Spencer D'Agostino organized the event with help from their English department colleagues.

Students in the English department who took the Advanced Placement Literature exam and the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition exam once again achieved an extremely high level of academic success. Regional high school students earned passing scores at a rate nearly 30 points above the national average.

For the second consecutive year, all students in regular English classes scored in the passing range on the state MCAS exam.

Class of 2016 member Amadine Muniz's participated in the Poetry Out Loud State Championship held in Boston in March, 2016.

Bill McCarthy earned an additional Master's Degree in English/Writing at Western New Mexico University (WNMU) last summer.

Dave Wilson and Bill McCarthy took 35 of their students to Walden Pond and environs in early October. The group visited the Old Manse, The Alcott House, and Thoreau's cabin site in Walden Woods. By arrangement, the students even encountered old Henry David (a Thoreau impersonator)

ambling through the woods by his cabin. All in all, it was a great day of expeditionary learning.

Kate Hennigan and Christine Ferrone attended the New England Association of Teachers of English fall conference. Upon their return, both teachers continued to share what they learned with their colleagues.

Two Creative Writing students, Pearl Vercruysse and Mary McCarthy, have had their work accepted for publication in *Fine Lines Journal*, edited by David Martin. *Fine Lines* is a national journal that publishes creative writing. The students' work will appear in the winter 2017 edition.

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School's student newspaper, the High School View, won several major journalism awards at the New England Scholastic Press Association's annual conference held May 2 at Boston University. The paper won the Massachusetts Highest Achievement Award for excellence in editing and publishing in the class three category. The team won second place honors in the prestigious All-New England category. Several students earned individual special achievement awards for journalistic excellence: co-editor in chief Olivia Jacobs for news writing, Casey McAndrews for feature writing, and Sophie Bonneau for illustration. English department chairman Dan Sharkovitz has served as the newspaper's faculty adviser since 1995.

Cynthia Cowan's 10th grade English class hosted three Island authors: Jay Schofield, Tom Dresser, and WWII Veteran, Herb Foster, this past October to discuss their book, *Martha's Vineyard in WWII*. Having just completed John Knowles novel, *A Separate Peace*, about the experiences of young men at a prep school in New Hampshire during WWII, students were fascinated to learn of actual war-time activities on our island during this time period.

The school's literary magazine, *Seabreezes*, was recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English as a magazine of "Excellence." Chris Baer and Bill McCarthy serve as the magazine's faculty advisers.

English department chair, Dan Sharkovitz, was elected vice-president of the New England Scholastic Press Association Board of Directors for the fourth consecutive year. In May, he taught a journalism seminar at the New England Scholastic Press Association's annual conference held at Boston University. In the fall, five of his poems were featured in the 2016 edition of *Cantos: A Literary and Arts Journal*. In addition, Dan's insights about teaching were quoted in Brian Sztabnik's ebook, *The 10 Habits of Master Teachers*. In July, as part of a series of scholarly lectures titled "Islanders Read the Classics," Dan presented a talk to a full house at the Edgartown Library. The presentation guided the audience through the intricacies of Shakespeare's great play, *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark*.

### **Guidance**

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped the 156 graduates of the Class of 2016 develop transitional plans



during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, 62% of the students are attending a 4 year college; 7% attending a 2 year college/technical college/prep school; 18% entered the work force; 7% were admitted to college but taking a gap year; and 6% are pursuing other alternatives including travel. The generosity of our community was demonstrated by the \$1,555,414.00 awarded at our Class Night. Our 2016 Graduates received 517 scholarships and post-graduates received 237. Our Peer Outreach Program, which includes 108 trained students and 36 trained teachers, continues to be an effective peer-driven program to assist students in negotiating the challenges of high school. The “Sting,” created to help the 8th grade students’ transition into the high school, has proved to be a highly successful program. The Guidance Department is dedicated to assist and encourage students to set and meet their goals and support their academic and extracurricular success.

## **History**

The History department has had an interesting year so far with a historic general election that prompted interesting conversations and reflections within the department. Elaine Cawley-Weintraub and Louis Hall combined their social studies and science classes to work with students on generating questions and concerns about the election. The students worked on several dilemmas and the finished product, *The Wall of Hopes and Fears*, is in the hallway outside Room 505.

Olsen Houghton and Andrew Vandall are continuing their post-graduate work and the entire department became trained in the mandated state program for teaching students whose first language is not English. Elaine Cawley-Weintraub made presentations for Facing History & Ourselves and the National Council on the Social Studies, and Andrew Vandall attended a number of battle reenactments. Five of our teachers attended a complimentary showing of the new film, *LOVING*, at the Film Center in Vineyard Haven as part of our collaboration with them. The film addressed the issue of the anti-miscegenation laws and how they were challenged successfully on behalf of Richard and Mildred Loving. Earlier in the year, the students attended showings of “Suffragette and Race” at the Film Center. The senior class took part in the annual African American Heritage Trail project exhibition and several won prizes.

There was a cultural exchange visit with the High School of Economics and Finance in New York. In April, the students from the One World Club visited New York and participated in a series of cultural activities, and in June the New Yorkers visited the Vineyard. The annual Brazilian-American Friendship Lunch, an event celebrating intercultural friendships and building a strong community, took place on December 9, 2016. Also during this year, groups of students traveled to the Close Up program in Washington, D.C., led by Corinne Kurtz, and to Ireland as part of their Irish History program.



## **Math**

The math department is pleased to welcome Michael Inness as a new instructor. Michael brings 12 years of experience from The Woodlands High School in Texas, having taught an array of subjects ranging from Algebra I to AP Calculus.

Math teachers Melissa Brailard and Mary Lee Carlomagno are progressing with earning their master's degree in a conjunctive program with Fitchburg State College and ACE MV.

MVRHS scored well with regards to the 2016 math standardized test results. The average SAT score was 541 and the average on the Math I subject test was 633. The BC calculus AP scores averaged 3.5 with 78% scoring a three or higher. We also recorded the highest number of students ever taking an AP exam. The MCAS results were also encouraging, with 85% of students scoring proficient or higher and 57% scoring advanced.

## **Performing Arts**

Beginning in January, 2016, the Performing Arts Department continued to offer students both performance and non-performance music and theatre classes: choral and instrumental ensembles; guitar; piano; class voice; music theory; sound technology; theatre workshop; and musical theatre production, as well as opportunities for independent study. In addition, English Language Learners and students in the LifeSkills programs were offered classes in music exploration. Performance classes presented a concert in March for Music in Our Schools Month, performed at Evening of the Arts, and participated in the graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle in June.

Choral members participated in the All Island Choral Festival, singing with and getting to know the students and teachers from the Island elementary schools. Vocal Ensemble entertained Island seniors at Windermere and senior centers, and the string quartet provided music for the senior luncheons in Culinary. Theatre classes performed monologues and scenes from a variety of Shakespeare plays, while the Musical Theatre Production Class presented its second 'Cabaret' at Alex's Place.

Outside of scheduled classes, many students took advantage of extracurricular activities. Twenty- three students participated in the All Cape and Islands Music Festival, six performed in the Southeast District Senior Festival, and two singers were selected for the All State Concert at Symphony Hall. Over sixty students were members of the cast of 'CHICAGO,' presenting three stellar performances in February, assisted by faculty members and several Island musicians, designers, and set builders. In May, the Minnesingers presented their Spring Shows, entitled 'Kaleidoscope,' celebrating the many diverse styles of music.

The first semester of the 2016 school year was again a busy time with all classes up and running. In October, thirty-five students attended the Boston

Symphony's open rehearsal which featured Yo-Yo Ma; truly an amazing experience for everyone! At the annual Assessment Day in November, all the classes in the department were able to participate, either as performers or audiences members, with classes sharing their accomplishments. The department's winter concert on December 1st featured Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, the Woodwind Quintet, and compositions by the Sound Technology class.

Musical Theatre Production class prepared for its 'Cabaret' performances at Alex's Place, scheduled for January 2017. Auditions for this year's Performing Arts Department Musical, 'Guys and Dolls,' were held and a cast of over 50 rehearsed beginning in November for performances in February. In very successful auditions in November, thirty-one musicians were chosen for the All Cape and Islands Music Festival, six for the Southeast District Music Festival, and one singer will have the opportunity to audition for the All State Concert.

In other performances during the fall and winter, a jazz duo provided music for the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in November, and instrumentalists continued to entertain at the senior luncheons. The Minnesingers performed at the annual Minnesinger auction, made several holiday visits to area senior centers, and sang at the Neighborhood Convention and at Windermere. They also presented their traditional Winter Concerts at the Whaling Church for Christmas in Edgartown. 2016 was another busy and successful year for both students and staff thanks to the support of the administration and high school staff, parents, and the Island community.

### **Physical Education**

This past calendar year, the PE department was invigorated by new and renewed staff as retirements prompted many new opportunities. In addition to Ms. Alyssa Lemoi being new to the department, we welcomed the newly-certified Ryan Kent from the Special Education department to help cover the retirement of Donald Herman. Both of these young professionals are infusing new experiences and ideas to our program.

Our students continue to thrive on team sports and individual fitness feats that spread enthusiasm to all students. Favorite team sports include floor hockey, team handball, pickle ball, and badminton. During each class meeting, a brief 'tip of the day' is highlighted on fitness, nutrition, and safety, and this past spring our sophomores rushed to the gym to let the faculty know that information on cholesterol from the 'tip of the day' was part of the Biology MCAS and these sophomores were pumped that PE had shed a light on the topic!

Over 300 students in all the spring classes were very fortunate to enjoy some of the best spring weather on MV while at Felix Neck to kayak and hike

as part of Physical Education. The Yard's "Making It" program was also part of physical education this past year, with both semesters of the 9-10 grades participating in diverse experiences in movement. In addition to the talent that resides with The Yard, there were guest groups that visited our school to work with students. Yoga continues in the 11-12 grade courses thanks to a grant from the Sound Foundation.

## **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 computer-based STEM design. Teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Conference, a Social Thinking Conference, and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on-Island and off-Island), including Biodiversity Works, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

The 2016 science fair was very successful, with several students competing at the regional fair. MVRHS received the South Shore Regional Science Fair School Award. These awards are given to schools from which one or more students won a first place award at the 2015 fair. Christopher Aring won a 1st place award last year for his project, Augmented Reality Sand Table. This award recognizes that the success of the students reflects the hard work of dedicated teachers and a supportive school system.

Dr. Munn has taken on the role of STEAM coordinator for the 2016-17 school year. This is a new position that will oversee the integration of STEAM related courses and/or materials into the MVRHS curriculum.

Jason Neago has taken a leave of absence and a position in a DOD school in Japan. Lou Hall has been hired to teach his Chemistry and Physics courses.

Our new course additions of "Principals of Physics" and "Green Engineering" seem to be gaining interest among the students.

The Engineering Challenge continued to build on its success, offering over 40 students an opportunity to engage in competitive engineering design work. The strongest of these students were invited to attend the Cape and Islands Engineering Challenge in Woods Hole.

The department has set goals to study the new standards put forth by the state and align our curriculum to better fulfill those standards. We continue to try to identify best-practice standards and implement common skills, assessments, and overacting ideas that can be incorporated throughout the science curriculum. We have continued to improve our co-teaching program and look to add two Earth science classes in 2017-18.

## **Special Education**

The role of the Special Education Department is to identify eligible students and provide them with specialized instruction to help them fulfill their potential towards college and/or career readiness. Specialized instruction and supports are provided on a continuum from academic support, in-class support, co-teaching, and small group instruction to substantially separate programs. These services/programs are designed with the belief that all students can learn together in the same school to prepare for adult living after graduating/transitioning from the high school.

The focus of the department is to build a positive collaborative environment and be an integral part of the school community at large. We started the year with a new Principal who supports this philosophy. In the first few days of the year, during teacher professional development, we were able to meet with all teachers and staff. We presented how best to support the different individual needs that are included in our classrooms. Then again, at a staff meeting in November, our department was able to lead a presentation on Executive Functioning for the teaching staff.

We started a co-teaching model in September of 2015 and within the first few months there was positive results observed for the students, teachers, and parents. This year, we have co-teaching in four 9th grade classes and seven 10th grade classes. We are planning on expanding next year to include 4 more freshman classes and one more sophomore class. This is an exciting process that reflects the inclusive nature of the school's culture and a commitment by our administration and staff to support this initiative.

