

# 2018 Annual Report



## Town of Edgartown

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING CO.

# Annual Town Meeting

## February 4, 1918

To either of the Constables of the Town of Edgartown,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Edgartown qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Edgartown, on MONDAY, the fourth day of February next, at eight o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d. To hear the report of the Auditor and other town officers and committees, and act thereon.
- 3d. To elect the following named town officers on official ballot, viz:
  - A Town Clerk
  - A Town Treasurer
  - One Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.
  - One Assessor for three years.
  - A Surveyor of Highways.
  - Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, each for three years.
  - A member of the School Committee for three years.
  - A member of the School Committee for two years (to fill a vacancy).
  - An Auditor.
  - Two Constables.
  - A Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
  - A Park Commissioner for three years.

To vote on official ballot "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls for voting on official ballots will be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon.

- 4th. To see if the town will elect one or more Collectors of Taxes and fix their compensation.
- 5th. To choose all other necessary town officers.
- 6th. To see if the town will elect a Fish Warden and fix his compensation.
- 7th. To raise and make appropriations of such sums of money as may be necessary for paying town debts, expenses for the ensuing year, and for such other purposes as may be voted at said meeting.
- 8th. To see if the town will instruct the Assessors to remit all such taxes as cannot, in their judgment, be collected.
- 9th. To see if the town will instruct its Selectmen to control, regulate or prohibit the taking of eels, clams, quahaugs and scallops within the limits of said town (including ponds that are now or may be leased by the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries), and fix the amount to be paid for each permit issued, and make such other regulations as may seem expedient, as provided by Chapter 91, Section 85, of the Revised Laws.
- 10th. To see what course the town will adopt to keep the schoolhouses in good order, and to provide fuel and things necessary for the schools.
- 11th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire sums of money, not to exceed three-fifths of the total tax levy, in anticipation of revenue, and to issue a series of bonds therefor to be paid from the taxes assessed during the current financial year.
- 12th. To see what action the town will take in regard to additional street lights.
- 13th. To see if the town will pay the firemen for the current year and provide things necessary for the fire department.
- 14th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the care of its cemeteries.
- 15th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of the park.
- 16th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the observance of Memorial Day.
- 17th. To see what action the town will take to keep its streets and ways clean.
- 18th. To see what action the town will take in regard to making repairs upon its streets and ways.
- 19th. To see what action the town will take in reference to spraying the trees for their protection.
- 20th. To see what action the town will take in regard to employing night watchmen.
- 21st. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairing its concrete walks.

- 22d. To see what action the town will take in regard to supporting the poor for the current year.
- 23d. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising and appropriating a sum of money for the purpose of employing a special police officer for street duty from June 20 to September 20, 1918.
- 24th. To see if the town will vote to leave the matter of fixing the rental of the Town Hall in the hands of the Selectmen.
- 25th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty dollars for the salary of the Inspector of Slaughtering.
- 26th. To see if the town will raise the sum of twenty dollars for the salary of the Inspector of Producers and Sellers of Milk.
- 27th. To see what action the town will take in regard to destroying Gypsy Moths.
- 28th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the law suits brought against its officials by Everett C. Brown and Luella Norton.
- 29th. To see what action the town will take in reference to adopting By-Laws to regulate street traffic.
- 30th. To see what action the town will take in reference to amending and codifying the By-Laws of the town and adopting any additional By-Laws.
- 31st. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of installing a system of town accounting.
- 32nd. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of placing a sum of money at the disposal of the Committee on Public Safety.
- 33rd. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a sidewalk , or placing a concrete curbing, on the south side of Church Street, from Main to Winter Street.
- 34th . To see what action the town will take in reference to prescribing a rate of compensation for the Forest Warden, and his deputies, and persons assisting them, and for property used under their directions, at a forest fire.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by publishing the same in the Vineyard Gazette seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the town of Edgartown this twenty-third day of January A.D. 1918.

ALFRED A. AVERILL  
THEODORE S. WIMPENNEY  
GERALD A. PEASE  
Selectmen of Edgartown

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**IN MEMORIAM**

We regret the passing of the following individuals who are remembered for the faithful and unselfish service that they provided to the Town.

**Linda Brown**

Edgartown Elementary School  
2003-2015

**Robert “Coo” Cavallo**

Edgartown Planning Board  
2008-2017  
Capital Programs Committee  
2009-2013  
Board of Health  
1989-1995  
Board of Health Representative to the Martha’s Vineyard Refuse District  
1994-1997

**Nancy Ann Clarke**

Police Department  
1996-2008

**Robert Gilkes**

Harbor Master  
1989-1994  
Harbor Planning Group  
1994  
Oil Spill First Response Team  
1989-1994  
Deputy Harbor Master  
1988  
Conservation Commission  
1986-1988  
Deputy Shellfish Warden  
1982-1998  
Shellfish Committee  
1977-1978  
Harbor Study Committee  
1977-1979

# IN MEMORIAM

We regret the passing of the following individuals who are remembered for the faithful and unselfish service that they provided to the Town.

## **Louis K. Goodwin**

Shellfish Warden (Deputies)

1988-2000

Deputy Fish Warden

1983-1987

Assistant to Marine Biologist/Deputy Fish Warden

1981-1982

Oil Spill First Response Team

1980-2001

Shellfish Committee

1976-1977

## **Ed Jerome**

Edgartown Elementary School Principal

1979-2005

Edgartown School Building Project Committee

2000-2005

## **Walter Morrison**

Fire Department

2000-2008

## **Malcolm W. Reed, Jr.**

Financial Advisory Committee

2003-2008

Edgartown School Building Project Committee

1999-2003

Dredging Advisory Committee

1996-2000

Capital Programs Committee

1995-2000





# IN MEMORIAM

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## Jean G. (Hathaway) Cohen

Christmas Decorations Committee

1981-2018

Town Treasurer

1974-1987

Capital Programs Committee

1980-1987

South Beach Committee

1980-1981

Harbor Study Committee

1977-1979

Park Commissioners

1975-1978

Gardner Property Committee

1975-1976

Board of Registrars

1972-1974

Board of Selectmen

1969-1972

Board of Health

1965-1972

Bureau of Public Welfare

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

Aid to Dependent Children

Disability Assistance

1967

Board of Fire Engineers

1966

## Yvonne Sylvia

Sign Committee

1986-1995

Library Trustee

1974-1983

Advisory Committee

1968-1971



COFFIN HOUSE AND TOWER OF BAPTIST CHURCH, SCHOOL STREET, EDGARTOWN, MASS.



## Jeff

He grips the podium  
like the wooden wheel  
of a loaded  
cargo schooner  
comfortable yet firm  
as he steers us through  
another night  
Reading the Warrant  
or not  
guided by the shifting weight  
of our creaking  
rolling ship  
We sit rapt  
in pews  
built by old  
whaling Methodists  
Hanging on  
he seamlessly pushes forward  
towards that safe harbor  
called  
adjournment  
It lurks behind  
the final article  
A heady place  
of swaying palms  
another years  
relief

Along this annual route  
all hands are welcome  
to weigh in  
Acknowledged from  
the steady helm  
a peace is said  
in place  
or from up front  
all miked and  
we can only pray  
blessedly brief  
The crew reacts  
in kind  
rejects the change of course  
or pleads the case

This is the subtle test  
the captain contemplates  
careful to reflect  
with wisdom  
the request  
A vote is cast  
the podium adjusts  
and off we sail  
intact  
Some murmur is bypassed  
consensus is the star  
this pilot sets our  
stem towards  
A second night at sea  
means rations stretched  
frayed tensions and  
who knows what's  
playing on TV

Occasionally he'll  
lash the wheel  
to stride the deck  
conferring with  
an officer or two  
where they sit in line  
Charts at hand  
confirm the plotted course  
and inner knowledge of  
strange winds  
queer tides  
that veer a ship  
from port

There is great skill up here  
a learned bearing  
born of deep roots  
and thorough knowledge of  
this ship  
this crew  
this rolling sea  
With no apparent rush to judge  
he lays bare  
the working and the ways

For from his perch he spies  
each year  
the changes in his  
able body  
Some have drifted off  
never to be heard again  
Some soften  
while others seem to  
pitch and haw  
a tide against  
the wind  
Democracy for all  
But in the end the change  
is small  
the general course  
is stayed  
and as consensus is his  
guiding star  
these 43 long years  
he's seen us through  
all right  
So tonight  
I do salute  
the moderator  
I have known  
and say to Jeff  
thanks for all you've done  
You've left us better  
for your time  
guiding our rolling  
lively helm  
And like you plainly said  
"It was something to do"  
and yes  
you surely  
did it well

Steve Ewing  
Poet Laureate  
April 2018  
Edgartown

# TOWN OFFICERS

## ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

### Moderator

SEAN MURPHY  
\*PHILIP J. NORTON, JR.

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2018

MICHAEL J. DONAROMA, Chairman  
MARGARET E. SERPA  
ARTHUR SMADBECK

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

### Town Administrator

JAMES M. HAGERTY  
\*PAMELA M. DOLBY

### Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen

KRISTY ROSE  
KAREN FULLER  
LISA LAWSON-YOUNG, Department Assistant  
\*GAIL F. AVAKIAN

### Board of Assessors

DONNA GOODALE  
ALAN GOWELL, Chairman  
S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT  
\*LAURENCE A. MERCIER

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2018

### Assessor/Appraiser

JO-ANN RESENDES, Principal Assessor

### Administrative Assistant to Assessors

CINDY SHERMAN  
EDWARD PIERCE, Data Collector  
\*CYNTHIA E. BONNELL

### Board of Health

HAROLD T. ZADEH, Chairman  
KATHLEEN N. CASE  
E. GARRETT ORAZEM, D.M.D  
JANET HATHAWAY, Assistant

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

### Health Agent

MATTHEW E. POOLE

### Town Collector

MELISSA A. KUEHNE

Term Expires 2021

### Assistant Collector

DEBORAH WILLOUGHBY  
HEIDI S. BOYD

### Planning Board

SAM SHERMAN, Chairman  
JAMES CISEK, Alternate  
FRED D. MASCALO  
MICHAEL MCCOURT

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

LUCY MORRISON	Term Expires 2022
SCOTT MORGAN	Term Expires 2023
***ROBERT M. CAVALLO, Chairman	
DOUG FINN, Administrative Assistant	
**GEORGIANA GREENOUGH	

**School Committee**

KELLY MCCRACKEN	Term Expires 2019
KIMBERLY S. KIRK	Term Expires 2020
MEGAN ANDERSON, Chairman	Term Expires 2021

**Edgartown Library Trustees**

JULIE LIVELY, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
HERBERT L. FOSTER, Secretary	Term Expires 2021
JUSTINE SHEMETH DEOLIVEIRA, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2019
OLGA CHURCH	Term Expires 2019
DAVID ALAN FABER	Term Expires 2020
S. CHRIS SCOTT	Term Expires 2020

**Library**

LISA HORTON SHERMAN, Director  
 ELYCE BONNELL, Children's Librarian  
 EMMY SHARKEY, Circulation Supervisor  
 NIS KILDEGAARD, Reference Librarian  
 ALISON LESLIE, Technical Services Librarian  
 ERIC J. ALEXANDER, Department Assistant  
 VIRGINIA MUNRO, Programs Coordinator /Library Assistant II  
 TOM IGNACIO, Library Assistant II  
 MORGAN STANLEY KOMINERS, Library Assistant II  
 SUSAN BERNIER, Library Assistant II  
 JELISA DIFO, Library Assistant II  
 \*\*EMMY THOLEN, Circulation Supervisor  
 \*\*KEELAN WEISS, Library Assistant II

**Park Commissioners**

GLEN SEARLE	Term Expires 2019
JANE M. VARKONDA, Chairman	Term Expires 2020
KEVIN SEARLE	Term Expires 2021
JESSICA MCGROARTY, Administrator	

**Wastewater Treatment Commission**

GLEN SEARLE, Chairman	Term Expires 2019
SCOTT ELLIS	Term Expires 2020
SEAN MURPHY	Term Expires 2021

**Wastewater Treatment Facility**

DAVID THOMPSON, Facilities Manager  
 THEODORE M. VANGERVEN, Plant Operator  
 DALE R. MORGAN, Plant Operator  
 JOSEPH ROCK, Plant Operator  
 WILLIAM MEADER, Junior Operator  
 SEBASTIAN CORWIN, Junior Operator  
 JENNIFER SMYTH, Department Assistant  
 \*\*PATRICK HICKEY, Junior Operator  
 \*\*MARISA BONIFACE, Department Assistant  
 PIA WEBSTER, Administrative Assistant

**Water Commissioners**

SCOTT ELLIS	Term Expires 2019
DAVID BURKE, Chairman	Term Expires 2020
JIM KELLEHER	Term Expires 2021

**Edgartown Water Department**

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, Superintendent  
SHANE BEN DAVID, Assistant Superintendent  
PHILIP LEVESQUE, Water Operator 2  
ERIC HATHAWAY, Water Operator I  
DYLAN THORNTON, Laborer  
GORDON BROWN, Laborer  
SHEILA BEN DAVID, Department Assistant IV  
LINDSEY MERCIER, Administrative Assistant I

**Constables**

WILLIAM C. BISHOP IV  
SCOTT ELLIS

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

**Financial Advisory Committee**

STEVEN C. JORDAN  
JIM CARTER  
DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT  
LESLIE BAYNES  
PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, Chairman  
ROBERT COAD  
MORTON FEAREY, JR.  
JANE CHITTICK, Alternate  
NEFITITI JETE, Assistant  
\*GAIL AVAKIAN, Assistant

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021

**Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Representative**

EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.