We are continuing to develop a transition process to meet the needs of incoming freshman with IEPs. The MVRHS Special Education Department meets regularly with representatives of each sending school. A Parents' Meet/Greet Night was held to provide parents an opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the overview of special education services. This new event allowed teams to hold a focused individual student's transition.

Our Department meets on a monthly basis to review special education regulations, practices, monitoring of the compliance, and to ensure appropriate supports and services are in place to meet the needs of our students with disabilities receiving specialized instruction. Each Special Education teacher also participates in monthly content department meetings as a representative for the special education department.

## **World Language**

Professional development was the theme of 2016 for teachers in the World Language Department. Pierre Bonneau attended the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) annual convention in Austin (TX) last July, where he presented a cultural session on the evolution of the Quebec society through his travel stories in Northern Quebec. Jane Sampaio partici-

pated in a Portuguese teachers' retreat at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, where she learned from experts in the field of foreign language instruction and collaborated with other Portuguese teachers. In November, six teachers attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages conference in Boston, where they learned the latest trends in language learning and acquisition. The department is currently working to share and integrate new ideas and activities from the conferences that focus on encouraging speaking in world language classrooms and supporting an environment of proficiency that aligns with national standards.

Juliana Germani joined the department as a Portuguese teacher with a course load that includes classes for heritage and native speakers as well as ELL support. The department has also developed a collaborative effort with the ELL department to bring students together to engage in authentic communication as they learn each other's languages. This pairing has been a great success and we look forward to further developing the curriculum next year.

Cristina Dominguez, a native speaker from Spain and Lorena Crespo, originally from Ecuador, visited Spanish classes to share their language and traditions. Students enjoyed using their Spanish skills to converse with native speakers and learn about their cultures. We are so grateful to have these members of our community come in and work with our students, giving them an authentic way to practice their language skills and learn about other cultures; a great time was had by all!

As always, students of all languages had ample opportunity to put their language skills to the test and, again this year, advanced Spanish students demonstrated great success, with all students passing the Advanced Placement Exam in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA DINGLEDY  
Principal

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

4 Pine Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

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March 9, 2017

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, 2016.

Statement of Net Position

Government Funds Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds – Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

	<u><b>Governmental Activities</b></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,021,681
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	749,328
Due from Agency Fund	719,999
Total current assets	<u>4,490,918</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	179,744
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	13,702,900
Total noncurrent assets	<u>13,882,644</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>18,373,562</u>
 <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Related to Pensions	348,394
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	667,322
Accrued payroll	1,283,411
Other liabilities	47,955
Compensated absences	29,063
Wastewater connection payable	29,560
Long-term bonds and notes payable	188,799
Total current liabilities	<u>2,246,110</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Compensated absences	261,570
Net OPEB obligation	12,928,756
Net Pension Liability	3,071,249
Wastewater connection payable	295,587
Long-term bonds and notes payable	1,321,596
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>17,878,758</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>20,124,868</u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	12,666,23
Restricted for:	
Special Education	246,966
Other specific purposes	247,606
Unrestricted	<u>(14,563,720)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ (1,402,912)</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNMENT FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,246,339	\$ 775,342	\$ 3,021,681
Due from Agency Fund	719,999	-	719,999
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	749,238	749,238
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	2,966,338	1,524,580	4,490,918
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Warrants Payable	647,742	19,580	667,322
Accrued payroll	1,214,310	69,101	1,248,411
Other liabilities	47,955	-	47,955
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	1,910,007	88,681	1,998,688
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Restricted	-	803,746	83,746
Committed	-	765,327	764,327
Assigned	300,807	-	300,807
Unassigned	755,524	(132,174)	623,350
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	1,056,131	1,435,899	2,492,230
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	\$ 2,966,338	\$ 1,524,580	\$ 4,490,918



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
Member town assessments	\$ 16,038,670	-	\$ 16,038,670
User fees	817,056	435,268	1,252,324
Intergovernmental:			
State Aid-foundation	2,775,225	-	2,775,225
State Aid-transportation	309,395	-	309,395
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	110,054	-	110,054
State Aid-circuit breaker	-	165,351	165,351
Other state and federal grants	2,644,769	1,600,171	4,244,940
Departmental Receipts	40,874	101,831	142,705
Contributions and donations	-	2,081	2,081
Investment income	21,444	991	22,435
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>22,757,487</b>	<b>2,305,693</b>	<b>25,063,180</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Current:

    Instruction:

        Regular

5,095,987

541,990

5,637,977

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
Special Education	2,210,151	1,092,243	3,302,394
Vocational	492,150	64,563	556,713
Other	83,727	36,513	120,240
Support Services:			
Pupil	1,793,355	232,835	2,026,190
Instructional	570,736	179,919	750,655
Administration	1,884,817	149,038	2,033,855
Business	96,891	-	96,891
Building and grounds	1,581,510	453,250	2,034,760
Transportation	1,680,633	8,788	1,689,421
Food	43,527	315,603	359,130
Community services	-	178,550	178,550
Pension benefits	2,983,658	-	2,983,658
Employee benefits	2,747,563	-	2,747,563
Property and liability insurance	283,229	-	283,229
State Assessment			
Charter school	1,033,311	-	1,033,311
School choice	15,366	-	15,366
Debt service-principal	180,000	-	180,000
Debt service-interest	45,900	-	45,900
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>22,822,511</b>	<b>3,253,292</b>	<b>26,075,803</b>

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(65,024)	(947,599)	(1,012,623)
<b>ROTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Transfers in	-	814,092	814,092
Transfers out	(464,092)	(350,000)	(814,092)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(464,092)	464,092	-
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	(529,116)	(483,507)	(1,012,623)
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	1,585,447	1,919,406	3,504,853
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,056,331</u>	<u>\$ 1,435,899</u>	<u>\$ 2,492,230</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
GENERAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES,  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Prior Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Current Year Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Member town assessments	-	\$ 16,038,670	\$ -	\$ 16,038,670	\$ 16,038,670	\$ -	\$ 16,038,670	\$ -
User fees	-	783,263	-	783,263	817,056	-	817,056	33,793
Intergovernmental:								
State Aid-foundation	-	2,756,975	-	2,756,975	2,775,225	-	2,775,225	18,250
State Aid-transportation	-	313,545	-	313,545	309,395	-	309,395	(4,150)
State Aid-charter school assessment reimbursement	-	103,580	-	103,580	110,054	-	110,054	6,474
Departmental Receipts	-	13,600	-	13,600	40,874	-	40,874	27,274
Investment income	-	20,000	-	20,000	21,444	-	21,444	1,444
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	-	20,029,633	-	20,029,633	20,112,718	-	20,112,718	83,085
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
Current:								
Instruction:								
Regular	4,717	5,085,482	-	5,090,199	5,095,987	1,221	5,097,208	(7,009)
Special Education	20,250	2,210,634	-	2,230,884	2,210,151	3,487	2,213,638	17,246
Vocational	5,434	499,826	-	505,260	492,150	6,716	498,866	6,394
Other	23,458	85,983	-	109,441	83,727	990	84,717	24,724

	Prior Year		Supplemental		Final		Current Year		Actual and		Variance Positive/ (Negative)
	Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Original Budget	Appropriations and Transfers	Budget	Actual	Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Encumbrances and Continuing Appropriations	Actual and Encumbrances		
Support Services:											
Pupil	31,452	1,828,872	-	1,860,324	1,793,355	457	1,793,812	66,512			
Instructional	8,950	568,605	-	577,555	570,736	-	570,736	6,819			
Administration	31,323	1,933,815	-	1,965,138	1,884,817	3063	1,887,880	77,258			
Business	495	101,900	-	102,395	96,891	900	97,791	4,604			
Building and grounds	132,245	1,596,801	-	1,729,046	1,581,510	15780	1,597,290	131,756			
Transportation	241,356	1,728,359	-	1,969,715	1,680,633	264718	1,945,351	24,364			
Food	-	47,000	-	47,000	43,527	3,473	47,000	-			
Pension benefits	-	338,889	-	338,889	338,889	-	338,889	-			
Employee benefits	-	2,787,238	-	2,787,238	2,747,563	-	2,747,563	39,675			
Property and liability insurance	-	280,473	-	280,473	283,229	-	283,229	(2,756)			
State Assessment											
Charter school	-	879,430	-	879,430	1,033,311	-	1,033,311	(153,881)			
School choice	-		-		15,366	-	15,366	(15,366)			
Debt service-principal	-	180,000	-	180,000	180,000	-	180,000	-			
Debt service-interest	-	45,900	-	45,900	45,900	-	45,900	-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	499,680	20,199,207	-	20,698,887	20,177,742	300,805	20,478,547	220,340			
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	(499,680)	(169,574)	-	(669,254)	(65,024)	(300,805)	(365,829)	303,425			
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>											
Transfers out	-	-	(464,092)	(464,092)	(464,092)	-	(464,092)	-			
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	(499,680)	(169,574)	(464,092)	(1,133,346)	(529,116)	(300,805)	(829,921)	303,425			
<b>FUND BALANCE, Beginning of year</b>	1,585,447	1,585,447	1,585,447	1,585,447	1,585,447	-	1,585,447	-			
<b>FUND BALANCE, End of year</b>	\$ 1,085,767	\$ 1,415,873	\$ 1,121,355	\$ 452,101	\$ 1,056,331	\$ (300,805)	\$ 755,526	\$ 303,425			

# Report of the Assessors

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Our sworn duty as Assessors is to fairly and equally assess the value of all property in town to divide the total tax obligation of the Town's budget, and, ultimately, to determine the tax bill sent for each piece of property.

The Assessors produced a 10-year tax projection which shows an 8% average annual increase, and a doubling of our taxes after 10 years, as they have doubled every 10 years since 1994, a rate of tax increase that is more than twice the 3.5% state-wide average, and more than any other town on the island.

The causes: minimal growth; strict zoning; unreimbursed costs attributable to untaxed Federal lands; unequal regional agreements (ambulance and elderly), and small town inefficiencies.

The Assessors asked the BOS and Moderator to appoint a Financial Committee (FinCom), which we have been without for 10 years. The Town finally appointed a FinCom in the fall.

Expenses attributable to untaxed federal lands in Town accounted for 20% of the Town's budget in 2006 (per DOR audit). The exact % today is not reported and difficult to ascertain. The federal government promised to pay these expenses, but impact aid has amounted for relatively little. In 1994 the Town and Tribe agreed to pursue such funding.

Another growing expense, is the Tri-town ambulance agreement under which we pay 33% of the budget, yet we incur fewer than 7% of the ambulance runs, an unequal division that costs the Town about \$180,000/year.

The Town can also consider further regionalization Increasing its revenues, for example, from the Circle and West Basin.

Town meetings during calendar year 2015 raised \$4,005,255.43, an increase of 3.1% from the prior fiscal year. The tax rate for all classes of properties was \$5.35 per thousand for fiscal year 2016.

The total value of the Town was \$699,760,076, with average residential value of \$1,601,788. The property class values for FY 2016 were:

Residential	\$680,760,076
Commercial	\$10,169,121
Industry	\$80,400
Personal Property	\$8,043,699
Exempt	\$80,104,700

The Assessors would like to thank Ted Cammann for his service, and welcome Elise LeBovit as the newly elected assessor

You can reach the Assessors office by phone 508-645-2306, email [aqassess@comcast.net](mailto:aqassess@comcast.net). Our online mapping webhosting is provided by CAI Technologies <http://www.axisgis.com/AquinnahMA>. Also, please visit the town website for more information at <http://www.aquinnah-ma.gov/content/board-assessors>.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON CAMMANN, Member  
DARREN LEPORT, Member  
MICHAEL W. STUTZ, Chairman

# Report of the Treasurer

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**June 30, 2016**

To the Board of Selectmen  
and Residents of Aquinnah:

The close of FY16 marked the end of my first year as your Treasurer and I appreciate having been given the opportunity to serve in this position. Between tackling payroll, managing health care & retirement benefits, reconciling bank accounts and navigating through the complex world of Tax Title matters, I have had a very busy year. We started the fiscal year (FY16) with \$773,000 of long & short term debt and after paying down \$83,000 in principal and \$5,973.12 in interest, the year ended with a total debt balance of \$690,000. We also have coming down the pipeline the approved Fire Truck borrowing of \$450,000.00. (You will see this borrowing listed in the future FY17 report)

I am happy to report that our OPEB Investment Fund (other postemployment benefits), has reached \$335,500.00. Currently we have 6 retirees and we will see this number grow as another generation of benefited employees will retire. Continuing to fund the OPEB account will be crucial to our future budgets, and while we still have a ways to go to be fully funded, we are headed in a positive direction!

We have been making progress in retrieving payments on parcels that are in Tax Title. In FY16 we received \$121,445.40 of tax title payments (this includes interest & fees). There is still a lot more work to be done and one of my goals for the upcoming year is to work diligently in reducing our list of tax title parcels and recoup lost tax revenue. I want to thank Maria McFarland, our Tax Title Associate, who has been a great asset for our Town. Maria will continue to assist the Tax Collector and Treasurer in Tax Title matters.

FY16 closed with an increase in nontax revenue compared to the recorded revenue from prior years. A list of the FY16 Treasurer Receipts that were reported to the Department of Revenue and the Cash Reconciliation Month ending June 30, 2016 follow this report.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

SIBEL SUMAN  
Treasurer & Benefits Administrator



**TREASURER CASH RECONCILIATION MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

<b>DEPOSITORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE 06/01/16</b>	<b>JUNE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>JUNE WARRANTS</b>	<b>TRANSFERS IN</b>	<b>TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE 06/30/16</b>
MV SAVINGS	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	100,497.39	8.26				100,505.65
MV SAVINGS	GENERAL	1,488,379.95	206,994.37	<u>102.01</u>		348,475.40	1,346,796.91
MV SAVINGS	PAYROLL	221.08	0.16	161,952.11	161,952.11		221.24
MV SAVINGS	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	207,150.51	17.36		94,171.00		301,338.87
MV SAVINGS	STABILIZATION	149,597.06	<u>12.30</u>				149,609.36
MV SAVINGS	STABILIZATION-BLDG & GROUNDS	10,372.04	0.85				10,372.89
MV SAVINGS	STABILIZATION-CAPITAL	78,395.85	6.44				78,402.29
INVESTMENT	GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE FUND	98,150.98	18,415.20			19,382.54	97,183.64
PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH	4,501.58					4,501.58
UNIBANK	VENDOR CHECKING	3,716.70	35.73	135,330.01	135,330.01		3,752.43
UNIBANK	CONSOLIDATED	104,388.14	12.93				104,401.07
UNIBANK	ONLINE COLLECTIONS	36,640.46	0.04			23,595.18	13,045.32
	TOTAL	2,282,011.74	225,503.64	297,384.13	391,453.12	391,453.12	2,210,131.25

## TREASURER RECEIPTS FY16

TAX TITLE & INTEREST	111,566.89
CPC TAX TITLE & INTEREST	1,112.81
TAX TITLE FEES	8,765.70
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES	575.00
LDO (LANDFILL-DROP OFF) FEES	23,127.00
PARKING LOT	141,485.00
PHILBIN BEACH PERMITS	35,670.00
RESTROOMS & SODA	17,137.38
GAY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE GIFT FUND	974,474.24
PHILBIN BEACH ACCESS-DONATION	57,050.00
BUSINESS LICENSE	120.00
BUILDING PERMITS & CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	2,689.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS & PERMITS	1,150.00
GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTIONS & PERMITS	6,780.00
ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS & PERMITS	8,815.00
ASSESSOR - EXPENSES- REFUND	35.00
LIBRARY GIFTS	9,848.71
LIBRARY FINES/FEES	324.18
POLICE DETAILS	35,212.50
POLICE GIFTS - DONATIONS	980.54
FIREARMS PERMITS - TOWN SHARE	225.00
FIREARMS PERMITS - STATE SHARE	75.00
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE (NON RECURRING)	17,639.81
COPIES/FAXES (XEROXING)	204.25
LIGHT HOUSE FEES/RENTALS	5,600.00
MENEMSHA LOT LEASES	3,150.00
CLIFF LOT LEASES	59,670.60
LIQUOR LICENSE FEE	1,300.00
VICTUALERS PERMIT	300.00
TAXI LICENSE/APPLICATION	355.00
TRIBAL HOUSING-IN LIEU OF TAXES	21,366.88
TRIBE-PUBLIC SAFETY	26,676.00
HOMESTEAD SPECIAL EVENT LEASE	3,550.00
DOG LICENSES-TOWN CLERK	282.00
CONSERVATION COMM. FEES	945.00
PLANNING BOARD FEES	4,300.00
FOOD SERVICE PERMITS	10.00
SEPTIC PERMITS	2,225.00
NITE SOIL PERMITS	325.00
WELL PERMITS	655.00
TRASH HAULERS PERMIT	150.00
BUSINESS LICENSE	60.00
FAMILY SHELLFISH PERMITS	905.00
SKIFF PERMITS	1,650.00

MOORING PERMITS	10,950.00
RETIREE BENEFITS	12,782.24
PARKING TICKETS	8,244.75
COURT FINES	180.00
BY-LAW FINE - CLAY VIOLATION	75.00
BY-LAW FINE - TREE CUTTING VIOLATION	2,400.00
BY-LAW FINE - ALARM VIOLATION	175.00
PRIOR YEAR REFUND-LAND COURT	403.47
PRIOR YEAR REFUND-CHILMARK FY12-15	58,433.15
PRIOR YEAR REFUND - MIIA "REBATES"	4,340.00
COMCAST FEES	178.00
SALE OF CEMETERY LOT	1,000.00
VENDOR WEB- MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL	2,500.00
VENDOR WEB - CHAPTER 90	4,340.80
VENDOR WEB - CMVI (SPEEDING TICKETS)	1,925.00
VENDOR WEB - ROOMS TAX	9,543.76
VENDOR WEB - CPA STATE MATCH	94,171.00
VENDOR WEB - POLLING HOURS FOR SENATE SPECIAL	315.00
VENDOR WEB - ELDER AFFAIRS	4,500.00
VENDOR WEB - LIBRARY AID	2,181.48
820 PHILBIN ENDOWMENT - DONATIONS	26.07
INTEREST EARNED- TOTAL ACCOUNTS	2,979.28
SOLAR LEASE	197.00
PRIOR YEAR REFUND - DCRB FUND BALANCE	475.28
<b>RECEIPT TOTALS</b>	<b>1,760,854.77</b>

# Report of the Tax Collector

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**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

<b>FY '06</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>FY '12</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Motor Vehicle	\$37.50	Motor Vehicle	\$220.00
Personal Property	\$175.22	Personal Property	\$479.31
Real Estate	\$0.02	Real Estate	\$-
Interest/Fees	\$311.88	CPA	\$-
<b>FY '07</b>	<b>Collected</b>	Interest/Fees	\$413.53
Motor Vehicle	\$115.31	<b>FY '13</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Personal Property	\$414.71	Motor Vehicle	\$253.75
Interest/Fees	\$290.98	Personal Property	\$1,036.77
<b>FY '08</b>	<b>Collected</b>	Real Estate	\$-
Motor Vehicle	\$128.75	CPA	\$-
Personal Property	\$142.83	Interest/Fees	\$552.21
Interest/Fees	\$313.19	<b>FY '14</b>	<b>Collected</b>
<b>FY '09</b>	<b>Collected</b>	Motor Vehicle	\$1,083.75
Motor Vehicle	\$53.75	Personal Property	\$1,698.41
Personal Property	\$295.56	Real Estate	\$-
Real Estate	\$0.02	CPA	\$-
Interest/Fees	\$303.14	Interest/Fees	\$2,281.25
<b>FY '10</b>	<b>Collected</b>	<b>FY '15</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Motor Vehicle	\$130.00	Motor Vehicle	\$7,630.38
Personal Property	\$368.19	Personal Property	\$2,749.06
Real Estate	\$0.06	Real Estate	\$128,490.81
Interest/Fees	\$413.17	CPA	\$2,935.63
<b>FY '11</b>	<b>Collected</b>	Interest/Fees	\$10,744.10
Motor Vehicle	\$53.75	<b>FY '16</b>	<b>Collected</b>
Personal Property	\$583.19	Motor Vehicle	\$36,364.07
Real Estate	\$1.00	Personal Property	\$39,648.52
CPA	\$-	Real Estate	\$3,557,721.69
Interest/Fees	\$511.09	CPA	\$94,139.15
		Interest/Fees	\$7,638.53
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Collected .....</b>		<b>\$46,071.01</b>	
<b>Total Personal Property Collected.....</b>		<b>\$47,591.77</b>	
<b>Total Real Estate Collected .....</b>		<b>\$3,686,213.60</b>	
<b>Total CPA Collected.....</b>		<b>\$97,074.78</b>	
<b>Total Interest/Fees Collected.....</b>		<b>\$23,773.07</b>	
<b>Total Collected.....</b>		<b>\$3,900,724.23</b>	

Respectfully submitted,

WENONAH MADISON  
Tax Collector

# Report of the Town Accountant

## TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP JUNE 30, 2016

	GOVERNMENT FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL	LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS									
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	900,764	950,900	9,460	281,601	-	-		2,142,725	
RECEIVABLES:									
PROPERTY TAXES	254,402	-	-	-	-	-		254,402	
TAX LIENS	791,850	-	-	-	-	-		791,850	
MOTOR VEHICLE & OTHER EXCISE TAX	69,535	-	-	-	-	-		69,535	
DEPARTMENTAL	-	17,906	-	-	-	-		17,906	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
OTHER ASSETS	10,940	-	-	-	-	-		10,940	
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR									
RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM									
OBLIGATIONS:									
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>2,027,491</u>	<u>968,806</u>	<u>560,000</u>	<u>281,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,030</u>		<u>624,030</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>\$2,027,491</u>	<u>\$968,806</u>	<u>\$569,460</u>	<u>\$281,601</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$64,030</u>		<u>\$3,911,388</u>	

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>	GOVERNMENT FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES TRUST & AGENCY	ACCOUNT GROUP GENERAL LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
		\$	\$			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER LIABILITIES	6,185	-	-	(5,290)	-	895
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,076,106	17,906	-	-	-	1,094,012
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	50,621	-	-	-	-	50,621
NOTES PAYABLE	-	120,000	560,000	-	-	680,000
LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	54,030	54,030
BONDS PAYABLE	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,132,912</u>	<u>137,906</u>	<u>560,000</u>	<u>(5,290)</u>	<u>64,030</u>	<u>1,889,558</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY:</u>						
FUND BALANCES:						
TRUST FUNDS - NONSPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRUST FUNDS - EXPENDABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVED FOR CONTINUING ARTICLES	335,337	419,012	-	-	-	754,349
RESERVED FOR ENCUMBRANCES DESIGNATED	-	411,888	9,461	286,891	-	708,240
UNDESIGNATED	559,242	-	-	-	-	559,242
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>894,579</u>	<u>830,900</u>	<u>9,461</u>	<u>286,891</u>	-	<u>2,021,831</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$2,027,491</u>	<u>\$968,806</u>	<u>\$569,461</u>	<u>\$281,601</u>	<u>\$64,030</u>	<u>\$3,911,389</u>

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST		
REVENUES:						
REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, NET OF TAX REFUNDS	\$3,761,067	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$3,761,067
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	94,171	-	-		94,171
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	45,636	-	-	-		45,636
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	48,043	-	-	-		48,043
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	9,544	-	-	-		9,544
PENALTIES & INTEREST	74,521	925.00	-	-		75,446
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	289,390	-	-	-		289,390
INVESTMENT INCOME	2,401	313	-	317		3,031
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	-	993,349	-	-		993,349
DEPARTMENTAL & OTHER INCOME	115,568	97,479	-	-		213,047
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,346,170</u>	<u>1,186,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317</u>		<u>5,532,724</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
CURRENT:						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	753,691	8,579	-	-		762,270

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST		
PUBLIC SAFETY	986,472	-	-	-	986,472	
EDUCATION	1,176,650	-	-	-	1,176,650	
PUBLIC WORKS	242,826	14,966	-	-	257,792	
HUMAN SERVICES	171,627	1,103	-	-	172,730	
CULTURE & RECREATION	223,134	755,895	-	-	979,029	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	404,995	-	-	-	404,995	
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	55,519	-	-	-	55,519	
DEBT SERVICE						
PRINCIPAL	19,000	36,018	-	-	55,018	
INTEREST	2,331	-	-	-	2,331	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>4,036,245</u>	<u>816,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,852,806</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES						
OVER EXPENDITURES	309,925	369,676	-	317	679,917	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	88,500	-	-	96,971	185,471	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	<u>(96,971)</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(81,500)</u>	<u>(185,471)</u>	
TOTAL OTHER						
FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(8,471)</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,471</u>	<u>-</u>	