Term Expires 2019

**OFFICERS ELECTED ON FLOOR OF TOWN MEETING**

**Surveyors of Lumber**

ROBERT AVAKIAN  
FRED B. MORGAN, JR.

**Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Coal**

MARTHA J. LOOK  
JAMES JOYCE  
LAURENCE MERCIER

**Fence Viewers**

PAUL BAGNALL  
JAMES JOYCE  
M.J. ROGERS

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS**

**Accountant**

KIMBERLY G. KANE

**Accountant’s Assistant**

LAURI MATHER

**Affordable Housing Committee**

CHRISTINE WHITE  
MARK HESS, Chairman  
CHRISTINA BROWN  
TIMOTHY RUSH, Vice-Chair  
MELISSA NORTON VINCENT

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

MARIA VENTURA  
\*JOSEPH ROBERTS  
ARIELLE HAYES, Administrator

Term Expires 2021

**Affordable Housing Trust**

TIMOTHY RUSH, Member Affordable Housing Committee  
MARK HESS, Member Affordable Housing Committee  
MARGARET E. SERPA, Board of Selectmen Representative  
JOSEPH ROBERTS, Member Affordable Housing Committee  
CHRISTINE WHITE, Member Affordable Housing Committee  
MARIA VENTURA, Member Affordable Housing Committee, Alternate

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

**Airfield Commission**

WILLIAM BRINE, III  
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Representative for the Conservation Commission  
PATRICK BRADLEY  
MICHAEL NAGLE  
HARALD FINLEY, Chairman  
\*JAMES CRAIG

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021

**Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator**

LEONARD JASON, JR.

**Beautification Advisory Committee**

CAROL FLIGOR  
GERRET C. CONOVER  
CAMMIE NAYLOR  
RENEE CLERMONT  
DORIS WARD  
ALYSSA STARZYK  
\*GERI SMITH

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Board of Fire Engineers**

PETER SHEMETH, Retired Fire Chief  
ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief  
ANDREW KELLY, Deputy Chief  
RICHARD J. KELLY, Retired Captain  
LAURENCE THOMAS, Retired Deputy Chief  
GEOFFREY FREEMAN, Assistant Chief  
SCOTT ELLIS, Retired Assistant Chief  
TREVOR SCANLAN, EMS Representative  
HAROLD ZADEH, Retired Lieutenant

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Fire Department Ambulance Service**

BRENDAN COONEY, EMT-Paramedic, Ambulance Coordinator  
MIKE KLIMEK, EMT-Paramedic  
BRIAN FOSTER, EMT-Paramedic  
HALEY KRAUSS, EMT-Paramedic  
ANITA BILLINGS, Administrative Assistant  
\*\*ALEX SCHAEFFER, EMT-Paramedic, Ambulance Coordinator

**Edgartown Ambulance Advisory Committee**

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief  
SUSAN BETTENCOURT  
TREVOR SCANLON, EMT Representative  
SEAN MURPHY  
DEANNA AHEARN-LAIRD

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Board of Registrars**

PHYLLIS E. LOOK  
IRENE RESENDES  
CINDY BONNELL  
\*\*JO-ANN RESENDES

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021



**Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Inspector**

LEONARD JASON, JR.

**Local Building Inspector**

REED K. MILNE

**Building Inspector's Assistant**

AKEYAH NUNES

**By-Ways Committee**

ROBERT M. GREEN, JR.  
ELLEN BLODGETT  
LINDA DEWITT  
DOUG JONES  
POLLY BASSETT  
KARA SHEMETH

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Capital Programs Committee**

NANCY SHEMETH  
JONATHAN LAIRD  
GAIL CROTEAU  
DAVID IGNACIO  
JANE BARBINI  
ROBERT M. CAVALLO

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Cemetery Commissioners**

ANDREW KELLY, Chairman  
SUSAN C. BROWN  
ELIZABETH VILLARD  
DEBRA MANLEY-SMITH, Alternate

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021

**Cemetery Assistant**

JESSICA MCGROARTY

**Local Census Director**

KAREN MEDEIROS  
\*WANDA M. WILLIAMS

**Christmas Decorations Committee**

GLEN SEARLE  
JULIET MULINARE  
LES BAYNES  
\*PRISCILLA BETTENCOURT  
\*GAIL F. AVAKIAN  
\*\*\*JEAN G. HATHAWAY

**Community Preservation Committee**

EDITH BLAKE, Historic District Commission Representative  
GLEN SEARLE, Park Department Representative  
MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative  
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Conservation Commission Representative  
TIMOTHY RUSH, Affordable Housing Committee Representative  
MORTON FEAREY, JR., Vice-Chairman, Financial Advisory Representative  
MICHAEL McCOURT, Planning Board Representative  
KRISTY ROSE, Administrator

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021

**Computer Advisory Committee**

WOODY FILLEY  
MARGARET E. SERPA  
MORTON FEAREY, JR.  
\*PAMELA M. DOLBY

**Information Technology Manager**

ADAM DARACK

**Conservation Commission**

JEFFREY CARLSON	Term Expires 2019
GEOFFREY KONJTE	Term Expires 2019
LIL PROVINCE	Term Expires 2019
ROBERT AVAKIAN	Term Expires 2020
CHRISTINA BROWN	Term Expires 2020
STUART LOLLIS	Term Expires 2021
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Chairman	Term Expires 2021
LISA C. MORRISON CARBERRY, Assistant	
JANE M. VARKONDA, Agent	

**Council on Aging**

MARY JANE CARPENTER, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
STEPHEN MILLER	Term Expires 2021
MARVENE O'ROURKE	Term Expires 2019
JAY SIGLER	Term Expires 2020
HEIDI BOYD	Term Expires 2020
PAUL MOHAIR, Administrator	
WENDY BENEDETTO, Director of Senior Services	
VICTORIA HAESELBARTH, Outreach Worker and Custodian	
DIANNE WALL, Nutrition/Cook	
DONNA PAULSON, Secretary/ Receptionist	

**Dredging Advisory Committee**

PETER J. VINCENT, JR, Representative for the Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2021
RICK HAMILTON, Member at Large	Term Expires 2021
ED HANDY, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee	Term Expires 2019
DUDLEY LEVICK, Member at Large	Term Expires 2020
RYAN SMITH, Representative for the Shellfish Committee	Term Expires 2020
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator	

**Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Representative**

MELISSA NORTON VINCENT	Term Expires 2019
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**Dukes County Cable Advisory Committee Representative**

PAMELA M. DOLBY

**Emergency Management/Civil Defense**

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Director  
MICAH AGNOLI  
\*PETER SHEMETH  
\*\*RITA BROWN

**Edgartown Ponds Area Advisory Committee**

TIMOTHY CONNELLY	Term Expires 2021
DONALD BENEFIT	Term Expires 2021
THOMAS WALLACE, Chairman	Term Expires 2019
DAVID LUENING	Term Expires 2019
DUDLEY LEVICK	Term Expires 2020
PAUL BAGNALL, Shellfish Constable/Marine Biologist	
JANE M. VARKONDA, Special Assistant	

**Edgartown Transfer Station Scale Weighers**

DON HATCH  
DONALD CASEY  
MARY DONLAVEY  
STEVE DOURIAN  
RYAN ROSE  
JOHN CASEY  
JAMIE ANN GREENE  
MICHAEL SEDLIER  
HUNTER THOMAS

KRISTEN NORMAN  
JOHN CLARKE, MVRD Board of Health Representative  
TOM PIERCE, MVRD Board of Health Representative  
\*\*PAUL LINDERSON

**Fire Department Inspectors**

ALEX SCHAEFFER, Fire Chief  
TREVOR SCANLON, Fire Prevention Officer  
\*\*PETER SHEMETH

**Gas Inspectors**

GEORGE APOSTOLIDES  
CHARLES DAY

**Harbor Planning Group**

JO-ANN TAYLOR, Representative from the MV Commission  
CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster  
\*\*GEORGIANA GREENOUGH, Representative for the Planning Board

**Harbormaster**

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster  
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Department Assistant  
MICHAEL HATHAWAY, Deputy Assistant  
SARA TIEMANN, Administrative Assistant  
WILLIAM SCHRADE, Deputy Assistant  
MICHAELLA GAINES, Head Assistant  
SCOTT BROWN, Assistant  
JACKSON CROCKER, Assistant  
CHADWICK HILDNER, Assistant  
AUGUSTE PIZZANO, Assistant  
JACK SIERPUTOSKI, Assistant  
LOUISE LYNN, Assistant

**Harbormaster's Clerk/Wharfingers**

RILEY BESAW  
TAYLOR BLAIR  
TRISTAN BLAIR  
JOSHUA BROWN  
WILLIAM GRESHAM  
JACQUELYN HEGARTY  
SEAN HEGARTY  
ABIGAL LIVELY  
BRETT O'CONNELL

**Harbormaster's Special Assistants**

WARREN GAINES  
PAUL BAGNALL  
WILLIAM ROMAN  
CRAIG A. EDWARDS  
ANTONE A. BETTENCOURT  
EDWIN B. GENTLE, JR.  
JONATHAN SEARLE  
ROBERT D. MORRISON  
JASON MALLORY

**Herring Warden & Deputies**

PAUL BAGNALL, Herring Warden  
WARREN GAINES, Deputy Herring Warden  
ROBERT D. MORRISON

**Highway Department**

STUART F. FULLER, Superintendent  
ALLAN deBETTENCOURT, Foreman

EDMUND WILLOUGHBY  
JAMES MASEDA  
JOHN O'DONNELL  
BOBBIE DISTIN  
DWIGHT "DJ" KAEKA  
ANGELO MARIANO

**Historic District Commission**

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Chairman	Term Expires 2019
CARI WILLIAMSON, Alternate	Term Expires 2019
JULIA CELESTE	Term Expires 2019
CASSIE BRADLEY	Term Expires 2020
KEN MAGNUSON	Term Expires 2020
MINAH WORLEY, Alternate	Term Expires 2020
SUSAN CATLING, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2021
EDITH BLAKE	Term Expires 2021
PETER ROSBECK, JR.	Term Expires 2021
MOLLY COSTELLO	Term Expires 2021
*CAROLE BERGER	
BRICQUE GARBER, Administrative Assistant	

**Independence Day Committee**

JOSEPH SOLLITTO, Chairman  
JAMES CRAIG  
ALFRED NOYES  
WANDA WILLIAMS

**Inspector of Animals**

BARBARA PRADA	Term Expires 2019
CATHERINE BUCK, VMD	Term Expires 2019

**Land Bank Advisory Board**

MICHAEL J. DONAROMA, Chairman, Planning Board Representative  
ANDREW KELLY, Board of Assessors Representative  
CHRISTINA MILLER, Board of Health Representative  
DONNA GOODALE, Board of Selectmen Representative  
KAREN KUKOLICH, Park Commission Representative  
STEVEN EWING, Conservation Commission Representative  
JIM KELLEHER, Water Commissioners Representative

**Marine Advisory Committee**

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR., Harbormaster	
BRUCE MCINTOSH	Term Expires 2019
ED HANDY, Alternate	Term Expires 2019
SCOTT MORGAN, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
MARTIN V. TOMASSIAN, JR	Term Expires 2021

**Martha's Vineyard Commission Designee for the Board of Selectmen**

JAMES JOYCE	Term Expires 2019
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**Martha's Vineyard Commission Joint Transportation Committee Representative**

STUART F. FULLER  
MARGARET E. SERPA, Alternate

**Martha's Vineyard Community Television, Inc.**

EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Member-Director on Board of Directors	Term Expires 2020
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**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council**

LISA SHERMAN	Term Expires 2020
LORI STONE	Term Expires 2020

**Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority**

ANGELA GRANT, Administrator  
LOIS CRANE, Assistant Administrator  
LOUIS PACIELLO, Board of Selectmen Representative

**Municipal Hearings Officer**

PAMELA M. DOLBY

**Officer of Animal Control**

BARBARA PRADA

**Officer of Animal Control Assistant**

CATHERINE BUCK, VMD

**Oil Spill First Response Team**

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.