	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	301,454	362,676	-	15,788		679,917
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	593,125	468,224	9,461	271,103		1,341,913
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$894,579</u>	<u>\$830,900</u>	<u>\$9,461</u>	<u>\$286,891</u>		<u>\$2,021,830</u>

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	PRIOR YEAR		CURRENT YEAR		FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	CARRY FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CARRIED FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES			ENCUMBRANCES		
<b>REVENUES:</b>									
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ -	\$3,696,903	\$3,696,903	\$ -	\$3,696,903	\$3,761,067	\$ -	\$ -	\$64,164
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	6,260	6,260	-	6,260	-	-	-	(6,260)
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	-	47,737	47,737	-	47,737	45,636	-	-	(2,101)
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	-	12,454	12,454	-	12,454	48,043	-	-	35,589
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX	-	9,736	9,736	-	9,736	9,544	-	-	(192)
PENALTIES & INTEREST	-	34,918	34,918	-	34,918	74,521	-	-	39,603
INVESTMENT INCOME	-	1,930	1,930	-	1,930	2,401	-	-	471
DEPARTMENTAL	-	282,298	282,298	-	282,298	404,958	-	-	122,660
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,092,236</b>	<b>4,092,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,092,236</b>	<b>4,346,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>253,934</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

**CURRENT:**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	60,082	707,190	767,272	1,010,438	753,691	171,027	85,720
PUBLIC SAFETY	13,589	987,630	1,001,219	1,072,660	986,472	43,830	42,358
EDUCATION	13,923	1,205,282	1,219,205	1,219,205	1,176,650	12,488	30,067
PUBLIC WORKS	55,000	208,007	263,007	278,969	242,826	55,000	(18,857)
HUMAN SERVICES	72,414	170,769	243,183	240,369	171,627	48,786	19,956

	PRIOR YEAR CARRY FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT YEAR INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
CULTURE & RECREATION	16,667	224,450	241,117	250,182	223,134	10,998	16,050
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-	458,190	458,190	458,190	404,995	10,125	43,070
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	-	57,691	57,691	55,519	-	2,172
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL	-	48,000	48,000	48,000	19,000	-	29,000.00
INTEREST	-	2,331	2,331	2,331	2,331	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	231,675	4,011,849	4,301,215	4,638,035	4,036,245	352,254	249,536
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(231,675)	80,387	(208,979)	(545,799)	309,925	(352,254)	503,470
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
BOND PROCEEDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-	88,500	88,500	88,500	88,500	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	-	(96,971)	(96,971)	(96,971)	(96,971)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(8,471)	(8,471)	(8,471)	(8,471)	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$(231,675)	\$71,916	\$(217,450)	\$(554,270)	\$301,454	\$(352,254)	\$503,470

**TOWN OF AQUINNAH, MASSACHUSETTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR		FY16 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY16 FINAL BUDGET	FY16		FY15		FY14		FY13		FY12	
	CARRY FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY16 INITIAL BUDGET			EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>														
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>														
SELECTMEN		\$14,757.00	\$14,757	\$14,903	\$14,903	\$14,482	\$14,253	\$13,905	\$13,905	\$13,500				
SELECTMEN - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT		-	-	-	-	-	15,996	15,247	15,247	-				
ADMINISTRATOR		86,481.00	86,481	86,816	86,816	82,992	79,416	75,835	75,835	63,538				
ACCOUNTANT - SALARY		49,772.00	49,772	41,943	39,235	44,076	52,050	63,209	63,209	57,316				
ACCOUNTANT - CLERK		-	-	7,829	7,829	14,778	14,371	4,962	4,962	956				
ACCOUNTANT - LONGEVITY		-	-	-	-	-	2,081	2,543	2,543	2,254				
ASSESSORS		57,715.00	57,715	57,928	57,928	57,261	54,403	51,574	51,574	49,047				
ASSESSORS - LONGEVITY		578.00	578	578	578	1,113	-	-	-	-				
TREASURER		45,783.00	45,783	44,209	43,497	50,550	47,005	46,350	46,350	45,000				
TAX COLLECTOR		38,477.00	38,477	39,262	39,262	35,415	35,415	33,550	33,550	33,601				
TOWN CLERK		23,086.00	23,086	23,171	23,171	22,158	21,229	20,709	20,709	19,619				
BOARD OF REGISTRAR		1,500.00	1,500	1,515	1,515	2,550	630	2,565	2,565	1,406				
PLANNING BOARD		16,943.00	16,943	16,943	16,347	13,922	-	-	-	3,226				
BUILDING & GROUNDS - RENTAL MGT		1,139.00	1,139	2,583	2,583	1,062	1,100	1,192	1,192	1,776				
BUILDING MAINTENANCE		-	-	-	-	-	-	10,884	10,884	12,593				
<u>EXPENSES</u>														
GEN TOWN - TELEPHONE		11,845.00	11,845	11,845	10,653	8,528	6,632	5,755	5,755	10,826				
GEN TOWN - ADVERTISING		6,000.00	6,000	13,102	13,102	9,225	7,690	9,828	9,828	9,117				

BUDGET CATEGORY	CARRY FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	PRIOR YEAR													
		FY16 ORIGINAL BUDGET		FY16 FINAL BUDGET		FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL		FY15 EXPENSES ACTUAL		FY14 EXPENSES ACTUAL		FY13 EXPENSES ACTUAL		FY12 EXPENSES ACTUAL	
		BUDGET	INITIAL	BUDGET	FINAL	ACTUAL	EXPENSES	ACTUAL	EXPENSES	ACTUAL	EXPENSES	ACTUAL	EXPENSES	ACTUAL	EXPENSES
GEN TOWN - POSTAGE		2,500.00		2,500	2,500	2,212	2,189	2,152	2,431						
GEN TOWN - SUPPLIES		3,000.00		3,000	6,024	6,024	3,964	3,850	3,060						
MODERATOR - EXPENSES		180.00		180	180	-	40	20	20						
SELECTMEN - EXPENSES		3,000.00		3,000	3,000	2,500	3,774	4,185	2,272						
SELECTMEN - CEREMONIAL USE		3,750.00		3,750	3,269	3,298	139	120	90						
SELECTMEN - CONSULTANT FEES		180.00		180	180	120	2,500	3,000	3,000						
FINANCE COMMITTEE - RESERVE FUND		26,000.00		26,000	5,818	-	-	-	-						
FINANCE COMMITTEE - EXPENSES		100.00		100	100	-	-	81	79						
AUDIT		13,000.00		13,000	13,000	13,000	5,000	24,500	5,600						
ACCOUNTANT - EXPENSES		4,443.00		4,443	1,419	1,058	35,954	4,378	4,976						
ASSESSORS - EXPENSES		6,200.00		6,200	5,987	5,923	37,022	5,613	6,977						
TREASURER - EXPENSES		2,936.00		2,936	3,726	3,686	3,165	2,894	2,152						
TAX TITLE EXPENSES	29,119	-		29,119	34,119	11,291	14,365	8,005	-						
TAX COLLECTOR		4,960.00		4,960	4,960	4,529	5,841	5,139	4,011						
TOWN COUNSEL		75,000.00		75,000	95,346	95,346	93,691	54,713	88,649						
DATA PROCESSING		57,282.00		57,282	50,180	47,872	52,306	38,659	31,714						
TOWN CLERK - EXPENSES		2,000.00		2,000	1,900	48	129	1,206	783						
GENERAL INSURANCE		71,950.00		71,950	70,250	67,376	65,409	66,935	63,546						
TOWN REPORT		5,000.00		5,000	6,700	6,700	5,870	5,992	5,375						
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		200.00		200	200	83	81	79	72						
PLANNING BOARD		100.00		100	100	9	-	75	7,635.98						
BOARD OF APPEALS		100.00		100	100	-	-	-	-						
MV COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT		42,207.00		42,207	42,207	42,207	40,840	35,767	30,980						
MV COMMISSION - TRAVEL		250.00		250	250	-	-	-	577						
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER		1,000.00		1,000	1,000	1,000	204	592	-						

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR															
	CARRY FORWARD		FY16		FY16		FY16		FY15		FY14		FY13		FY12	
	ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - UNIT RENTAL	30,963	1,512.00	1,512	1,512	200	200	1,380	1,303	1,124.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BUILDING MAINTENANCE - BLDGS & GROUNDS		6,264.00	6,264	6,264	5,369	5,369	6,093	-	18,467	10,572	-	-	-	-	-	-
UTILITIES		20,000.00	20,000	20,000	13,794	13,794	23,311	21,405	19,093	15,056	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARTICLES	30,963	-	30,963	267,520	62,627	62,627	44,489	10,583	48,465	44,687	-	-	-	-	-	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	60,082	707,190	767,272	1,010,438	753,691	753,691	805,868	653,517	709,252	628,214	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>																
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>																
POLICE - CHIEF		102,647	102,647	102,647	102,647	102,647	101,008	102,835	93,902	85,211	-	-	-	-	-	-
POLICE - WAGES		407,451	407,451	407,451	372,992	372,992	358,012	351,247	297,671	287,110	-	-	-	-	-	-
POLICE - LONGEVITY		7,403	7,403	7,403	7,007	7,007	5,835	615	4,124	5,965	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIRE - CHIEF - PAY		12,000	12,000	12,000	11,022	11,022	11,000	10,250	10,000	4,341	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIRE - PAY		25,000	25,000	25,000	24,290	24,290	20,250	14,607	12,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EMERGENCY MGT		932	932	932	932	932	918	450	900	900	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOG OFFICER		7,489	7,489	7,489	6,824	6,824	7,419	7,163	7,378	7,163	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE -		38,490	38,490	38,490	37,741	37,741	38,060	36,210	34,385	29,545	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHELLFISH CONSTABLE - LONGEVITY		1,155	1,155	1,155	1,155	1,155	1,451	-	1,038	654	-	-	-	-	-	-
BUILDING INSPECTOR - PAY		11,543	11,543	9,931	7,778	7,778	10,630	10,787	10,878	9,796	-	-	-	-	-	-
BUILDING INSPECTOR - CLERK		700	700	868	868	868	477	349	599	629	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENSES																
POLICE - EXPENSES		36,900	36,900	36,900	36,458	36,458	34,212	34,173	31,323	23,993	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIRE - EXPENSE		35,500	35,500	35,500	35,399	35,399	33,408	27,894	22,126	23,009	-	-	-	-	-	-

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR															
	CARRY FORWARD		FY16 ORIGINAL BUDGET		FY16 FINAL BUDGET		FY16 EXPENSES		FY15 EXPENSES		FY14 EXPENSES		FY13 EXPENSES		FY12 EXPENSES	
	ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	INITIAL BUDGET	FY16 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY16 FINAL BUDGET	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY15 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY14 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY13 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY12 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY13 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY14 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY15 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY12 EXPENSES ACTUAL		
TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE		251,920	251,920	251,920	251,920	197,509	182,557	172,218	160,279							
EMERGENCY MGT - EXPENSE		1,000	1,000	1,000	697	770	570	539	539							
DOG OFFICER - EXPENSES		1,000	1,000	1,000	619	268	2,960	1,391	572							
MV SHELLFISH GROUP -		37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000	36,000	35,000	33,000	30,000							
SHELLFISH/HARBORMASTER -		8,500	8,500	5,216	5,195	7,483	19,393	15,277	10,797							
BUILDING INSPECTOR -		1,000	1,000	1,000	-	645	588	769	995							
ARTICLES		13,589	-	13,589	89,758	22,182	140,208	42,729	27,751							
PUBLIC SAFETY		13,589	1,001,219	1,072,660	986,472	887,537	977,856	792,946	709,250							
<u>EDUCATION</u>																
<u>EXPENSES</u>																
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		893,519	893,519	893,519	863,452	908,302	993,318	721,228	542,661							
HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT		311,763	311,763	311,763	311,763	210,669	194,944	176,253	252,011							
ARTICLES		13,923	-	13,923	13,923	2,583	-	-	1,105							
EDUCATION		13,923.00	1,205,282	1,219,205	1,176,650	1,121,554	1,188,262	897,481	795,778							
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>																
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>																
HIGHWAY - SEASONAL		28,928	28,928	34,842	34,842	19,648	37,295	-	-							
HIGHWAY		67,121	67,121	67,381	67,381	-	7,276	28,269	26,577							
PUBLIC WORKS		-	-	-	-	64,399	24,734	18,745	16,869							

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR															
	CARRY FORWARD		FY16		FY16		FY16		FY15		FY14		FY13		FY12	
	ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	28,149	28,149	28,149	28,149	28,149	12,849	13,168	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SNOW REMOVAL - OVERTIME WAGES	10,759	10,759	10,759	10,759	32,105	38,903	29,502	17,690	17,690	4,644	4,644	1,008	1,008	1,008	1,008	1,008
CEMETERY	-	-	-	-	-	393	4,236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>EXPENSES</u>																
HIGHWAY	15,000	15,000	15,000	21,764	21,764	17,561	4,850	9,971	9,971	7,451	7,451	4,653	4,653	4,653	4,653	4,653
PUBLIC WORKS -	5,000	5,000	5,000	8,024	8,024	7,390	20,452	20,452	20,452	1,902	1,902	23,586	23,586	23,586	23,586	23,586
PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	24,050	24,050	24,050	24,050	24,050	23,295	847	448	448	39	39	22,145	22,145	22,145	22,145	22,145
CEMETERY	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	847	847	448	448	39	39	2,764	2,764	2,764	2,764	2,764
GAS & OIL	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	24,825	22,145	25,212	22,972	22,972	20,013	20,013	4,234	4,234	4,234	4,234	4,234
FERRY TRAVEL	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,686	2,764	4,234	3,335	3,335	3,057	3,057	3,514	3,514	3,514	3,514	3,514
ARTICLES	55,000	-	55,000	55,000	-	7,222	3,514	-	-	7,276	7,276	198,906	198,906	198,906	198,906	198,906
PUBLIC WORKS	55,000	208,007	263,007	278,969	242,826	217,416	198,906	107,090	107,090	87,827	87,827	107,090	107,090	107,090	107,090	107,090
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>																
<u>PERSONAL SERVICES</u>																
LANDFILL	16,723	16,723	16,723	16,723	15,914	15,848	15,508	14,619	14,619	14,900	14,900	11,380	11,380	11,380	11,380	11,380
BOARD OF HEALTH	20,850	20,850	20,850	21,103	21,103	21,776	15,000	15,000	15,000	7,929	7,929	2,261	2,261	2,261	2,261	2,261
BOARD OF HEALTH - INSPECTOR	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,753	900	1,375	2,261	2,261	490	490	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824
HOMESITE	2,071	2,071	2,071	2,071	1,664	1,151	2,387	1,824	1,824	1,568	1,568	2,666	2,666	2,666	2,666	2,666
<u>EXPENSES</u>																
LANDFILL - DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	21,587	21,587	21,587	21,587	21,587	21,650	21,666	21,666	21,666	22,101	22,101	21,666	21,666	21,666	21,666	21,666



BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR																
	CARRY FORWARD		FY16		FY16		FY16		FY15		FY14		FY13		FY12		
	ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	INITIAL BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	
LANDFILL		36,000	36,000	30,086	26,761	30,644	30,779	31,744	31,078								
BOARD OF HEALTH - NURSING SERVICES		6,700	6,700	5,939	2,131	4,794	3,949	2,614	3,030								
BOARD OF HEALTH - EXPENSES		1,500	1,500	2,008	2,008	1,125	1,349	1,212	1,332								
BOARD OF HEALTH - SOCIAL SERVICES		8,163	8,163	8,163	8,163	-	-	-	-								
COUNCIL ON AGING - ISLAND SERVICES		4,283	4,283	1,205	-	4,178	3,782	3,647	4,629								
COUNCIL ON AGING - UP ISLAND SERVICES		42,994	42,994	44,247	44,247	41,366	38,427	36,009	34,871								
D.C. HOUSING AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT		7,648	7,648	7,648	7,618	7,461	7,300	7,122	6,947								
HOMESITE		250	250	2,075	2,075	120	167	144	30								
VETERANS BENEFITS																	
ARTICLES	72,414	-	72,414	75,514	16,603	13,228	9,428	10,613	9,905								
HUMAN SERVICES	72,414	170,769	243,183	240,369	171,627	164,241	151,117	145,445	138,809								

CULTURE & RECREATION

PERSONAL SERVICES																	
LIBRARY - SALARY		46,933	46,933	46,933	42,070	44,998	39,916	42,774	40,878								
LIBRARY - WAGES		59,813	59,813	58,975	50,198	55,776	54,541	36,520	35,404								
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES		55,000	55,000	55,000	53,980	52,486	57,170	54,724	54,744								
EXPENSES																	
LIBRARY		41,204	41,204	42,042	42,042	34,200	32,872	29,473	23,554								
ARTS/CULTURE		1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000								
PARK & RECREATION		8,000	8,000	7,407	5,917	9,550	18,993	15,605	13,717								

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR													
	CARRY FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY16 INITIAL BUDGET	FY16 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY16 FINAL BUDGET	FY16		FY15		FY14		FY13		FY12	
					EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL	EXPENSES ACTUAL		
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	12,000	12,000	12,288	12,888	4,280	11,519	12,101	11,130						
ARTICLES	16,667	16,667	26,037	15,039	29,807	11,484	4,604	2,283						
CULTURE & RECREATION	16,667	241,117	250,182	223,134	232,097	227,495	196,802	182,709						
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>														
PENSION	140,083	140,083	140,083	137,517	131,474	125,591	119,972	84,400						
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	3,527	3,527	6,330	6,330	3,527	3,381	5,300	2,703						
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,200	7,200	8,011	8,011	6,081	20,184	20,523	22,624						
HEALTH INSURANCE	287,653	287,653	284,039	235,695	241,609	242,824	197,719	216,171						
HEALTH INSURANCE - MITIGATION	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,001	-						
MEDICARE	19,727	19,727	19,727	17,442	26,654	36,293	-	14,601						
ARTICLES	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	34,595	69,708						
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0	458,190	458,190	404,995	509,345	428,273	386,110	410,206						
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>														
PRINCIPAL	48,000	48,000	48,000	19,000	15,540	19,000	84,000	83,920						
INTEREST - LONG TERM	770	770	770	770	5,000	2,310	6,275	10,240						
INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS	1,561	1,561	1,561	1,561	863	594	1,038	922						
DEBT SERVICE	-	50,331	50,331	21,331	21,403	21,904	91,313	95,082						

BUDGET CATEGORY	PRIOR YEAR											
	CARRY FORWARD ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES	FY16 INITIAL BUDGET	FY16 ORIGINAL BUDGET	FY16 FINAL BUDGET	FY16 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY15 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY14 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY13 EXPENSES ACTUAL	FY12 EXPENSES ACTUAL			
<u>STATE &amp; COUNTY ASSESSMENTS</u>												
COUNTY TAX	-	20,785	20,785	20,785	20,260	19,077	18,998	24,652	32,251			
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL	-	910	910	910	-	855	854	829	817			
RTA	-	35,556	35,556	35,556	35,259	27,829	988	33,018	32,691			
NON-RENEWAL EXCISE	-	440	440	440	-	440	440	220	240			
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	-	57,691	57,691	57,691	55,519	48,201	21,280	58,719	65,999			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$231,675	\$4,011,849	\$4,301,215	\$4,638,035	\$4,036,245	\$4,007,662	\$3,868,610	\$3,385,160	\$3,113,874			

**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, 2016**

	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
	NON- EXPENDABLE TRUST
OPERATING REVENUES:	
CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	\$ 25
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	25
OPERATING EXPENSES:	-
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	25
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	18,806
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 18,832

**WARRANT FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 10, 2016  
TOWN OF AQUINNAH  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the **Aquinnah Old Town Hall in said Town on the Tenth day of May 2016, at 7:00 PM**, 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 Offices Building on the Eleventh day of May 2016, at twelve noon**, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of officers and override questions found on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will open at 12 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, and will close at 7 PM.

<b>ARTICLE ONE Town Clerk</b>
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To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:

One Selectman for Three Years **Gary Haley 128, Macey Dunbar 29, Blanks 6**

Two Planning Board Members for Three Years **Jo Ann Eccher 107, Carlos Montoya 109, Blanks 108, Others 2**

One Board of Health Member for Three Years **Julianne Vanderhoop 143, Blanks 18**

Two Library Trustee Members for Three Years **Faith Vanderhoop 140, Heidi Vanderhoop (Write in) 47, Blanks 135, Others 4**

One Board of Assessors Member for Three Years **Elise Lebovit 70, Blanks 40, Others Vernon Welch 47**

One Moderator for Three Years **Michael Hebert 132, Blanks 24, Others 7**

ANSWER YES OR NO to the following questions:

QUESTION ONE: Shall the Town of Aquinnah designate the land in question (Set Off #547) for conservation use as part of the Moshup Sanctuary to be held forever in its natural and open condition or for conservation purposes, and grant a Conservation Restriction (CR) to the Vineyard

Conservation Society (VCS), in a final form acceptable to the Selectmen, in order to ensure that purpose? **Yes 132, No 15, Blanks 16**

QUESTION TWO: Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to the Town of Aquinnah in order to purchase a new fire pumper truck? **Yes 103, No 40, Blanks 20**

QUESTION THREE: Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to assess an additional **\$54,043.00** (Fifty four thousand forty three dollars) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding additional payroll expenses in the Assessors, Board of Health and Department of Public Works budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2016? **Yes 54, No 88, Blanks 21**

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **Moderator**

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

## **ARTICLE THREE**

### **Board of Selectmen**

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 2017 operating budget and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers and employees of the Town as itemized therein, and to fund said appropriations through the tax levy, with the exception of certain public safety wages which will be defrayed in part by a transfer in the amount of **\$7,000.00** (Seven thousand dollars) from the Waterways Special Revenue Fund, and that the amounts set forth for additional payroll expenses under the Assessors, Board of Health and Department of Public Works budgets shall be raised and appropriated only if the majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on Wednesday, May 11th, 2016, vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2 ½ by **\$50,043.00** (Fifty thousand forty three dollars), or take any other action thereto.

**Motion to amend by changing \$50,043 to \$54,043**

**Voice vote: Passed-Unanimous**

**Motion to reduce the requested amount for the budget by subtracting \$54,043**

**Voice Vote: Passed-Unanimous**

**Motion to reduce FinCom expense line from \$26,100 to \$0**

**Voice Vote: Motion failed**

**Motion to reduce Assessor's budget to \$64,553**

**Voice Vote: Motion passed**

**Motion to reduce Town Administrator's salary to \$88,210**

**Standing Vote: 14 Yes 41 No Motion failed**

**Motion to reduce Public safety Budget to \$185,862**

**Voice Vote: Motion Passed-Unanimous**  
**Motion to reduce Board of Health budget to \$31,988**  
**Voice Vote: Motion Passed-Unanimous**  
**Motion to reduce employee benefits-retirement to \$448,346**  
**Voice Vote: Passed-Unanimous**  
**Motion to amend New Total Budget: \$4,183,389**  
**Voice Vote: Article 3, as amended: Passed-Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FOUR**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation 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 2017 Community Preservation revenues of **\$190,000 (one-hundred and ninety thousand dollars)**. Thirty percent of those funds shall be allotted in the following amounts as required by Community Preservation Act legislation:

- \$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars)** to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, and
- \$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars)** to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve, and
- \$19,000 (nineteen thousand dollars)** to the Community Preservation Housing Reserve.