**Personnel Board**

PAUL D. MOREAU, Vice-Chair

Term Expires 2019

ELYCE BONNELL, Employee Representative

Term Expires 2019

MARCEL LAFLAMME, Member

Term Expires 2020

MAUREEN HILL, Chairman

Term Expires 2021

\*\*SUZANNE CIOFFI

KIM LUCAS, Human Resource Director

**Police Officers**

BRUCE MCNAMEE

Chief

CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY

Lieutenant

CRAIG A. EDWARDS

Sergeant

THOMAS L. SMITH

Sergeant

JOEL M. DEROCHE

Sergeant

JONATHAN M. SEARLE

Sergeant

MICHAEL SNOWDEN, II

Detective

DAYCE MOORE

Detective

JAMES S. CRAIG

Officer

MICHAEL D. GAZAILLE

Officer

WILLIAM D. OTERI

Officer

STEPHANIE IMMELT

Officer

WILLIAM C. BISHOP, IV

Officer

NICHOLAS PHELPS

Officer

RYAN RULEY

Officer

JEFFREY TRUDEL

Officer

ZACHARY TOWNES

Officer

CURTIS CHANDLER

Officer

JAKE SYLVIA

Officer

ALEX GUEST

Special Officer

JAMES BISHOP

Special Officer

GARY KOVAK

Special Officer

TYLER HAMPSON

Special Officer

TRACY A. GIACOMINI

Administrative Assistant

MARIA WILLIAMS

Department Assistant

R. NEAL CONDLIN

Summer Traffic Officer

BRAD FIELDERN

Summer Traffic Officer

SANTANA KING

Special Traffic Officer

BRENDON LOGAN

Special Traffic Officer

DOUG DEBETTENCOURT

Special Traffic Officer

TESSA WHITAKER

Special Traffic Officer

CONNOR BETTENCOURT

\ Special Traffic Officer

ZACHERY MOREIS

Special Traffic Officer

DEMITRI GEORGE

Special Traffic Officer

\*\*DAVID ROSSI

Chief

**Plumbing Inspectors**

GEORGE APOSTOLIDES

CHARLES DAY

**Procurement Officer**

JULIET MULINARE

**Shellfish Committee**

NICHOLAS TURNER  
LES BAYNES  
CHRISTIAN THORNTON, Chairman  
RYAN SMITH  
MADELINE FISHER

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

**Shellfish Constable**

PAUL L. BAGNALL

**Shellfish Wardens (Deputies)**

WARREN GAINES  
ROBERT D. MORRISON  
JASON MALLORY  
RALPH PECKHAM, Summer Deputy  
RALPH SAVORY, Summer Deputy  
\*\*PETER JACKSON, JR.

**Shellfish Wardens (Unpaid Deputies)**

ROBERT OCY CZ  
WILLIAM BASSETT  
FLOYD NORTON  
PAUL SCHULTZ  
PETER WELLS

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Sick Leave Bank**

JAMES HAGERTY, Secretary  
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Employee Representative  
WANDA WILLIAMS  
\*PAMELA M. DOLBY, Secretary

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Sign Advisory Committee**

JULIA CELESTE  
MARTIN V. TOMASSIAN, JR.  
COURTNEY BRADY  
GERRET C. CONOVER  
CHRISTINE WHITE

Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021

**Town Clerk**

KAREN R. MEDEIROS  
\*WANDA M. WILLIAMS

**Assistant Town Clerk**

\*\*KAREN R. MEDEIROS

**Town Counsel**

RONALD H. RAPPAPORT

**Town Treasurer**

PAMELA AMARAL

**Treasurer's Assistant**

MARISA BONIFACE  
\*\*CINDY SHERMAN

**Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Extermination**

STUART F. FULLER

**Veteran's Agent**

JO ANN MURPHY

**Water Resource Management Officer**

WILLIAM CHAPMAN

**Wire Inspectors**

ROBERT A. YOUNG, JR.  
MICHAEL C. DOLBY  
DAVID A. SCHWAB

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

MARTIN V. TOMASSIAN, Jr., Chairman  
CAROL GRANT  
GERRET CONOVER, Alternate  
JOHN MAGNUSON  
NANCY KELLY, Alternate  
TED ROSBECK, Alternate  
RICHARD KNIGHT  
NANCY WHIPPLE  
ROBIN BRAY, Alternate  
LISA MORRISON, Assistant

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
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Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2021

\*Retired  
\*\*Resigned  
\*\*\*Deceased

# *Typical Monthly Meeting Calendar of Edgartown Boards, Committees, And Commissions*

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
WEEK 1	Selectmen 4:00 pm	Beautification Committee 11:00 am	Marine Advisory 4:00 pm	Park Commissioners 10:00 am	Sign Committee 8:30 am	Wastewater 2:00 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 pm	CPC (as needed) HISTORIC DISTRICT 4:00 pm		
WEEK 2	Selectmen 4:00 pm	Water 3:00 pm	Personnel Board 1:00 pm	Dredge Advisory 4:10 pm		Fire Engineers 4:00 pm	School Committee 7:00 pm			
WEEK 3	Selectmen 4:00 pm	Health 6:00 pm	Conservation Commission 5:00 pm			Wastewater 4:00 pm	Marine Advisory 4:00 pm	Council on Aging 8:30 am		
WEEK 4	Selectmen 4:00 pm	Fire Engineers 4:00 pm	Finance Comm. 4:00 pm	Park Commission 10:00 am		Planning 4:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 pm	HISTORIC DISTRICT 4:00 pm		
	Assessors 4:00 pm	Health 6:00 pm	Conservation Commission 5:00 pm	Dredge Advisory 4:10 pm			Council on Aging 8:30 am			

**NOTE: MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. DEPARTMENTS NOT LISTED MEET AS NECESSARY. CONSULT THE TOWN HALL BULLETIN BOARD FOR UP-TO-DATE LISTINGS.**



## LEGISLATIVE LETTER



**Dylan Fernandes**  
State Representative  
Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket

**District Liaison**  
Kaylea Moore  
kaylea.moore@mahouse.gov

Dear Edgartown Friends,

It is an honor to wake up everyday and do the job I love - serving you and Edgartown in the State House.

In a tight financial year, Senator Cyr and I managed to secure over three hundred thousand dollars in the state budget for projects that boost the island economy and environment, and promote access to care for all Vineyard residents. Our budget amendments included \$175,000 for regional shellfish propagation, \$50,000 for transportation to access care for Islanders, and \$25,000 to jumpstart the first ever detox program on island for those suffering from addiction.

The natural beauty and serenity of the ocean inspire many of us to call this district home. At the State House, we are fighting to protect our ocean from the threats of climate change and pollution. This session, Senator Cyr and I passed a bill creating a commission to address the effects of ocean acidification on our environment and shell-fishing industry - the first ever ocean acidification bill in Massachusetts. We also formed the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund that empowers towns to create a revenue stream for projects that improve local water quality.

Over the past two years, our office passed 11 bills through the House of Representatives and many more

amendments that address issues impacting our community. Combating the opioid epidemic, advancing affordable housing, and protecting our environment remain core legislative priorities of our office. Our office is also focused on local issues that require state approval and we passed two Vineyard specific pieces of legislation including authorizing the airport to make \$2.5 million dollars in water quality improvements. In late August, we convened a meeting with the Department of Public Utilities, Eversource and island residents to address the consumer issues around private utility lines and as a result of that meeting, an Edgartown neighborhood has successfully petitioned Eversource to take over their lines. There is a lot more work to do and we have filed legislation to compel utilities to take over private lines and protect homeowners.

My team and I are working for you at the State House and we will always be here to serve you. Community engagement, transparency, and accessibility were tenants of my campaign and are the foundation of my office. Reach out to me anytime at (617) 722-2430 ext 6, or email me at [Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov](mailto:Dylan.Fernandes@mahouse.gov).

Yours,

Dylan



## TALENT BANK

The Board of Selectmen maintains a Talent Bank of names of citizens of Edgartown willing to serve, voluntarily, on boards, commissions and committees. Names in this file will be available for use by all Town departments.

Complete the questions, indicate your areas of interest and return to:

Board of Selectmen  
Talent Bank  
PO Box 5158  
Edgartown, MA 02539

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
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### LIST ORDER OF PREFERENCE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Edgartown Resident Homesite Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic District Commission          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> By-Ways Committee                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine Advisory Committee             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Programs Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Advisory Committee               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals               |

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

2018 was a busy year in our Town. It saw the purchase and subsequent leasing of the "Yellow House" on Main Street. This has been a priority of the Town since Town Meeting voted to acquire the property.

The project to pave Meeting House Way has finally come to fruition. Many thanks to Stuart Fuller and our Highway Department for all their hard work.

On the building front, it is worth noting the great success of our new Library. It has been a tremendous addition to the Town of Edgartown. Kudos to the many individuals who helped launch this project.

In the affordable housing area, our Meshacket Road project has been moving forward. We have had some delays caused by title issues and unexpected environmental problems with defining endangered moth habitat. However, there is reason to believe that we will have those issues finally dealt with by early 2019 and we will be able to continue on towards the completion of a successful project. Our Affordable Housing Committee has been very busy to those ends.

Our Town was very busy welcoming visitors and celebrating holidays. The Fourth of July fireworks were great, as always, and coupled with our classic Fourth of July parade, entertained one and all. Our Christmas in Edgartown was also a huge success this year thanks to the Edgartown Board of Trade and many volunteers and Santa's helpers.

Our financial picture continues to be very healthy. Edgartown maintains good free cash reserves while still preserving some levy capacity for emergencies. In

addition, our stabilization fund contains over two million six hundred thousand dollars.

We welcomed aboard some new key Town employees as we said good bye and happy retirement to a few others. Pam Dolby, our Town Administrator, has retired this year to be replaced by James Hagerty. Peter Shemeth has retired as our Fire Chief to be replaced by Alex Schaeffer our former Deputy Fire Chief. 2018 has seen the retirement of Wanda Williams, our long serving Town Clerk. Wanda's able assistant for almost thirty years, Karen Medeiros, has been appointed as Edgartown's new Town Clerk. Our Police Department has seen the retirement of David Rossi with the appointment of Bruce McNamee as our new Police Chief. Stuart Fuller has announced his retirement as Highway Superintendent and we will be seeking his replacement in early 2019. I would like to wish these and all the others who have retired in 2018 good luck and many thanks for all your years of service to our Town.

On behalf of the entire Town, I would like to thank all of our Town employees for their dedication to service and hard work that keeps our Town functioning smoothly. And in particular, I would like acknowledge the work of our Town Administrator, James Hagerty, and his able assistants Kristy Rose and Karen Fuller.

Finally, many thanks to my fellow Board members Margaret Serpa and Art Smadbeck. It has been a pleasure to serve with you both over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. DONAROMA  
Chairman

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

2018 – This has been another busy year in the Clerk's Office. This year has brought a lot of change.

This year was the last time we will have Mr. Philip J. Norton, Jr. as our wonderful Moderator. Mr. Norton always kept the meeting light hearted and moving along. Thank you Mr. Norton.