In addition, the remaining seventy percent of funds raised during FY2017 shall be reserved for appropriation in the following manner as recommended by the Aquinnah Community Preservation Committee:

- \$34,520 (thirty four thousand five hundred and twenty dollars)** to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, and
- \$56,680 (fifty six thousand six hundred and eighty dollars)** to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve, and
- \$39,800 (thirty nine thousand eight hundred dollars)** to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve, and
- \$2,000 (two thousand dollars)** to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FIVE**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

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

**\$10,520 (ten thousand five hundred and twenty dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the final year of mortgage costs related to the acquisition of the Edwin DeVries Vanderhoop Homestead, and

**\$25,000 (twenty five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the continued restoration of the Gay Head Light, and

**\$19,160 (nineteen thousand one hundred and sixty dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the cataloguing and documentation of the Aquinnah Cultural Center’s historical collections, and

**\$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the restoration of the Christiantown Chapel, and

**\$6,000 (six thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for emergency restoration and repairs to the roof of the Marine Hospital Building in Vineyard Haven, MA, as proposed to all six Island Towns by the Martha’s Vineyard Museum, and

**\$2,000 (two thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve for CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

<b>ARTICLE SIX</b> <b>Community Preservation Committee</b>
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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:

**\$28,800 (twenty eight thousand eight hundred dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for ongoing mortgage costs related to the purchase of property at 45 State Road for the purpose of creating affordable housing, and

**\$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for pre-development costs related to the planning and site evaluation required for future ownership and rental housing efforts, and

**\$10,000 (ten thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA’s Rental Assistance program, and

**\$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of 22 affordable rental apartments at Kuehn’s Way in Tisbury, as proposed to all



six Island Towns by the Island Housing Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion to amend by adding certain conditions: Standing Vote: 17 Yes 37 No**

**Motion failed**

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE SEVEN  
Community Preservation Committee**

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:

**\$30,520 (thirty thousand five hundred twenty dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for ongoing mortgage costs related to the acquisition of #9 and #13 Aquinnah Circle, and **\$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for the restoration of the Aquinnah Circle Overlook, and

**\$8,000 (eight thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for continued site planning and analysis at the Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE EIGHT  
Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$35,532.00** (Thirty five thousand five hundred thirty two dollars) as determined by the State Legislature and the State Department of Transportation for highway construction or improvements from the 2016 Chapter 90 Local Transportation apportionment, said sum to be subject to State enactment of the bond bill and of new revenues to support that bill, and to allow the Treasurer to borrow against all expenditures in anticipation of reimbursement by the State, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE NINE  
Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$450,000.00** (Four hundred and fifty thousand dollars) to purchase a new fire pumper truck and all improvements thereon; and, further, to meet this appropriation, by authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$450,000.00 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 9, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town thereof;

provided however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation of total taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, sub-Section 21C (proposition 2 1/2 ) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote, or take any actions relative thereto.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TEN  
Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$50,000.00** (Fifty thousand dollars), to the Dukes County Pooled Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE ELEVEN  
Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$80,000.00** (Eighty thousand dollars), to be put into the general stabilization fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWELVE  
Town Campus Planning Committee/Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$15,000.00** (Fifteen thousand dollars) to pay for a Town Campus Space Needs Assessment Study, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN  
Town Accountant**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$13,142.04** (Thirteen thousand one hundred forty two dollars and fourteen cents) to pay the balance of the Tri-Town Assessment in fiscal year 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN  
Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. 44, Sec. 53E1/2, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, with the specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent and the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund for the

fiscal year, and the disposition of the balance of each fund at the end of the current fiscal year, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY17 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY17 F/B
Wiring Inspections	Building Insp/ Selectmen	Wiring Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay wiring inspector	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure
Plumbing Inspections	Building Insp./ Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay plumbing inspector	\$ 4,000	Balance available for expenditure
Gas Inspections	Building Insp./ Selectmen	Gas Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay gas inspector	\$ 2,900	Balance available for expenditure
Fire Inspections	Fire Chief/ Selectmen	Fire Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay insp. & asst. inspector	\$ 1,900	Balance available for expenditure
Trench Inspections	Selectmen	Trench Inspection fees charged to landowners	To pay trench inspector	\$ 500	Balance available for expenditure
TOTAL SPENDING				\$19,300	

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN  
Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 108P so that there will be additional compensation for the Town's collectors and/or treasurers who have completed the necessary courses of study and training and have been awarded a certificate as a Massachusetts municipal collector or treasurer, thus receiving as compensation from the Town an amount equal to 10 percent of such regular annual compensation, but not more than \$1,000 per year, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN  
Council on Aging**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,700.00** (One thousand seven hundred dollars), to support the CORE program, a collaborative program of the four Martha's Vineyard Councils on Aging, to provide coordinated counseling, outreach and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older. To authorize this expenditure, all six towns must vote to approve an article to fund the CORE program in an amount consistent with the 50/50 formula previously established and accepted by the towns.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN  
Police Department**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$8,500.00 (Eight thousand five hundred dollars), for the purpose of purchasing and installing an HVAC system in the police department building, or take any other action thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN  
MV Healthy Group**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$2,844.58** (Two thousand eight hundred forty four dollars and fifty eight cents), as the Town's proportionate share (3.25%), of the Fiscal Year 2017 cost to fund the First Stop Information and Referral Service as recommended by the Health Aging Task Force and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Dukes County to provide this service, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE NINETEEN  
Personnel Committee/Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash an additional sum of **\$5,000.00** (Five Thousand dollars), to do a town wide employee classification study, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWENTY  
By Petition**

To see if the Town will vote appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$13,780.00** (Thirteen thousand seven hundred eighty dollars) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's renovation of the playground at the West Tisbury School providing design, procurement, construction and any costs incidental and relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWENTY ONE  
Conservation Commission**

To see of the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$5,000.00** (Five thousand dollars), to be pay for costs associated with the Town's Conservation Restriction in mitigating the N.E.H.S.P endangered species program at the Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWENTY TWO  
Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Compensation Plan (Section 6.0) of the Personnel Bylaw, so that they reflect a 2.0% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2016. Or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE TWENTY THREE**  
**Housing Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of Town-owned land located on State Road, identified as Assessor's Map 9 lot 153, which is now held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, to the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of sale or lease for affordable housing, on such terms and conditions as they determine are in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Standing Vote: 24 Yes 19 No Article Tabled**

**ARTICLE TWENTY FOUR**  
**Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the offer to transfer ownership, at no cost to the town, the 1.1 mile West Basin Road and 1st parking lot from the State Department of Transportation, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE TWENTY FIVE**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** (twenty five hundred dollars) for a new computer, and to transfer that amount from the unexpended balance in ATM 5-13-14, Article 10 (increased work hours for special projects), or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWENTY SIX**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** (twenty five hundred dollars) to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the fiscal year 2017 interim certification of real and personal property, and to transfer that amount from the unexpended balance in ATM 5-13-14, Article 10 (increased work hours for special projects), or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE TWENTY SEVEN**  
**Planning Board**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Aquinnah Zoning Bylaws to facilitate having a quorum at Planning Board and Planning Board Plan Review Committee meetings, add a new section as follows:

6.10 Planning Board Associate Member

a. In addition to members elected at Town Elections or appointed to fill vacancies in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 81A of the General Laws, one associate member of the Planning Board may be elected at Town Elections to serve for a term of three years. When the Planning Board

associate member position is first established, the Board of Selectmen may appoint one associate member, upon recommendation of the Planning Board, to serve for an initial term, which will expire when the successor shall be elected at Town elections. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term, by appointment by the Board of Selectmen, upon recommendation of the Planning Board, until the next annual election, at which time, such office shall be filled, by election, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

b. An associate member may be designated by the Planning Board Chairman to sit on the Planning Board for the purpose of acting on special permit applications or other planning board matters in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Planning Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Board.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

<b>ARTICLE TWENTY EIGHT</b> <b>Planning Board</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X of the Zoning By-law, Section 10.1-2 of the regulations governing the boundaries of the Coastal District (a District of Critical Planning Concern), by reinserting the following language (which had been deleted, with the following additions (underlined):

10.1-2 BOUNDARY

The land, streams and wetlands which lie below the ten (10) foot elevation above mean sea level, or within five - hundred (500) feet at the inland edge of any beach or marsh grasses behind mean high water of the Sound, the Ocean, Menemsha Pond, or Squibnocket Pond; all land within one-hundred (100) feet of streams and wetlands draining into Menemsha or Squibnocket Ponds; and all land and water lying south of the line beginning at the point where the circular road, (the loop) at the intersection of State Road and Lighthouse Road is five hundred (500) feet inland from mean sea level thence around the circular road to the South and East to Moshup Trail, then easterly, southerly, northerly and then easterly along Moshup Trail to the State Highway, thence easterly along the State Highway to the Aquinnah-Chilmark Town boundary, excluding there from the common Lands described in "Zoning By-Law Map, Town of Gay Head, Massachusetts, December 9, 1976, Prepared by the Martha's Vineyard Commission" and the land in Menemsha bounded on the south by North Road and bounded on the East by Basin Road.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWENTY NINE**  
**Planning Board**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article X of the Zoning By-law, Section 10.2 of the regulations governing the Flood Plain Zone, to reflect the latest FEMA floodplain rules and maps, as follows:

Replace Section 10.2-1 and section 10.2-1A Purpose, with the following language and to relabel sec 10.2-1B as Sec. 10.2-A:

**10.2-1 Purpose**

A. The Town of Aquinnah, recognizing the dangers inherent upon coastal flooding at times of hurricanes or severe storms and as a means of protecting its citizens and their property, hereby establishes a series of flood Plain Overlay Districts and Zoning Regulations for construction of structures and for the use of the land within these districts. Such districts are defined and include all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Aquinnah designated as zone AE or VE on the Dukes County Flood Insurance Rate map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Dukes County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Aquinnah are panel numbers 25007C0152J, 25007C0154J, 25007C0156J, 25007C0157J, 25007C0158J, 25007C0159J, and 25007C0166J dated July 20, 2016. The exact boundaries of the district may be defined by the 100 year base flood elevations shown on FIRM and further defined by the Dukes County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 20, 2016. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, and Building Inspector, and Planning Board.

Replace Section 10.2-2 REQUIREMENTS, with the following:

*10.2-2 REQUIREMENTS (Amended 5.10.2016ATM)*

**A. NOTIFICATION OF WATERCOURSE ALTERATION**

In a riverine situation, the Conservation Commission shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- Adjacent Communities
- NFIP State Coordinator
- Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700  
Boston, MA 02114-2104
- NFIP Program Specialist  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I  
99 High Street, 6th Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

**B. USE REGULATIONS**

**1. REFERENCE TO EXISTING REGULATIONS**

The floodplain district bylaw is part of a federal requirement for communities that choose to participate in the NFIP. However, the state already administers

regulations that take care of many floodplain management concerns. Referencing existing regulations is important to ensure that projects have been reviewed under the appropriate state regulations and that variances to the conditions of the bylaw do not erroneously allow variances to state requirements.

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

- Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address floodplain and coastal high hazard areas;
- Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
- Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
- Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00); (e communities only)
- Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

## 2. OTHER USE REGULATIONS

All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

- 1 Such proposals minimize flood damage;
- 2 All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
- 3 Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

## C. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

All Flood Plain Permits granted under Section 10.2-1B above shall be subject to the following provisions:

- 1 Any new construction or substantial improvement to be undertaken within the Flood Plain District shall be subject to existing regulations and be in accordance with Mass. State Building Code, or Town By-Laws if more restrictive
- 2 All new and replacement utility and water facilities shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
- 3 All new and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwater into the system and discharge from the systems into floodwaters. On-site waste disposal systems are to be located to avoid impairment to them or contaminant from them during flooding.
- 4 Approval for any alteration of the landform (as defined) shall be obtained from the Planning Board Plan Review Committee by special



permit. No alteration of the landform shall be permitted where there may be liability of altering the drainage or runoff to the detriment of other landholders or the Town. Before granting a special permit for the alteration of the landform, the Planning Board Plan review Committee shall dully consider any recommendations by the Conservation Commission.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

<b>ARTICLE THIRTY</b> <b>Planning Board &amp; Housing Committee</b>
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To see if the Town will vote to amend various provisions of the Zoning By-law in order to create additional affordable housing options in the Town of Aquinnah by making available, in certain circumstances, accessory apartments and two family dwellings, as follows:

Add three new sections (3.3-4 ONE FAMILY AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS,

3.3-5 ACCESSORY APARTMENTS and 3.3-6 OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS AND RULES):

3.3-5 ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

A. This section is intended to help provide affordable year-round rental housing opportunities within the context of Aquinnah's rural character, and to give Aquinnah homeowners, especially elders, both an opportunity for supplemental income, and for housing options to provide for their immediate family members (i.e., children, grandchildren, parents, in laws) and Caregivers.