Jo-Ann Resendes retired as a member of our Board of Registrars. We thank her for many years of service. She will still be available to assist us when needed. Thank you to Cindy Bonnell for stepping into the Board of Registrars. We are fortunate that Phyllis Look and Irene Resendes have stayed on the Board and continued to assist us with all Town Meetings and Elections.

Words cannot express the thanks to Wanda M. Williams for her 31 Years of service to this office. I have had the honor of being Wanda's assistant for over 27 years. During this time she has been a wonderful teacher and friend to me. Wanda always kept the office running smoothly and

efficiently. She always served the Town and its people with dignity and pride. As we all know there is only one Wanda. Best wishes in your retirement.

The following is a list of the events held during 2018 and a report of the licenses sold for the year:

Special Town Meeting	April 10, 2018
Annual Town Meeting	April 10, 2018
Annual Town Election	April 12, 2018
Question 4 Recount	April 30, 2018
State Primary	September 4, 2018
State Election	November 6, 2018
Dog Licenses	964
Marriage Licenses	125

The following is a complete report of minutes for all Town Meetings and Elections held in 2018.

Included are the Marriages and Death reports for 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

KAREN R. MEDEIROS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON  
APRIL 10, 2018**

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs met in the auditorium of the Old Whaling Church (Methodist Church) on Main Street in Edgartown on Tuesday, April 10, Two Thousand and Eighteenth, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, having attained a quorum of one hundred eighty-one (181), the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. The Moderator read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

**ARTICLE 1.** Move that the Town vote to approve the establishment by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District of a Stabilization Fund to be known as the "MVRHS Capital Stabilization Fund" to provide a fund for expenditures for capital improvements within the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District and for such other lawful purposes as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, c.71, §16G½ as it may be amended from time to time, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 2.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,500.00 to provide video and audio communication with remote locking/unlocking capability to the school's front entrance doors. This will provide increased security to the school during school hours.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 3.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000.00 to construct sound-proofing around the new air conditioning unit behind the **Town Hall.**

**Moves and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 4.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$17,881.00 for worker's compensation insurance account.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000.00 to be placed in the Legal Account.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 6.** Moved that the Town vote to add the following to the Seasonal Wage Scale: Grade 9 -\$35.00 / \$36.46 / \$37.98 / \$39.57 / \$41.23 / \$42.96

**Moved and seconded thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 7.** Moved that the town vote to amend the Personnel By-Law section 26.0, Seasonal Wage as follows:

- Add the position of Airfield Manager/Katama Airport to Grade 9

- Add the position of Airfield Assistant/Katama Airport to Grade 8

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANOMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 8.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000.00 to cover the Airfield Manager and Airfield Assistant for the period beginning May 1, 2018-June 30, 2018.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 9.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 to purchase office equipment and supplies for the Katama Airfield Manager's office at Katama Airfield.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 10.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a fire proof cabinet for the Personnel Board office.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 11.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$76,000.00 to repair the elevator at the Edgartown Police Station.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 12.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to replace the fire alarm panel at the Edgartown Police Station.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 13.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to cover an unforeseen increase in the accident insurance policy.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000.00 to cover salary expenses from an on the job injury and personnel changes.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 15.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,405.00 to replace the heater

in the Animal Control office located on the Highway Department property.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 16.** Move that the Town vote to transfer from water surplus the sum of \$18,796.24 to reimburse the account created to meet recommendations made by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management in the Compensation and Classification Study, to cover the Water Department increases.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 17.** Move that the Town appropriate from the sale of cemetery lots fund (#104000-3001), for the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$80,000.00 to be used to continue the expansion of the New Westside Cemetery.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The Special Town Meeting was declared closed by the Moderator at 7:17 P.M.

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON  
APRIL 10, 2018**

Before the Annual Town meeting began our Poet Laureate Steve Ewing dedicated a poem to our Moderator, Philip J. "Jeff" Norton, Jr. for forty-three years of service to the Town. The Board of Selectmen also presented Jeff with a plaque for outstanding services rendered. The voters present gave a standing ovation also. Jeff thanked Steve for the poem and the Selectmen for their gift. With a statement that it was something to do on Town Meeting night for all those years.

The Moderator began the Annual Town meeting at 7:20 PM, with the quorum of one hundred eighty-one (181) still in attendance. Moderator Norton read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

**ARTICLE 1.** Being the Election of Officers and Six Ballot Questions Article 2 was taken up at this time.

At this time Lisa Sherman, Director of the Edgartown Library, gave the following report: I'd like to announce that our Library has achieved LEED Silver Certification from the US Green Building Council, and the project has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$125,053.00.

Thank you and congratulations to our Library Building committee, whose member include: Bob Avakian, Larry Mercier, Michael Donaroma, Chris Scott, Mort Fearey, Ann Tyra and Dick Knight

The committee served for seven years to make this project a success, and I am so grateful for their dedication to this project, as well as for their stamina. Mike also asked me to mention that in our first year, foot traffic numbers at the library went from 37,181 to 82,314.

At this time Selectman Smadbeck asked our new

Police Chief Bruce McNamee to come to the front and say a few words of introduction.

Chris Scott gave a report on the Yellow House Committee and how the process is moving along. The Committee is still meeting and are trying to get a plan working for the Town.

No other reports were given.

**SURVEYORS OF LUMBER**

Robert Avakian Fred B. Morgan, Jr.

**A motion was made to appoint the above named person as surveyors of Lumber. Moved and seconded thereafter moved and seconded thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK AND  
WEIGHERS OF COAL**

Martha J. Look James Joyce  
Laurence Mercier

**A motion was made to appoint the above named persons as Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Coal. Moved and seconded thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Paul Bagnall M. J. Rogers James Joyce

**A motion was made to appoint the above named persons as Fence Viewers. Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the

Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 2% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2018.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 5.** Move that the Town vote to close the following amount from completed articles:

Article 42 – ATM 2007 - \$47,125.00 to General Fund and \$17,875.00 to Receipts Reserve Waterways

Article 8- STM December 2008 - \$1,835.17 to Community Preservation Historic Reserve and \$1,501.50 to General Fund

Article 50 – ATM 2009 - \$9,828.56 to General Fund

Article 49 – ATM 2010 - \$41,936.72 to General Fund

Article 38 – ATM 2011 - \$28,293.11 to General Fund

Article 60 – ATM 2011 - \$18,265.83 to General Fund

Article 40 – ATM 2012 - \$6,677.00 to General Fund

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 6.** Move that the Town vote to rescind unused borrowing authorizations previously voted by the Town, or to take any other action related thereto.

AUTHORIZED AMOUNT TO BE

DATE ART. PURPOSE AMT. RESCINDED

10/8/87 5 &

4/9/85 32 Dredge Sengekontacket  
\$30,000 \$30,000

8/25/93 6 Purchase Public Ferry  
350,000 350,000

4/14/98 30 Land Acquisition  
1,725,000 78,067

4/13/04 83 Water  
1,500,000 74,999.61

4/11/06 55 Well Pump Station  
1,500,000 152,000

10/27/09 13 Sewer  
806,100 361,100

\$1,046,166.61

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 7.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2019.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 8.** Moved that the Town vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2019 and to make appropriations therefore.

The Schedule of Appropriations was presented as a single item of Article 8, and is attached after the last page.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 9.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year 2019 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves:

-\$120,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

-\$120,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

-\$120,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

-\$500,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

-\$20,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter there was a discussion about how long the Town had been involved in with the CPC, is it possible to get out. A motion was made to have a Study Group appointed to see what the rules and regulations were to withdraw from the CPC. The motion was moved and seconded, the Moderator declared that the Study Group CARRIED. The main Article as written was voted by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE10.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$96,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2019.

**Moved and seconded, thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 11.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$24,000.00 and from the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$99,900.00 for a total of \$123,900.00 to fund the PALS program through The Resource Inc. (TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income to fund emergency structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 12.** Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$250,000.00 to support ongoing development and additional site work on the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 13.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$55,421.00 for the restoration and preservation of the Church Street side of the Whaling Church.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 14.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$11,873.00 to redesign and replace the outside handicap ramp at the Dukes County Courthouse to make the courthouse more ADA compliant.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 15.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$52,706.00 and from the Community Preservation FY18 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$47,294.00, for a total sum of \$100,000.00, for potential additional costs related to the acquisition of the historic Yellow House. If the funds are not needed, they will be returned to their respective CPC accounts.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 16.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$11,194.00, from the Community Preservation FY18 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$77,806.00, and from the Community Preservation Unreserve the sum of \$251,000.00, for the total sum of \$340,000.00, to be used to rehabilitate and to make capital improvements to the tennis court area at the Robinson Road Recreational Area by rebuilding the base and laying four (4) new tennis courts, two (2) new pickle ball courts and one (1) new shuffle board court.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 17.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$35,000.00 for The Edgartown Conservation Commission to facilitate the one-time removal of invasive plant species from the Lighthouse beach and park area.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 18.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$200,000.00 to go toward the restoration of the bulkhead at North Wharf as guided by the engineering study conducted with CPC funds voted at Annual Town Meeting in April 2017.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 19.** Move that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$30,000.00 to be used for valuation updates of real and personal property, revaluations, and Department of Revenue recertification.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 20.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$40,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 21.** Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$25,000.00 to provide funds for an integrated pest management program as needed by various departments.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 22.** Moved that the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on the terms and conditions as they deem in the best interest of the Town, to grant an access easement over a Town-owned parcel of land identified on Assessors Map 11A, as Parcel 403, to benefit the owners of a parcel of land identified on Assessors Map 11A, as Parcel 402, which has a physical address of 135 The Boulevard. The Town acquired Parcel 403 by a 1939 Collector's Deed. The parcel contains approximately 750 square feet, and a driveway crossing it to service Parcel 402 has been in existence for over forty years.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 23.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2019, the sum of \$25,568.00 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. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 24.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$22,726.76 to support the Healthy Aging Task Force of Martha's Vineyard. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 25.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the



sum of \$15,181.00, to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service as recommended by the Healthy Aging Task Force. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the Article by removing the last line “The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmation.” The motion was moved and seconded; the motion CARRIED.**

**The main Article as amended was passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 26.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$189,948.00, to support the Martha’s Vineyard Senior Services (Center for Living Programs).

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 27.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$119,042.00 to support the Vineyard Health Care Access Program for Fiscal Year 2019.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 28.** Moved the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$17,440.00, to support the Dukes County Social Services. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the Article by removing the last line “The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.” The motion was moved and seconded, the amendment was passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. The main Article as amended was passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 29.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$15,980.00, to support the Substance Use Disorder prevention programs on Martha’s Vineyard. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the Article by removing the last line “The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.” The amendment was moved and seconded, the amendment was passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. A second amendment was made to increase the sum of money by 20% bringing the total money to \$19,176.00. The second amendment was moved and seconding thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 30.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the

sum of \$15,425.00 to fund the Town of Edgartown’s share of the administrative expenses for the All Island School Committee’s contract for Adult and Community Education. The funds will not be available if all six Towns do not vote in the affirmative.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 31.** Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Edgartown Board of Health to accept any gifts or grants of money from various sources on behalf of the Martha’s Vineyard Tick Borne Illness Reduction Initiative to fund activity related to tick education and tick borne illness reduction during Fiscal Year 2019.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 32.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$57,472.20 to purchase and equip one four wheel drive police vehicle

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 33.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$95,000.00 to install underground water storage tanks at various locations on Chappaquiddick. This includes on site wells, plumbing and bringing power to each location.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 34.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase an all terrain medical rescue trailer. This trailer will be utilized in joint operations with the Edgartown Park Department’s ATV for beach emergencies and other logistically challenging areas.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 35.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$40,000.00 to train six firefighters to the Firefighter I/Firefighter II level. These individuals will become certified and will be able to train other members of the Department.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 36.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$50,000.00 to upgrade antiquated scene lighting on the 1994 E-one Ladder Truck. The proposed upgrade is part of our plan to extend the useful life of this apparatus.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that the Article CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 37.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$50,000.00, to conduct the feasibility study for a public safety campus. This study is to determine the best course of action regarding the need for additional secure storage, proper utilities, dormitories, and supportive infrastructure for Fire, EMS, Police, and Emergency Management.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 38.** Moved the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$44,000.00 to fund various Shellfish Committee programs to be administered by the Shellfish Department.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 39.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$38,000.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2019 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 40.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2019, the sum of \$11,500.00 to purchase a new outboard motor for the Shellfish Department patrol boat and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2010 120 HP E-TECH Evinrude in the best interests of the town.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 41.** Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Edgartown Shellfish Committee to accept any gifts or grants of money from various sources, to fund participation in various Shellfish Committee propagation programs during for Fiscal Year 2019.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 42.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$60,000.00 and from Receipts Reserved for Waterways the sum of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$70,000.00 to be used for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, docks, spiles, tie-off stakes, floats, walkways, and equipment necessary for marine operations on Town owned docks and property.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 43.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal year 2019, the sum of \$11,114.45 to purchase and rig a replacement outboard motor for the harbor pump out vessel and further,

to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing motor in the best interest(s) of the town. The engine was last replaced in 2012.

**Moved and seconded; there after voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 44.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$6,500.00 to purchase and install two vanities and flooring for the restrooms, including the hallway, at North Wharf. The existing vanities and floor are over twenty years old.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 45.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2019 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that it CARRIED.**

<b>BALLOT QUESTION #1</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>619</b>
	<b>NO</b>	<b>246</b>
	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>104</b>

**ARTICLE 46.** Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, and storm water drainage systems, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2019 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

<b>BALLOT QUESTION #2</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>733</b>
	<b>NO</b>	<b>205</b>
	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>31</b>

**ARTICLE 47.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$20,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 48.** Move the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$60,000.00 to purchase and equip, with a snow plow, a 2-3yard dump truck, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 2003 Ford F-450 in the best interest(s) of the Town.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 49.** Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of the Town infrastructure, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008, in the amount of \$236,529.00).

**Moved and seconded; thereafter an amendment was made the amount of funds the new figure should be \$239,412.00. The amendment was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. The Article was thereafter approved by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 50.** Move that the Town vote to install a street light on pole #9280/24 at the intersection of Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road and Third Street North.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 51.** Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000.00 to purchase a new street sweeper, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 1999 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper, with 8,700 hours, in the best interests of the Town, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2019 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring the Article CARRIED.**

<b>BALLOT QUESTION #3</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>562</b>
	<b>NO</b>	<b>356</b>
	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>51</b>

**ARTICLE 52. Moved that the Town vote to adopt the following updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations:**

**PURCHASE OF BURIAL PLOTS**

1. Only Edgartown residents and or taxpayers may purchase a lot. At the time of lot purchase, the residents name must appear on the town's registered voters or taxpayers list. One lot may be purchased per family.
2. Private sales of cemetery lots are prohibited. Lot owners must sell the lot back to the Town of Edgartown for the original purchase price. The Town of Edgartown will resell the lot at the prevailing price.
3. A lot purchaser acquires only the right to burial and is subject to the regulations of the cemetery. The purchaser does not retain the title to the land.
4. A full grave lot consists of four grave plots.
  - A full lot (10' x 20') has four burial plots. The cost of a full lot is \$2800.00
  - A half lot (10' x10') has two burial plots. The cost of a half lot is \$1400.00
5. Each burial plot may contain one casket or six cremation urns. Caskets are not double stacked.

6. A cremation lot (4' x 4') may accommodate two urns. The cost of a cremation lot is \$250.00

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7. All cemetery lots must be paid for at the time of purchase. No interment or inurnments will be made until the lot is paid in full.
8. All interments or inurnments and removals are made subject to orders and laws of properly constituted authorities of Town, County and State.
9. Cemetery officials shall be notified prior to interments or inurnments. Cemetery officials must have one week's notice prior to interments, inurnments or removals.
10. Once a casket or urn is interred within the cemetery no one shall be permitted to exhume it without a court order.
11. No interment or inurnment shall be made in any lot other than the family of the lot owner unless written permission is furnished by the surviving heirs.
12. All interments shall be in a permanent container such as cement or bronze vaults or in a concrete sectional vault. All inurnments shall be in a permanent container.

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13. It is the duty of the lot owners to notify cemetery officials of any change of address.
14. Under current cemetery regulations, a full lot can contain up to 24 burials (4 caskets or 24 urns). It is therefore recommended that the original owners appoint a designated signer among their heirs who will be in charge of who can be buried in the lot. When appropriate that person can appoint one or more person in the third generation to take over as designated signer. This process can be repeated as necessary through subsequent generations.
  - In the absence of a designated signer, two members of the senior generation must sign an interment order for anyone to be interred in the lot (Spouses and members of subsequent generations are not authorized to sign an internment order.)
  - If the original owners do not appoint a designated signer, the current senior generation may select a designated signer. To do so, every member of their generation must notify the Cemetery Office in writing that they accept the person selected as the designated signer.
15. No granite or concrete curbing or mounding of individual lots shall be permitted in any town cemetery.
16. Flat gravestones and corner bounds shall be level with the present grade in all town cemeteries.
17. All monuments shall be set on four foot deep concrete foundations in all cemeteries, and all markers at a minimum of two feet deep foundations.
18. No work or plantings shall be done in the town cemeteries without the permission of the

Commissioners. Certain plantings are not permitted. Please see Administrative Assistant for details.

19. The Edgartown Cemetery Department has authority to remove from lots all articles and plantings placed which do not conform to the standards maintained.
20. Permanent irrigation systems are not permitted in Town cemeteries.
21. The Cemetery Commissioners are empowered to enforce all regulations. They shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Town of Edgartown Cemeteries, including the conduct of funerals and traffic.
22. The Town of Edgartown disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury to any monument or markers in any of the town cemeteries.

**Moved and seconded; A motion was made to amend the BURIALS Item 9. Cemetery official must have one week's notice prior to interments, inurnments or removals. And Item 12. All inurnments shall be in a permanent container. The amendments were moved and seconded there after voted in favor by a UNANIMIOUS VOTE. The main Article as amended was vote in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 53.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$45,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and Edgartown Park and Ride and further to authorize the Park Commissioners to accept and expend any and all funds that may Be received for said purposes.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 54.** Move that the Town vote to authorize the Edgartown Park Commissioners to accept any gifts or grants of money from various sources on behalf of the of the Town of Edgartown for use in the Edgartown Park Department for Fiscal Year 2019.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted infavor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 55.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$30,000.00 to purchase two ATV's (all terrain vehicles) for use on South Beach.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 56.** Moved that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$12,000.00 to provide town water to the guard shack at South Beach for the purpose of rinsing the ATV's (all terrain vehicles).

**Moved and seconded; a motion was mad the ament the Article by removing the words "guard shack" and adding the following "left fork bathroom" moved and**

**seconded the amendment passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. The main Article as amended was approved by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 57.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Historic District Commission bylaw by removing Item A-2 from Section 8 – Exclusions: Terraces, walks, driveways and sidewalks, provided that any structure is substantially at grade and by adding Terraces, walks, driveways and sidewalks, to Section 4- Standards of Review, and to renumber Section 8 to account for the removal of subsection A-2.

**Moved and seconded; Voter Ben Hall, Jr. moved to Indefinitely Postpone the Article, the motion was moved and seconded, the Moderator declared that the motion did not CARRIED. A second motion was made to amend the Article as follows, by removing Item A-2 from Sections8- Exclusions: Terraces, walls, driveways, and sidewalks, provided that any structure is substantia at grade and by adding to Section 4- Definitions, after the word "driveway", the phrase "and sidewalks, provided that any such structure is substantially at grade level" and by deletion the or before the word "driveway", and to renumber Section to account for the removal of subsection A-2.**

**The amendment was moved and seconded with the Moderator declaring that the Carries. The Moderator was reminded that a 2/3 vote was required, He then called for a standing vote. Yes 164 - No 19 the amendment passed by the required majority.**

**ARTICLE 58.** Moved that the Town vote to amend the Historic District Commission bylaw by removing the words lighting fixtures Item A-3 from Section 8 – Exclusions.

**Moved and seconded, thereafter voted by standing vote, YES 161 – No 27, the Article passed by the required 2/3 majority.**

**ARTICLE 59.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown, Article II "Definitions", by adding the following definitions:

**"Bedroom":** Attached room, reasonably capable of providing privacy, light, and ventilation which is intended, arranged, or designed to be occupied by one or more persons. A bedroom shall have an area of not less than 70 square feet or be less than 7 feet in any dimension.

**"Boundary Fence":** Any fence that is, or is intended to be installed on or within five (5) feet of a real property boundary line as determined by the Board of Fence Viewers of the Town of Edgartown."

**"Curb Cuts":** The providing of vehicular ingress and/or egress from a private property and an accepted way.

**"De Minimis":** minor works which may have little to no material effect on a given structure or development, and therefore would not require a special permit, but does require an application for an exemption. Such determi-

nation would not apply to application or permitting requirements established by other entities, such as the Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, the Town of Edgartown Building Department, or the MV Commission.

**“Demolition”:** The removal or dismantling of existing construction, in whole or in part, with or without the intent to replace the construction so affected.”

**“Fence”:** A non-living structure or partition, designed to: establish a boundary; enclose or separate an area of land, a landscape feature, or an object located on land; prevent intrusions from without or straying from within; provide security or protection; shield from within or without against noise or view; or, other similar purpose. A fence may be, but is not limited to, structures or partitions made of wood, stone, metal or other materials.

**“Gross Floor Area”:** The sum of the horizontal areas of all stories of a building, or several buildings, as measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, or from the center line of a party wall separating two buildings on the same lot. Gross Floor Area for a single lot shall include garages, sheds, gazebos, enclosed porches, screen porches, enclosed decks, guest buildings, and other accessory buildings; Gross Floor Area shall not include basements, crawl spaces, attics, open porches, or open decks.

**“Livable Floor Space”:** Any square footage that is (a) served by permanently installed heating or air-conditioning systems, (b) that is directly accessible from other occupiable areas through an interior door or hallway, (c) finished with walls, floors and ceilings of materials generally accepted for interior construction, and (d) excluding any area with a ceiling height of less than five feet.

**“Lot line”:** A line of record bounding a lot that divides one lot from another lot or from a public or private right of way.

**“Marina”:** A facility which provides dockage or berthing for more than five (5) vessels and may also provide the services of a Vessel Service Facility.

**“Mean Natural Grade”:** The natural grade, relative to a given structure. The mean natural grade shall be calculated by measuring the natural elevation at the four (4) most remote corners of a structure to the height of the highest point of the structure, and dividing the aggregate number of these heights by four (4).

**“Renovation”:** The alteration or removal of any part of an existing structure for the purpose of maintenance or improvement without change to the existing footprint or height of the structure.

**“Vessel Service Facility”:** A commercial facility providing one or more of the following: vessel construction, repair or servicing; vessel storage, hauling and launching; the sale of vessels; the sale of supplies and services for vessels and their equipment and accessories; berthing or dockage facilities for not more than five (5) vessels not being serviced or repaired.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 60.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown, Article IX “B-I Business District”, Section 9.6, “Business Moratorium”, by striking the section entirely.

~~Business Moratorium (B-I)~~

~~In order to provide an orderly period for the Town to develop and submit to Town Meeting a program for protecting the public health, safety, and welfare in the face of rapid development, the following use limitations, with respect to the issuance of Building Permits, shall be observed. These limitations shall apply until August 30, 1986 or until superseded by a subsequent Town Meeting vote, whichever period is shorter, and shall apply in addition to limitations otherwise in effect. During this period, Building Permits or Certificates of Use and Occupancy for business uses shall be issued only for the following:~~

- ~~a. Addition to an existing building not to exceed one hundred and fifty square feet.~~
- ~~b. Change of use from one business to another.~~
- ~~e. Construction which is necessary to protect public health and safety.~~
- ~~d. Certificates of Use and Occupancy where a Building Permit was issued prior to this Moratorium.~~

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 61.** Move amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown, Article X “B-II Upper Main Street”, Section 10.5.a.3, as follows: In order to reflect traditional setbacks along Upper Main Street, to create an architectural edge to the B-II District, and to screen (to the extent feasible) parking and access ways from public view, structures shall be set back not more than forty (40) feet, nor less than twenty (20) feet from the ~~street pavement line~~ **front lot line**, except that a structure need not be set back no further than any structure existing on the premises on April 11, 1989, if less, and no or further than the average of the setbacks on adjacent lots, if less. No structure shall be located within ten (10) feet of the side or rear property lines. Where an applicant demonstrates that greater front setbacks, or lesser side or rear setbacks, is necessary for the reasonable development of the parcel, the Planning Board may modify such requirements provided that access is assured for fire and other such emergencies.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 62.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of Edgartown, Article X-A, “BIII Business District” by amending the title of the Article as follows:

**ARTICLE X-A. B-III BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE DISTRICT**

Further, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of Edgartown, Article X-A, "BIII Business District", "Area" as follows:

Area: The B-III **Light Industrial And Service District ("The B-III District")** is located on the Martha's Vineyard Airport property and includes all of that property within Edgartown except for the area defined in the Zoning Bylaw as the B-IV District.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 63.** Move to amend the Zoning Bylaw of Edgartown, Article XX "Surface Water District", by striking section 20.5 entirely.