B. One apartment may be allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board Plan Review Committee as an accessory use to an owner occupied single-family dwelling, subject to approval by the Board of Health, and the following conditions:

1. The lot, dwelling and apartment shall be in single ownership, except for single-family dwellings on Homestead Lots permitted under Sections 3.3-3 and 13.12, and the owner must occupy either the principal or accessory unit on either a seasonal or year-round basis. At no time are both the principal and accessory units to be rented without written permission from the Aquinnah Housing Committee specifying the terms and rates of both rentals.

2. An Accessory Apartment shall not be permitted on a lot that contains a nonconforming second dwelling.

3. Detached bedrooms of any size, existing at the time this bylaw becomes effective, may, by Special Permit, be converted to Accessory Apartments.

4. The non-owner occupied unit may only be rented year-round and occupied by persons domiciled on Martha's Vineyard who are either:

i. Year-round residents earning a maximum of 120% of AMI as determined by the Aquinnah Housing Committee, as demonstrated by income, residency, and other documentation required by the Aquinnah Housing Committee, or

ii. Immediate Family Members or Caregivers, either for rent or free of charge.

5. The Aquinnah Housing Committee may further restrict, at the time of permitting, the income range for the rented unit (e.g. 80%AMI or 50%AMI) per Aquinnah Housing Committee guidelines and shall set the maximum annual rental rate in accordance with HUD guidelines. Whichever unit is rented is subject to the occupancy restrictions in Section 3.3-6.

6. Attached accessory apartments shall occupy a maximum of 600 square feet of enclosed living space based on interior wall dimensions. The outward appearance of a residence containing an attached accessory apartment shall conform to that of a single-family residence. Entrances and parking shall be designed to ensure compatibility with the goal of retaining the appearance of a single-family residence.

7. Detached accessory apartments shall occupy a maximum of 600 square feet of enclosed living space, based on interior wall dimensions, as a freestanding unit and may, by Special Permit, be larger if contained within an otherwise non-habitable structure such as a garage or barn. Accessory Apartments shall not access the non-habitable portion of the structure from the interior of the apartment.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section B above (regarding the year-round occupancy requirement of the Accessory Apartment), if the owner of the property is not a year-round resident of Aquinnah and the Special Permit specifically so provides, the Accessory Apartment may be rented or provided free of charge on less than a year-round basis for an owner's Caregiver while the owner is in residence on the property.

### 3.3-6 OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS AND RULES

A. To prove compliance with the requirements of Sections 3.3-4 and 3.3-5, the owner of regulated rental apartments shall file the following with the Zoning Administrator:

1. Prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the apartment and within thirty days of any change in ownership of the premises, an affidavit attesting to the owner's understanding of the occupancy restrictions of this Section and intention to comply with these requirements.

2. On or before January 31 of each year, the names of lessees of the apartments claiming to be year-round domiciliaries of Martha's Vineyard, together with copies of their year-round leases and their driver's licenses. Any such lease shall clearly state that year-round occupancy of the apartment is a condition of the lease.

3. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Section 3.3-6 shall constitute a violation of this bylaw, subjecting the violator to all applicable fines and penalties as provided in Subsection 6.8-1. A lessee who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section shall be considered to be in violation of this bylaw. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall also be grounds for revocation of the certificate of occupancy for the dwelling unit, unless the owner makes a good faith attempt to evict tenants who do not comply with the conditions of this Section.

4. Such income verification documentation as may be required by the Affordable Housing Committee.

B. The maximum rental rate for renters approved by the Affordable Housing Committee shall be established annually by the Federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA), which will also administer the Accessory Apartment program for these apartments.

### 3.3-4 ONE FAMILY AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS

A. Aquinnah values being a diverse community that accommodates residents of varying income levels. As the cost of land and housing increases on Martha's Vineyard, many local residents are being priced out of the market for homes. Aquinnah desires to maintain and encourage housing that is affordable to the entire range of its residents, without encouraging excessive growth that detracts from the Town's rural character and quality of life. Further, the Town desires to create and maintain a pool of housing that remains affordable in perpetuity for future generations of Aquinnah residents. Therefore, in addition to Homestead Lots, the Town establishes this section to allow the creation of affordable rental properties and two family dwellings to help meet the Town's housing needs.

B. The Planning Board Plan Review Committee may grant a Special Permit for the creation of one family or two family dwellings, exclusively for rental purposes, on undeveloped lots of 2 acres or more that were created after the adoption of zoning or are pre-existing lots of less than 2 acres, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

i. The Aquinnah Housing Committee recommends approval of the project.

ii. The Planning Board Plan Review Committee finds that the proposed structure and use, after examining the criteria set out Section 2.2-2, are not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than an owner occupied one family dwelling.

iii. Each rental family unit will be permanently restricted as housing for year-round residents earning a maximum of 120% of AMI. The Affordable Housing Committee, which shall set the annual rental rate, may further restrict the income range for an individual unit (e.g. 80%AMI or 50%AMI) at the time of permitting.

iv. The outward appearance of the dwelling shall conform to that of a single-family residence, and entrances and parking shall be designed to ensure compatibility with this condition.

v. The dwelling shall meet all other requirements of the Aquinnah Zoning By-law for a single-family residence.

C. A landowner wishing to build and occupy, whether year-round or seasonally, a new One Family Dwelling may, by Special Permit from the Planning Board Plan Review Committee, construct a Two Family dwelling if the non-owner occupied unit is permanently restricted to rental to year-round residents earning a maximum of 120% of AMI, provided the following conditions are met:

i. The Affordable Housing Committee, which may further restrict the income range for the rented unit (e.g. 80%AMI or 50%AMI) at the time of permitting and shall set the annual rental rate in accordance with HUD guidelines, recommends approval of the project.

ii. The project meets the requirements of Section 3.3-4B.

iii. The lot shall not be eligible for the addition of an Accessory Apartment. However, the rental unit may be registered and used as an Accessory Apartment, pursuant to the terms of Section 3.3-5 and 3.3-6.

D. The rental units in B and C above may only be occupied by persons domiciled on Martha's Vineyard year-round who the Aquinnah Housing Committee determines are eligible to rent, as demonstrated by income, residency, and other documentation required by the Aquinnah Housing Committee. Other occupancy restrictions and rules for these rental dwellings are contained in Section 3.3-6 below.

E. The Planning Board Plan Review Committee may grant a Special Permit for the construction of a Two Family dwelling for ownership by two individuals or families who have been qualified by the Aquinnah Housing Committee under current Resident Homesite guidelines on undeveloped lots of 2 acres or more provided that all of the following conditions are met:

i. The Aquinnah Housing Committee recommends approval of the project.

ii. The Planning Board Plan Review Committee finds that the proposed structure and use, after examining the criteria set out Section 2.2-2, are not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than an owner occupied one family dwelling.

iv. The outward appearance of the dwelling shall conform to that of a single-family residence and entrances and parking shall be designed to ensure compatibility with this condition.

v. The dwelling shall meet all requirements of the Board of Health and all other requirements of the Aquinnah Zoning Bylaws for a single-family residence.

vi. The applicants for the Special Permit transfer ownership of the lot, prior to the issuance of a building permit, to the Dukes County Regional

Housing Authority (DCRHA) or to an entity selected by the Town, through the Aquinnah Housing Committee, through an RFP or other process in accordance with governing law, to lease the Homestead Lot to the applicants, or other lessees approved by the Aquinnah Housing Committee, under a long term lease, which lease ensures the perpetual affordability of the Homestead Lot under terms acceptable to the Aquinnah Housing Committee and which provides the Town the option, in the case of a default, foreclosure, dissolution, or bankruptcy of either the applicant, the DCRHA, or any entity to which the Town has delegated the right to manage the Homestead Lot, to acquire the Homestead Lot.

F. There shall be no Two Family dwellings permitted other than those specifically allowed by Sections 3.3-4 B, C, D and E above.

b. In Section 7.1, amend the definition of ONE FAMILY DWELLING by replacing the colon after the phrase “may occupy the dwelling” with a period and deleting the rest.

c. In Section 7.1, replace the definition of TWO FAMILY DWELLING with the following: A dwelling divided into two separate habitable units (either duplex or townhouse style) each of which has a separate entrance (either external or on an internal hallway), kitchen and toilet, each of which unit is designed, built, and used for occupancy primarily by one family, but that is designed from the outside to look like a single family dwelling.

d. In Section 7.1 add 3 new definitions:

ACCESSORY APARTMENT: An "Accessory Apartment" is a separate living area (attached to or detached from the principal dwelling), which is equipped with a kitchen, a bathroom and a separate entrance and is intended for accessory use to a single-family dwelling

CAREGIVER: A "Caregiver" is an adult who regularly looks after an elderly, chronically sick or disabled person who requires such assistance.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS: The homeowner’s spouse, parents and grandparents, children and grand children, brothers and sisters, mother in law and father in law, brothers in law and sisters in law. Adopted, half, and step members are also included in immediate family.

e. Amend Section 3.1-1 Minimum Lot Size by inserting the following after the comma in the last line: *the rules for Homestead Lots in Section 3.3-3 below (also in Section 13.12),*

f. Amend Section 3.3-1 Use Density by deleting the period in the second line and inserting: *, except as provided in Sections 3.3-2 and 3.3-3 (also 13.12).*

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed – Standing Vote: 23 Yes 13 No**

**ARTICLE THIRTY ONE**  
**Board of Selectmen/Conservation Commission**

To see if the Town will vote to designate the land in question (Set Off #547) for conservation use as part of the Moshup Sanctuary to be held forever in its natural and open condition or for conservation purposes, and grant a Conservation Restriction (CR) to the Vineyard Conservation Society (VCS), in a final form acceptable to the Selectmen, in order to ensure that purpose.

**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**Article Passed – 2/3rds Majority – 1 No Vote**

**ARTICLE THIRTY TWO**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt as a general by-law the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Stretch Code (780 CMR 115.AA), an appendix to the MA State Building Code.

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE THIRTY THREE**  
**Harbormaster**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following general bylaw:  
CHAPTER XII: moorings

No boats, ships or vessels of any kind shall anchor overnight in the area of Menemsha Pond, lying within the Town of Aquinnah, unless they have had their heads sealed. Any violation of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of \$200.00, for which the Harbormaster or any member of the police department may issue a ticket under the non-criminal provisions of G. L. c. 40, § 21D.

**Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE THIRTY FOUR**  
**Shellfish Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following general bylaw:  
CHAPTER XVI: Dogs

Dogs are to be leashed and restrained by their owner or keeper. No person who owns or keeps a dog shall allow the animal under his care to run free when not restricted to the premises of said owner or keeper. When off premises, said dog shall be leashed or restricted.

Any person violating any provisions of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of \$5.00 \$15.00 for the first offense, \$10.00 \$20.00 for the second and \$25.00 \$30.00 for the third offense, for which the Animal Control Officer or any member of the police department may issue a ticket under the non-criminal provisions of G. L. c. 40, § 21D.

Because of the sensitive nature of the shellfish habitat in the area known as “Red Pond”, Dogs are prohibited. The fine for violating by-law in this area of Town shall be \$30.00.

**Motion to change “Red Beach” to “Head of the Pond” – Passed Unanimously**  
**Article Passed as Amended - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE THIRTY FIVE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following general bylaw:

**Plastic Checkout Bag Bylaw**

**1. Findings and Purpose**

- 1.1 Single-use plastic bags are an environmental nuisance; adversely affect public health; are a detriment to tourism; and impair the overall quality of life of the Town’s residents and visitors.
  - Because plastic bags are lightweight, they easily become airborne even when properly disposed of, littering beaches, roadsides and sidewalks. They clog storm drainage systems, contribute to marine and terrestrial pollution, and detract from the natural beauty of the Town for visitors and residents alike.
  - Plastic bags photo-degrade, disintegrating into minute particles which adsorb toxins and pose a threat to riparian and marine environments, contaminating the food chain, water and soil. They are also a menace to marine life, killing birds, marine mammals, sea turtles and fish each year through ingestion and entanglement.
  - The vast majority of plastic bags are not recycled, and recycling of plastic bags is not available on Martha’s Vineyard. Their disposal adds to the Town’s waste management expense, both through the cost of transporting waste to off-island landfills and due to their contamination of the single-stream recycling system.
- 1.2 Single-use plastic bag ordinances have proven to be effective in reducing plastic bag consumption and litter and are part of a growing global movement towards sustainability.
- 1.3 The Town is committed to protecting the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. The goal of this bylaw is to reduce the common use of plastic checkout bags and to encourage the use of reusable bags by consumers, thereby reducing local land and marine pollution, advancing solid waste reduction, protecting the Town’s unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Town.