**20.5. Definitions**

~~For the purposes of this By law, the following definitions shall apply:~~

~~VESSEL SERVICE FACILITY: A shorefront commercial facility providing one or more of the following: vessel construction, repair or servicing; vessel storage, hauling and launching; the sale of vessels; the sale of supplies and services for vessels and their equipment and accessories; berthing or dockage facilities for not more than five (5) vessels not being serviced or repaired.~~

~~MARINA: A facility which provides dockage or berthing for more than five (5) vessels and may also provide the services of a vessel service area (see definition above).~~

**Moved and seconded; there after voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 64.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaws, Section 6.4, Section 9.4.b.2, Section 10.5.b.8 and Section 11.24, so as to clarify language related to curb cuts:

Amend Section 6.4, "Bulk, Area and Parking Requirements", "Minimum Requirements", as follows:

There shall be a maximum of one ~~16' wide~~ curb cut per lot on a public street, **in accordance with Section 11.24 of this bylaw.** ~~All new curb cuts, or modifications after January 7, 2014 shall require a site plan review from the Planning Board.~~

Further amend Section 9.4.b.2, as follows:

There shall be a maximum of one ~~16' wide~~ curb cut per lot on a public street, **in accordance with Section 11.24 of this bylaw.** ~~All new curb cuts, or modifications after January 7, 2014 shall require a site plan review from the Planning Board.~~

Further amend Article 10.5.b.8, as follows:

There shall be a maximum of one ~~16' wide~~ curb cut per lot on a public street, **in accordance with Section 11.24 of this bylaw.** ~~All new curb cuts, or modifications after January 7, 2014 shall require a site plan review from the Planning Board.~~

Further amend Section 11.24 – "Curb Cuts and Driveways" as follows:

In the R-5, B-I and B-II districts, there shall be a maximum of one 16' wide curb cut per lot on a public street. **A curb cut shall not exceed 16' in width.** All new curb cuts, or modifications **to existing curb cuts** after January 7, 2014 shall require ~~a site plan review from~~ **approval by** the Planning Board. **The curb cut design, or its regular use, shall not impair access along the public street or sidewalk.**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 65.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaws codification, arrangement, sequence, references, and captions as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Town of Edgartown Zoning Bylaw Proposed Organization," dated January 31, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 66.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Commission's property maintenance.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 67.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditur in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Land Acquisition.

**Moved and seconded, thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that the Article CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 68.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for the construction of a new hanger located at the Katama Airport, and further that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that a majority of the voters casting a ballot (Question #4) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2019, vote in the affirmative to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so-called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on bonds or notes issued for the construction or take any other action relative thereto. *(In April of 2008 the Town appropriated \$250,000.00 towards this project. The Katama Trust has donated \$73,301.78 towards the project, bringing the project cost to approximately \$1,523,301.78.)*

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted by a standing vote YES 175 – NO 19 the Article passed by the required 2/3 majority.**

<b>BALLOT QUESTION #4</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>466</b>
	<b>NO</b>	<b>469</b>
	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>34</b>

**ARTICLE 69.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000.00 to repair the decks, rails, and ramps on the restaurant, known as the Right Fork Diner, located at the Katama Airport.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 70.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$65,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 71.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,726,500.00 for various wastewater projects including but not limited to a septage storage facility, scum pump replacement, dewatered sludge pump, replace air dryer, new generator switches, run float upgrade, upgrade belt filter press, SCADA system, and Dunham Road pump station and any other costs incidental and related thereto, and further, that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that a majority of the voters casting a ballot (Question #5) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to exempt from the provision of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on bonds or notes issued for the projects or take any other action relative thereto.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voter in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

<b>BALLOT QUESTION #5</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>588</b>
	<b>NO</b>	<b>322</b>
	<b>BLANKS</b>	<b>59</b>

**ARTICLE 72.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus for the implementation and training for the Munis municipal programming and for costs incidental and related thereto. This proposal will convert the Water Department computer programs to the same system commonly used throughout the other municipal offices in the Town of Edgartown. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 73.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from Water Department's Surplus to the Water Department Expense account for improvements necessary for the town's water system including: the installation, replacement, cleaning, and relining of water mains and appurtenances; the installation and replacement of water service lines and water meters; construction equipment; construction and restoration of pump stations, wells, water treatment, office, standpipe, and other structures, buildings, facilities, and grounds; water quality improvements; and for costs incidental and related thereto for Fiscal Year 2019. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or tax rate.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 74.** Move that the Town authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$20,000.00 to cover the cost of inspecting and cleaning a municipal well, and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the Article to change the amount from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 the motion was moved and seconded thereafter the Article as amended was approved by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 75.** Move that the Town of Edgartown raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$92,952.77, or fifty percent of the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communications Center, based on the volume of dispatches, tied to call origin, for all of the Town's agencies.

**Moved and seconded; after much discussion a motion was made to Indefinitely Postpone the Article the motion to Indefinitely Postpone did not CARRY. Discussion continued until someone called to Move the Question, Moderator called for a vote, the Article DID NOT CARRY.**

That being the final Article requiring action Moderator Norton dismissed the Meeting AT 10:10 P M., with his last reminder to vote on Thursday, April 12, 2017, Polls opening at 10:00 A.M.

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HELD ON  
APRIL 12, 2018**

Pursuant to the Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Polling Place, the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room (Town Hall) 70 Main Street, on Thursday the Twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on Articles One of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

Constables William C. Bishop, IV and Scott Ellis, Assistant Town Clerk Karen R Medeiros, Jean Andrews, Cindy Bonnell, Ursula Prada, Registrar Irene Resendes, Registrar Joann Resendes, Ann Tyra, and Chris White were sworn as Warden, Tellers, Checkers, Ballot Clerk and Officers of the Day.

The Polls were declared open at 10:00 A.M. by Wanda M Williams, Town Clerk. It was unanimously voted to waive the reading of Article One on the Warrant.

At 8:15 P.M., all ballots having been accounted for and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the result of the Election.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Arthur Smadbeck	500
Gail Gardner	444
Write-Ins	6
Blanks	19
	969

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Chris Scott – Write-In Candidate	143
Write-Ins	11
Blanks	815
	969

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
E. Garrett Orazem	627
Write-Ins	10
Blanks	332
	969

**CONSTABLE**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Scott Ellis	792
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	175
	969

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>VOTE FOR THREE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Morton Fearey, Jr.	498
Paulo C. DeOliveira	717
Robert Coad	652
Jane R Chittick	364
Write-Ins	6
Blanks	670
	2907

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR ONE YEAR</b>
James K Carter	711
Write-Ins	3
Blanks	255
	969

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

<b>VOTE FOR TWO</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Herbert L. Foster	699
Julie L. Lively	674
Write-Ins	6
Blanks	559
	969

**MODERATOR**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Sean E. Murphy	747
Write-Ins	7
Blanks	215
	969

**PARK COMMISSIONER**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Kevin L. Searle	774
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	194
	969

**PLANNING BOARD**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR FIVE YEARS</b>
Scott William Morgan	600
Robert H. Strayton	176
Write-Ins	1
Blanks	192
	969

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Megan E. Anderson	709
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	260
	969

**TOWN COLLECTOR**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Melissa Kuehne	767
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	202
	969

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER**

<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Sean E. Murphy	703
Write-Ins	2
Blanks	264
	969



**WATER COMMISSIONER**

**VOTE FOR ONE**

James E. Kelleher	593
Fred R. Domont	231
Write-Ins	0
Blanks	<u>145</u>
	969

**FOR THREE YEARS**

**BALLOT QUESTION #1**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$400,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for rebuilding and resurfacing of certain Town streets for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

<b>YES</b>	<b>619</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>246</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<u><b>104</b></u>
	969

**BALLOT QUESTION #2**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$350,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for building and repainting of various Town sidewalks, bike paths and storm drainage systems, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

<b>YES</b>	<b>733</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>205</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<u><b>31</b></u>
	969

**BALLOT QUESTION #3**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$225,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new street sweeper, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

<b>YES</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>356</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<u><b>51</b></u>
	969

**BALLOT QUESTION #4**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess and additional \$1,200,000.00 in real estate an personal property taxes for the reconstruction of the hanger at Katama Airport, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

<b>YES</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>469</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<u><b>34</b></u>
	969

**BALLOT QUESTION #5**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$3,726,500.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to perform various wastewater projects, for the Fiscal Year beginning July, two thousand and eighteen?

<b>YES</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<u><b>59</b></u>
	969

**BALLOT QUESTION #6**

Shall the public water supply for domestic use in the Town of Edgartown be fluoridated?

<b>YES</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>BLANKS</b>	<u><b>16</b></u>
	969

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF RECOUNT  
HELD ON  
APRIL 30, 2018**

A request was requested by members of the Katama Airport Committee for a re-count of Article 4 of the Annual Town Election held on April 12, 2018. The results of that request are as follows.

The re-count was scheduled for April 30, 2018 @10:30 A.M. Town Hall in the Fred B. Morgan Meeting Room. There were nine hundred sixty-nine ballots (969) to be counted. The ballots were counted into groups of fifty (50) to be counted. Constable Scott Ellis, Thomas Ellis helped with the count of 50 packages of ballots. There were two sets of Checkers Counters: Cindy Bonnell; Ann Tyra; Chris

White; Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk; and Kim Kane as the Accounting Official.

Father Nagle and Edward Vincent acted as observers of the process.

There were changes in the Blanks count that lead to a tie between YES and NO.

The Town Clerk advised Father Nagle and Mr. Vincent to place the question on the next years Town Elections, also get more information about the need for a new hanger at the Katama Airport.

**REPORT OF STATE PRIMARY  
HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

Pursuant to the Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room, (Town Hall) 70 Main Street, on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of bringing their ballots to the Elections Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Cindy Bonnell, Phyllis Look, Assistant Clerk Karen Medeiros, Ursula Prada, Irene Resendes, JoAnn Resendes, Ann Tyra, Kevin Searle and Chris White, served as checkers, tabulators and counters. William C. Bishop IV, Constable and Scott Ellis Constable/Warden, served to keep peace and order at the Polling Place for the day.

The polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant by Wanda M. Williams, Town Clerk. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

1001 Voters were checked as having voted, 870 Democratic Ballots were cast. 2 Libertarian Ballots were cast. 229 Republican Ballots were cast.

At 11:20 p.m. all ballots having been counted and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the results of the Election.

<b><u>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</u></b>	<b>BALLOTS CAST</b>
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>	
Elizabeth A. Warren	708
Blanks	154
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	8
	<u>870</u>

<b>GOVERNOR</b>	
Jay M. Gonzalez	390
Bob Massie	260
Blanks	212
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	8
	<u>870</u>

<b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>	
Quentin Palfrey	310
Jimmy Tingle	336
Blanks	222
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	2
	<u>870</u>

<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Maura Healey	714
Blanks	153
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	3
	<u>870</u>

<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	
William Francis Galvin	544
Josh Zakim	215
Blanks	111
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<u>870</u>

<b>TREASURER</b>	
Deborah B. Goldberg	617
Blanks	251
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	2
	<u>870</u>

**AUDITOR**

Suzanne M. Bump	594
Blanks	273
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	3
	<hr/> 870

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Bill Keating	663
Bill Cimbrello	98
Blanks	108
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 870

**COUNCILLOR**

Joseph C. Ferreira	589
Blanks	280
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 870

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Julian Andre Cyr	688
Blanks	181
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 870

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Dylan Fernandes	694
Blanks	173
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	3
	<hr/> 870

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Blanks	858
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	12
	<hr/> 870

**CLERK OF COURTS**

T. George Davis	453
Charles A. Morano	397
Blanks	20
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<hr/> 870

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Paulo C. DeOliveira	725
Blanks	144
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 870

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

John S. Alley	520
Leon Arthur Braithwaite	421
Christine Catherine Todd	474
Gretchen Tucker Underwood	440
Keith Chatinover	36
Christina Colorusso	4
John Cahill	4
Blanks	4205
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	21
	<hr/> 6125

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Daphne Devries	576
Gail M. Barmakian	238
Blanks	54
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	2
	<hr/> 870

**REPUBLICAN PARTY****SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Geoff Diehl	114
John Kingston	51
Beth Joyce Lindstrom	37
Blanks	27
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<hr/> 229

**GOVERNOR**

Charles D. Baker	149
Scott D. Lively	75
Blanks	5
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<hr/> 229

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Karyn E. Polito	175
Blanks	53
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 229

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

James R. McMahon III	137
Daniel L. Shores	45
Blanks	47
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<hr/> 229

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Anthony M. Amore	162
Blanks	66
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 229

**TREASURER**

Keiko M. Orrall	158
Blanks	71
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<hr/> 229

**AUDITOR**

Helen Brady	157
Blanks	72
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<hr/> 229

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Peter D. Tedeschi	169
Blanks	59
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 229

**COUNCILLOR**

Thomas F. Keyes	158
Blanks	69
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	2
	<hr/> 229

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

John G. Flores	156
Blanks	72
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<hr/> 229

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks 225  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 4  

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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Michael D. O'Keefe 159  
Blanks 68  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 2  

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229

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Blanks 159  
George Davis 13  
Charlie Morano 57  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 0  

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229

**REGISTRER OF DEEDS**

Blanks 203  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 26  

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229

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Blanks 1585  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 18  

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1603

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Daphne Devries 27  
Gail Barmakian 7  
Blanks 193  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 2  

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229

**LIBERTARIAN PARTY**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Blanks 0  
Norman Stickney 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**GOVERNOR**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Blanks 2  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 0  

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2

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**TREASURER**

Blanks 2  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 0  

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2

**AUDITOR**

Daniel Fishman 0  
Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Blanks 2  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 0  

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2

**COUNCILLOR**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks 0  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 2  

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2

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks 2  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 2  

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2

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Blanks 1  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1  

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2

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Noreen Flanders 1  
Blanks 8  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 5  

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2

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Blanks 0  
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 2  

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Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF STATE ELECTION  
HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

Pursuant to the Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room, (Town Hall) 70 Main Street, on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of bringing their ballots to the Elections Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Cindy Bonnell, Jean Andrews, Phyllis Look, Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk, Ursula Prada, Irene Resendes, JoAnn Resendes, Ann Tyra, Kevin Searle and Chris White, served as checkers, tabulators and counters. Kathryn Mercier volunteered.

William C. Bishop IV, Constable and Scott Ellis Constable/Warden, served to keep peace and order at the Polling Place for the day.

The polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant by Wanda M. Williams, Town Clerk. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m. all ballots having been counted and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the results of the Election.

<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>	<b>BALLOTS CAST</b>
Elizabeth A. Warren	1546
Geoff Diehl	723
Shiva Ayyadurai	96
Beth Joyce Lindstrom	0
Write-ins	0
Blanks	49
	<u>2414</u>
 <b>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>	
Baker and Polito	1483
Gonzalez and Palfrey	864
Write-ins	1
Blanks	66
	<u>2414</u>
 <b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	
Maura Healey	1702
James R. McMahon, III	651
Write-ins	0
Blanks	61
	<u>2414</u>
 <b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	
William Francis Glavin	1722
Anthony M. Amore	528
Juan G. Sanchez, Jr.	78
Josh Zakim	0
Write-ins	0
Blank	86
	<u>2414</u>

<b>TREASURER</b>	
Deborah B. Goldberg	1596
Keiko M. Orrall	609
Jamie M. Guerin	82
Write-ins	1
Blanks	126
	<u>2414</u>

<b>AUDITOR</b>	
Suzanne M. Bump	1488
Helen Brady	632
Daniel Fishman	81
Edward J. Stamas	60
Write-ins	1
Blank	152
	<u>2414</u>

<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>	
Bill Keating	1688
Peter D. Tedeschi	663
Write-ins	0
Blank	63
	<u>2414</u>

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	
Joseph C. Ferreira	1594
Thomas F. Keyes	635
Write-ins	0
Blanks	185
	<u>2414</u>

<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>	
Julian Andre Cyr	1641
John G. Flores	660
Write-ins	1
Blanks	112
	<u>2414</u>

<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>	
Michael D. O'Keefe	1495
Write-ins	48
Blank	871
	<u>2414</u>

<b>CLERK OF COURTS</b>	
T. George Davis	1731
Anthony Durand Piland, Sr.	542
Write-ins	6
Blank	135
	<u>2414</u>

<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>	
Daphne Devries	1888
Write-ins	20
Blank	506
	<u>2414</u>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER VOTE FOR 7**

John S. Alley	1519
Leon Arthur Brathwaite, II	1197
Tristan R. Israel	989
Christine Catherine Todd	1240
Gretchen Tucker Underwood	1208
Robert Zeltzer	966
John F. Cahill	1125
Keith Chatinover	1279
Write-ins	32
Blanks	7343
	<u>16898</u>

**REGISTRER OF DEEDS**

Paulo C. DeOliveira	2014
Write-ins	9
Blanks	391
	<u>2414</u>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Dylan Fernandes	1869
Write-ins	28
Blanks	517
	<u>2414</u>

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD COMMISSION FOR 9**

Clarence A. Barnes III	1637
Christina Brown	1461
Robert McMillen Doyle	1053
Joshua Seth Goldstein	1133
Fred J. Hancock	1073
Ernest Douglas Sederholm	1091
Linda Bauer Sibley	1164
Richard J. Toole	1108
James Vercruysse	1069
Write-ins	47
Blank	10890
	<u>21726</u>

**QUESTION #1**

**LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER NURSE**

YES	1036
NO	1197
BLANKS	<u>181</u>
	2414

**QUESTION #2**

**COMMISSION TO STUDY CONSTITUTINAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN ELECTIONS**

YES	1663
NO	525
BLANKS	<u>226</u>
	2414

**QUESTION #3**

**LAW PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF GENDER IDENTITY**

YES	1649
NO	569
BLANK	<u>196</u>
	2414

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

## BIRTHS 2018

Births are not published in the Town Report due to the passing of the Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts 1991, which prohibits the sale and distribution of the names of children under the age of seventeen. The total number of births recorded in the town of Edgartown in 2018 was 56.

## MARRIAGES - DEATHS

### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2018

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
<b>JANUARY</b>		
03	Hannah Gabriele Flora Aleksandar Mihaljovic	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
06	Shannon Leigh Heery Zachary Byrne Stendig	Baltimore, MD Baltimore, MD
09	Benjamin Thomas DePaola Karina Aleksandrovna Dolgopolva	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
10	Petr Valach Olga Sidaruk	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
19	Lauren Lydia Withers Richard Karl Wasserloos	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
05	Nefertiti Stefchova Gyolska Bradford John Furtaw	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
<b>MARCH</b>		
10	Christopher Paul Mayhew Emmy Neuteboom	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>APRIL</b>		
01	Heather Nikole McElhinney Randy Bristow Dull	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
06	Katrina Singsen Nevin John Theodore Reine	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
21	Igor Vukoje Jacob Tilton Lewis	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
28	Maria Williams Russell Rego Ventura	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
28	Nikola Radonjic Abigail Francine Oliveira	Vineyard Haven, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>MAY</b>		
12	Palina Klyshko Henry Allen Carney	Vineyard Haven, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
17	Renan Magaihaes Pereira Keveli Zotti Boldrin	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
19	David Scott Nata Lauren Marie Spiegelhoff	East Brunswick, NJ East Brunswick, NJ
25	Karen Margaret Gildea Robert Douglas Stanley	Woombye, QLD, AUS Woombye, QLD, AUS
26	Daniel Scott Geary Jr. Gina Marie DeSimone	Higganum, CT Higganum, CT
26	Andrew Davis Blum Amanda Marie Vance	Louisville, KY Louisville, KY
27	Ashley Kurland Brenner Mark Andrew Kutz	New York, NY New York, NY
28	Pegah Jalali Zachary Eckler	New York, NY New York, NY
<b>JUNE</b>		
02	Meaghan Elizabeth O'Rourke Kevin Roy Nydam	Vineyard Haven, MA Woonsocket, RI
02	Aleca Aclair Hughes Tyler Joseph McPherson	Boston, MA Boston, MA
02	Lucas John Butynski Emily Sarah Brown	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
09	Saul Debussy Damier Emma Wallis Vancour	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10	Zachary Jon Tarka Julia Theodora Celeste	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
14	Christopher Anthony Regan Estephanie Garcia	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
16	Brian Arthur Henderson Clara Siez Matherly	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
18	Hristina Knezevic Joshua Scott Barnett	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Victor Miguel Pedro Kate Elyse Burigo	New York, NY New York, NY
23	Kara Alexandra Johnson Ryan Christopher Leandro	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Johanna Leigh Wooden Brendan John Cooney	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA



**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>JUNE</b>		
27	Jeffrey Maron Boughton Jeana Therese Maher	Portland, OR Portland, OR
29	Ilija Grbovic Sarah Judith Felder	Rochester, NY Rochester, NY
30	Erin Lee Elliott Maia Emeraude Morgan	Jersey City, NJ Jersey City, NJ
30	Katherine Dean Stewart Joseph William Morales	Scarsdale, NY Scarsdale, NY
30	Alexandra Marie Grab Carly Hart Sousa	New York, NY New York, NY
<b>JULY</b>		
06	Jennifer Lynn Krawiec Ian Anthony Galasso	Gallatin, TN Gallatin, TN
07	Charles Locke Moffett Phoebe Marshall Lapine	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
09	Kalob Keith Shipton Lazar Vasic	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10	Justin Matthew Chiovitti Aaron Christopher Arechiga	Huntington Beach, CA Huntington Beach, CA
12	Brian Ricardo Cole Keana Whitfield	Edgartown, MA Northampton, MA
15	Elizabeth Anne Rothwell Sasha Robinson-White	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
20	Theodore Charles Bennett Kissyla Garcez Nascimento Mendonca De Souza	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
21	Melissa Grello Gavin James Parker	West Hartford, CT West Hartford, CT
28	Cameron Amy Schelhorn Norman Cameron Salem	Washington, DC Washington, DC
<b>AUGUST</b>		
04	Stetson Salon Nunes Alexander Robert Louis Bant	Washington, DC Washington, DC
10	Abigail Stark O'Connell Matthew Joseph Hope	Hoboken, NJ Hoboken, NJ
13	Suzanne Vogt Ressa Paul Francis Guerin	Broomfield, CO Broomfield, CO

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>		
15	Sean McCaffrey Anna Shkuratova	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
18	Erin Ann Jones James Nelson Geter II	Dublin, CA Dublin, CA
22	Courtney Dawn Gordinier Giuliano Di Tomaso	Florence, Italy Florence, Italy
23	Emily Appleton Flake Robert Philip Ianelli	Vineyard Haven, MA Santa Monica, CA
23	Karyn Elizabeth Burns Brian John Gerling	Manlius, NY Manlius, NY
25	Carol Ann Gersosimo Thomas Peter Bolioli	Lynnfield, MA Lynnfield, MA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
01	Danielle Gremaux Timothy Hagen Bettencourt	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
01	Charlotte Elizabeth Lowell-Bettencourt Zachary Craig Delasin	Edgartown, MA Palm Harbor, FL
02	Eva Marie Hoffrichter Benjamin Kenneth Josephs	New York, NY New York, NY
07	Michael Robert Brown Genna Lee Cardello	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
08	William Harris Kennedy Rebecca Jane Gillig	San Mateo, CA San Mateo, CA
08	Daniel Alexander Levine Barrie Kahn Nussbaum	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
08	Jane Shomphe Sarno Michael Morrison Sullivan	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
11	Patrice Marieth Edwards Brandon Sydney Spencer Parchment	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
13	Pavle Miodrag Popovic Chloe Elizabeth Lima	Edgartown, MA New Bedford, MA
14	Megan Farrell John Robert Phillipso	Oak Bluffs, MA Sutton, MA
14	David Mark Salko Catherine Marie Lepone	Mamaroneck, NY Mamaroneck, NY