**2. Definitions**

**“Checkout Bag”** means a bag with or without handles provided by a Store to a customer at the point of sale that is intended for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the Store.

**“Plastic Checkout Bag”** means a plastic Checkout Bag that is less than 4 mils thick (and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes such plastic bags that are marketed as ‘biodegradable’ or ‘compostable’).

**“Recyclable Paper Bag”** means a paper bag with or without handles that is 100 percent recyclable and contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled content (except that an eight pound or smaller paper bag shall contain a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled content) and visibly displays both the word "recyclable" and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content.

**“Reusable Bag”** means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of polyester, polypropylene, washable fabric, or other durable material and, in the case of plastic bags, is at least 4.0 mils in thickness.

**“Store”** means any commercial enterprise selling goods, food or services directly to the public, whether for or not for profit, including, but not limited to, convenience and grocery stores, markets, restaurants, pharmacies, liquor stores, take-out food purveyors, and merchandise retailers.

### **3. Use Regulations**

- 3.1 No Store in the Town shall provide to any customer a Plastic Checkout Bag.
- 3.2 If a Store provides Checkout Bags, they may only provide Recyclable Paper Bags or Reusable Bags.
- 3.2 This bylaw does not apply to the clear or opaque plastic bags without handles provided to a customer:
  - a. to transport loose produce, prepared food, bulk food, or small unpackaged products (e.g. beads and nails or other small hardware items) to the point of sale; or
  - b. to contain or wrap foods to retain moisture or to segregate foods (like meat or ice cream) or other items to prevent contamination or damage when the items are placed together in a Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag.
- 3.4 Stores may charge and retain a fee for any Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag that they provide. The fee could be used to recover the costs of the bag and/or as an incentive to customers to bring their own Reusable Bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own Reusable Bags when they shop, and Stores may offer a credit to customers who bring their own bags.

### **4. Administration and Enforcement**

- 4.1 This bylaw may be enforced by any Town Police Officer or agent of the Board of Health.
- 4.2 A person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town’s non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:
  - first violation: a written warning.
  - second violation: \$50 fine.



- third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine.  
Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

**5. Effective Date**

5.1 This by law takes effect on January 1, 2017.

**Motion to amend as follows: Section 4, #4.1-delete the words “Town Police Officer or” and add Section 6, #6.1 The Board of Health may waive the effective date for a store for up to one year if that store’s inventory of non-compliant bags will not be able to be used prior to January 1, 2017.**

**Motion passed – Unanimous**

**Article Passed as amended - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE THIRTY SIX  
Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$340.00** (Three hundred forty dollars) for a prior years bills related to landscaping work around the fire station, or take any other action relative thereto. **Vote Requires 4/5ths Majority**  
**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE THIRTY SEVEN  
Board of Health**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$255.00** (Two hundred fifty five dollars) for a prior years bills related to the visiting nursing program, or take any other action relative thereto. **Vote Requires 4/5ths Majority**  
**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE THIRTY EIGHT  
Community Programs**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$9,370.00** (Nine thousand three hundred seventy dollars) for a prior years bills related to the sailing program, or take any other action relative thereto. **Vote Requires 4/5ths Majority**  
**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE THIRTY NINE  
Town Clerk**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$966.98** (Nine hundred sixty six dollars and ninety eight cents) for a prior years bill related to the purchase of an office computer, or take any other action relative thereto. **Vote Requires 4/5ths Majority**  
**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FORTY**  
**Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$5,500.00** (Five thousand five hundred dollars) to purchase a thermal imaging device or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FORTY ONE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$7,500.00** (Seven thousand five hundred dollars) to provide upgrades to the Town and Lighthouse's web sites, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FORTY TWO**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$4,050.00** (Four thousand fifty dollars) to purchase a new Town Hall copier, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FORTY THREE**  
**Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$55,000.00** (Fifty five thousand dollars) to purchase a new dump truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FORTY FOUR**  
**Department of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$15,000.00** (Fifteen thousand dollars) to fund a temporary documentary exhibit by Film-Truth Productions at #9 Aquinnah Circle that highlights through short video segments and archival the history of the Gay Head Lighthouse and the community's efforts to relocate the lighthouse last year, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

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 28th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen, we the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen.

SPENCER BOOKER, Chairman  
JULIANNE VANDERHOOP, Vice Chairman  
JIM NEWMAN

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HEIDI VANDERHOOP  
Aquinnah Constable  
posted \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

**WARRANT  
FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2016 TOWN OF AQUINNAH  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

County of Dukes County, ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Aquinnah:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the **Aquinnah Old Town Hall in said Town on the Fifteenth Day of November 2016, at 7:00 PM**, then and there to act upon the articles of this Warrant.

**No quorum being present, the meeting was postponed to Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 pm**

**41 present on 11/29. Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm**

**ARTICLE ONE  
Beach Access Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$55,000.00** (Fifty five thousand dollars), for the construction of an elevated beach boardwalk to Philbin Beach, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE TWO  
Fire Department**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$2,365.00** (Two thousand three hundred sixty five dollars) to purchase a new set on bunker gear for a new fire fighter, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE THREE  
Board of Health**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$2,686.85** (Two thousand six hundred eighty six dollars and eighty five cents) the amount needed to pay prior fiscal year bills from the MV Refuse District, or take any other action relative thereto. 9/10ths vote required.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE FOUR  
Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies for the Historic Preservation, Recreation, and Open Space expenses of

the Community Preservation Committee, including the payment of debt service over a 10 year term for the undertaking of Community Preservation efforts within the Aquinnah Circle Cultural District (ACCD), including all necessary and proper expenses to be paid from projected Community Preservation revenues over said period. The Community Preservation Committee requests approval to borrow **\$300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand dollars)** at a maximum annual cost of **\$35,000 (Thirty Five Thousand dollars)** over a 10 (ten) year period. Uses and purposes of these funds shall be under the direct supervision of the Community Preservation Committee, shall require approval by the Board of Selectmen, and shall include, but not be limited to:

- The preserving of vistas through the burial of overhead wires at the Aquinnah Circle;
- Improvements to, pathways within, and re-naturalization of the Aquinnah Circle Overlook;
- Site and structural improvements at #9, #11 and #13 Aquinnah Circle related to Recreational and Historical purposes there;
- Development and restoration of pathways connecting recreational and historic sites within the ACCD, and;
- Continued historic restoration of the Gay Head Light and the Edwin DeVries Vanderhoop Homestead; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion to change bullet point 3 to include only the Manning restaurant building (#9 Aquinnah Circle)**

**Motion failed. Article Passed - Majority**

**ARTICLE FIVE  
Board of Health**

To see if the town of Aquinnah will vote to participate in a State sponsored community septic repair loan program with funds available to assist homeowners with failed septic systems, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE SIX  
Personnel Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Personnel By-Law:

Add to 6.0 Compensation Plan

6-9 Office Work Hours

Any hourly employee working in the Town Municipal Campus with an office set up to serve the public, must post and maintain office hours on a regular basis Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, holidays excluded. Any daily absence must be covered by personal, sick and/or vacation time with notification of such given to their immediate supervisor and the Town Administrator.

**Motion to delete the word “hourly” passed-unanimously**

**Motion to change the word “from” to “between” and the word “to” to “and” passed-unanimously  
Article Passed as Amended - Unanimous**

**ARTICLE SEVEN  
Personnel Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following Personnel By-Law:  
Replace 23.0 Grievance Procedure

23-1 Coverage

All employees

23-2 Policy

~~Employees shall have the right to confer with the Selectmen on any matter which is covered by personnel policies. The Selectmen shall have the power to adjust grievances, which do not require the expenditure of funds in excess of available appropriations~~

Any employee who is aggrieved by a decision of or by the alleged misconduct of any Town authority, elected or appointed, shall immediately report the incident to his or her supervisor. If the incident involves the supervisor, an initial report shall be made directly to the Town Administrator. If the incident involves the Town Administrator, an initial report shall be made directly to the Personnel Board.

23-3 Grievance Procedure

~~Grievances shall relate to improper application of the personnel bylaw or disciplinary procedures. Grievances shall be resolved in the following manner:~~

~~(a) Employees are encouraged to discuss any matter of dispute with a department head in a mutual effort to resolve any problems or misunderstanding. Failing to resolve any grievance in an informal manner, an aggrieved employee may present a grievance in writing to a department head along with all the pertinent information relative to the grievance and indicating the relief that is desired. The department head shall within seven (7) days of receipt of the grievance provide an answer in writing to the aggrieved employee; a copy of which shall be provided to the Selectmen.~~

~~(b) If the grievance has not been resolved as provided in (a) above, the aggrieved employee may within seven (7) days after receipt of the written answer from the department head or within fifteen (15) days after presentation of the grievance to the department head, present the grievance in writing to the Selectmen. The Selectmen shall schedule a hearing on the grievance and shall answer the aggrieved within twenty (20) days after its receipt. The department head and employee shall have the right to attend such hearing.~~

The supervisor or affected employee may petition the Personnel Board to hold a grievance meeting as soon as the facts have been ascertained and reduced to writing. In any event, the written notice is to be filed within one (1) week of the incident and shall include a request for relief or remedy.

Except where the authority is dictated by law, the Board's jurisdiction to decide grievances includes those which involve elected as well as appointed personnel, with the exception of employees covered under collective bargaining agreements.

**23-4 The Hearing**

Upon receipt of the grievance notice, the Town Administrator shall within ten (10) working days schedule a hearing and give notice to all those involved. The Board will follow their established procedure for the purpose of conducting the grievance hearing.

**23-5 The Ruling**

After hearing the grievance the Board shall issue its findings and render its decision which may affirm, deny or amend the requested remedy.

The Board's decision on a grievance on any matter covered by this By Law shall be final and binding on all parties. A copy of the decision will be forwarded to affected parties and filed in the Human Resources's office.

**Article Passed - Unanimous**

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 fourteen 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 1st day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen, we the undersigned members of the Aquinnah Board of Selectmen.

JULIANNE VANDERHOOP, Chairman  
JIM NEWMAN, Vice Chairman  
GARY HALEY

HEIDI VANDERHOOP

Aquinnah Constable      posted November 1, 2016

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## TOWN OFFICES

Selectmen	508-645-2300	Mon-Fri 9 am - 5 pm
Assessors	508-645-2306	Mon-Fri 11 am - 5 pm
Treasurer	508-645-2301	Mon-Fri. 9 am - 2 pm
Tax Collector	508-645-2303	Mon-Thurs. 10 am - 2 pm
Accountant	508-645-2305	Tues. & Fri. 10 am - 4 pm
Town Clerk	508-645-2304	Mon-Wed-Th 12 am - 4 pm
Building Inspector	508-645-2307	Fri. 12 pm - 4 pm
Harbormaster/Shellfish	508-645-2307	Tues 9 am - 12 pm Seasonal
Board of Health	508-645-2309	by appt.
Planning Board	508-645-2300	by appt.
Conservation Commission	508-645-3034	by appt.
Police Station	508-645-2313	24/7
Fire Department	508-645-2311	24/7
Dog Officer	508-693-1212	24/7
Beach Permit Info	508-645-2304	Mon-Fri 9 am - 4 pm
Beach-Philbin	508-645-9555	Seasonal
Beach-Big Parking Lot	508-645-3549	Seasonal
LDO (Dump)	508-645-2319	Thurs. 8 am - 2 pm Sun. 10 am - 4 pm
Library	508-645-2314	Tues. & Thurs. 2 pm - 7 pm Sat. 10 am - 4 pm

Gen Email [aqbos@comcast.net](mailto:aqbos@comcast.net)  
Fax 508-645-7884

## OTHER RESOURCES

### EMERGENCY 911

Non-Emergency	508-693-1212
Martha's Vineyard Hospital	508-693-0410
Mass. State Police	508-693-0545
Tri-Town Ambulance	508-693-4992
Coast Guard Menemsha	508-645-2611
Martha's Vineyard Airport	508-693-7022
Chilmark Post Office	508-645-2535
Vineyard Transit Authority	508-693-9440
Steamship Authority	508-693-9310
Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)	508-645-9265
Dukes County Administration	508-696-3840