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
15	Marc Dennis Choquette Alexandra Sliwkowski	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
15	Marvin Joseph Tumaneng Sara Elizabeth Bernier	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
15	Melanie Marie Devaney Evan Andrew Reid	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
15	Alyssa Rachel Kaufman Alexander Thomas Ptak	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
18	John William Hamilton Lauren Thompson Kingsley	Carmel, IN Carmel, IN
20	David Alanzo McFarlane Claudia Cousley	Nantucket, MA Nantucket, MA
21	Edwin Whittier Holden III Erica Jay Yanoff	Rockville, MD Rockville, MD
22	Rachel Ann Lovewell Dina Nichole Clewell	Bethlehem, PA Bethlehem, PA
22	Liliana Clemencia Acvedo Pemberthy William James Greco	Cromwell, CT Cromwell, CT
22	Clark Putnam Briffel Caitlin Leigh Miskel	New York, NY New York, NY
22	Elizabeth Marie Bak Brandon Gatti	Boston, MA Boston, MA
22	Peter Steven Ho Aisling Mairead O'Callaghan	Queensland, Australia County Kerry, Ireland
22	Scott Frederick Condon Giana Lynn Paolilli	Phoenix, AZ Phoenix, AZ
25	Rebecca Elaine Mersiowsky Taylor Clifford Pierce	Burlington, MA Burlington, MA
25	Renata Ann Bankowski Jason Matthew Frazier	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
27	Craig Michael Aumann Rosemary Galvan Lamendola	Austin, TX Austin, TX
29	Ashley Anne Alves Redon Dublin Malanda	Atlanta, GA Marne, France

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
29	David Roy Bouffard Nicole Lynn Dorsa	Burlington, CT Burlington, CT
29	Jamie Ann Flack Richard Phillip Eckman	Shavertown, PA Shavertown, PA
29	Chelsea Kaitlyn Smith Louis John Greco	Mount Pleasant, SC Mount Pleasant, SC
29	William Boatner Reily V Elizabeth Ashley Lyons	New Orleans, LA New Orleans, LA
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
02	Lucian Nastasi Iya Gromova	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
06	Joseph Louis Catelli Tracie Lee Forsell	Wakefield, RI Wakefield, RI
06	Andrew Clark Heist Eliza Lucy Clark	New York, NY New York, NY
06	Margaret Mallory Moscati Paul Mychal Runkle	Greenwich, CT Greenwich, CT
13	Benjamin Ridgley Crutchley Elizabeth Storrs Mellick	Denver, CO Denver, CO
13	Amara Antoinette Mastronardi Craig Patrick Lennon	New York, NY New York, NY
13	Tyler Welles Season Katherine Devaney Leo	Bristol, CT Bristol, CT
13	Zachary Willard Tremonti Stephanie Lee Barnes	Boston, MA Boston, MA
18	Branko Dugalic Karly Maloney	Edgartown, MA North Hampton, NH
20	Anthony Bernard Jackson Cassidy Morgan Look	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
20	Sara Amy Quinn Steven Paul Titus	Oreland, PA Oreland, PA
23	Adrian Ionut Danila Taylor Ann Maciel	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
26	Marianne Vitale Rudolf Stingel	New York, NY New York, NY

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
27	Alexis Goyochea Trinoade Mariana Assuncao Nascimento Lima Moreira	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
02	Laysla Mauro Jhonathan Pinheiro Munhoz	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
02	Maria Pinheiro Ferreira Cleudo Marques Pereira	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
03	Christina Jane Park Jaroslav Kral	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
05	Katherine Anne Beynnon Uros Andrijanic	Chilmark, MA Edgartown, MA
26	Allison McAlpin McKinley Jane Patricia Hawkes	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA

**DEATHS RECORDED IN 2018**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>JUNE</b>		
	Robert M. Cavallo	65		Christine R. Strimel	82
	Amelia --- Wales	62		Marilyn Dorothy Gazarian	93
	Sinclair Hamilton Hitchings	84		Alishan Haigazian	93
	William Thayer Elbow	86			
	Edith Welch Potter	91	<b>JULY</b>		
	Bernard Keith Whoolery	82		Isabella Clarke	91
	Robert George White	70		Arlene L. Baril	83
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			<b>AUGUST</b>		
	John E. Boyle	80		John Joseph Klingensmith Sr.	73
	Paul J. Boniface	63		Janet M. Riley	92
	Constance Collier Shanor	88		Fernando Ferreira Amancio	31
	Donald Joseph Baril	92		Marvin Isenstein	91
	Walter Douglas Morrison	66	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>MARCH</b>				Yvonne Elizabeth Sylvia	95
	Lillian Frances Fusco	74		Edward Vincent Jerome	71
	Robert Joseph Francis	79	<b>OCTOBER</b>		
	James Gordon Place	75		Gregory Daniel Packish	47
	Joseph Patrick Guerin	61		Robert Earl Gilkes	71
	Judith Ann Norton	80		Marjorie Hope Look	89
<b>APRIL</b>				Diana Elenior Batten	67
	Malcolm Willard Reed, Jr	86		Richard Vincent Kelly	55
	Silvia A. Thompson	89		Joseph John Passafiume	70
	Dennis George Bernard	64		William S. Kaden	83
	George Ludgero Gomez	78	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>MAY</b>				Jean Galley Cohen	84
	Carmen Priscilla Salvador	95		Gail R. Eliot	78
	Gay Nelson	78	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	David Michael Darcy	55		Louis Kenton Goodwin Jr.	83
	Martha Wannamaker	73		Gretchen M. Wean	45
	Jason Philip Andris	44		John Richard Davies III	66
				Victoria b. Labbanz	99

## PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

In 2018, the Town experienced many personnel changes with a series of long-term employees choosing to retire, including Pamela Dolby, the Town Administrator. These employees leave with more than 100 years of combined service and experience; we recognize and thank them for their efforts and dedication.

The Personnel Board is composed of five members, four of whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the fifth, a Town employee, serves as the employee representative. The role and intent of the Personnel Board are established in the Town's bylaws. The Board exists to establish, maintain, and deliver a system of personnel administration that promotes a fair and consistent application of personnel policies, recruitment practices and performance management.

This year the Board along with the Human Resource Department continued the process of updating personnel policies and making recommendations regarding compensation, benefits, and personnel-related topics. Also

presented were a number of training opportunities. Training began early in the year with a representative from the Massachusetts Office of Disability followed by more specific workshops on workplace harassment, discrimination and emergency preparedness. The emergency preparedness program was conducted by the Edgartown Police Dept. who were very helpful in providing instruction to staff on how to conduct themselves safely in unexpected situations.

We would like to acknowledge Suzanne Cioffi for her years of service and dedication as a member and Chairperson of the Personnel Board and welcome newcomers James Hagerty, Town Administrator and Chief Bruce McNamee, EPD.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUREEN HILL, Chairperson  
PAUL MOREAU, Vice Chairman  
MARCEL LAFLAMME  
ELYCE BONNELL,  
Employee Representative

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

A majority of my time every year is spent managing the Town's systems and while technological advancements in remote access have created amazing efficiencies for me, I was determined to maximize remote management this past year. This doesn't change the fact that I spend my days in Town Hall and bouncing around to all the other Town departments, it merely means I can monitor the performance and potential issues on the Town's computers from a central location. This includes hardware issues, potential unwanted software installations, antivirus status, and more. It's proven to be quite useful. I evaluated a number of products to help with this and have been very happy with the solution I selected.

One of the more unique things I was involved with in 2018 came about when I was asked to help mediate a technology related issue concerning the taxi businesses in Town. Twenty something years ago I drove taxis as a summer job on the island which gave me insight into that industry. That, in addition to my tech friendly mindset led to my involvement in this. One taxi company wanted to install meters in their vehicles and the island holds onto and respects tradition, as we all know. This was change in the way that business type operates and was met with opposition. Working with members of the Edgartown Police Department and the owners of Edgartown's taxi companies we were eventually able to come to agreement on an amendment our taxi regulations in Town, which hopefully will allow these business another option in their attempts to survive in a difficult industry with regular

competition and newer ride sharing options taking a percentage of the market as well.

A handful of department heads changed in 2018 and I would like to congratulate Police Chief Rossi, Fire Chief Shemeth, Highway Superintendent Stuart Fuller and Town Administrator Pam Dolby on their long and exemplary careers. Incoming Police Chief McNamee, Fire Chief Schaeffer, and Town Administrator James Hagerty have hit the ground running and it has been a pleasure working with them. I look forward to many years of continuing that work. There's no lack of technology in use in their respective buildings and I'm sure we will keep busy for many years to come.

My role as Public Information Officer's primarily responsibility was to send up to date notifications to the (currently) 1,850 subscribers in our text messaging system. Between storm related closures, power lines being down, helping find missing persons, piping plovers causing beach closures, and more, I sent 90 messages with the goal to keep everyone informed and updated as quickly as I received my information. If you are not currently on our text notification system, simply text the word Edgartown to 99000 and you'll be automatically added to the list.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM DARACK  
Information Technology Manager  
& Public Information Officer



# FINANCE

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Calendar year 2018 was a year of changes in several departments of town government, including the Board of Assessors. Board member Laurence Mercier, who served on the board for 39 years, retired. S. Christopher Scott joined the board following the town election in April. And in July, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Bonnell retired after 28 years in this office. Cindy Sherman, who had experience in the Oak Bluffs Assessors from 2001 to 2008, and was the Edgartown Assistant Treasurer for the last several years, applied for the position and was hired in mid-July. Her wealth of experience made for a smooth transition.

The Assessors' primary responsibility is to find the full and fair cash value of all property (market value) as set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws. We do that by keeping accurate data on all real estate and personal property in town and reviewing and analyzing property sales annually to determine market changes. The job of the Board of Assessors is not to determine how much the town will spend or levy in taxes. That responsibility belongs to the taxpayers, by approving budgets, and warrant articles at town meetings, and voting on override questions at the annual town election.

Our work includes maintaining ownership records, inspecting properties for which building permits have been issued, inspecting properties that have sold, and analyzing the sales market and adjusting values. Fiscal Year 2019 assessed values (valuation date of 1/1/2018) were determined by analyzing market sales from calendar year 2017 for an interim adjustment of values. The next recertification by the Department of Revenue will take place for FY2023. The DOR requires towns to adjust values yearly to ensure that values are supported with current market evidence, so interim changes in value will be also be made for fiscal years 2020,

2021, 2022. We also handle abatement and exemption requests and the senior tax work-off credit, and process all aspects of motor vehicle and boat excise taxes.

We handle an abundance of information requests by taxpayers and the general public, and we provide convenient access to assessment information, GIS data, tax maps, and various assessors' forms online. Assessment information can be found at [WWW.VGSI.COM](http://WWW.VGSI.COM).

Click on the Online Databases button then work down through to the Edgartown database. General information, including printable copies of the tax maps, and various forms can be accessed on the town website – [WWW.EDGARTOWN-MA.US](http://WWW.EDGARTOWN-MA.US). The town provides online GIS software at [HTTPS://WWW.AXISGIS.COM/EDGARTOWNMA/](https://WWW.AXISGIS.COM/EDGARTOWNMA/). There is also a link on the town website. This program displays interactive maps and a good deal of publicly available property information.

Cyclical reinspection is an ongoing program to visit improved properties on a regular schedule. All buildings, residential, commercial and exempt must be reinspected at least every ten years to meet DOR guidelines. Edgartown has approximately 5400 buildings, over 5000 of which are residential. We completed the last cyclical reinspection program for FY2015 and are working on the next cycle, to be completed by FY2025. Those property visits are in addition to the regular field work of inspecting parcels with new or ongoing construction.

Our experience with the number of abatements filed and cases taken to the Appellate Tax Board continues to be excellent. There were only two FY2018 cases filed at the ATB. One FY2017 case was heard in August 2018, and the decision was for the town.

Fiscal Year Abated	Applications		Amount Abated	% of Taxable Value
	Filed	Granted		
2015 Reval Yr	40	20	4,430,444	0.06%
2016	28	19	5,122,200	0.07%
2017	48	27	31,835,300	0.41%
2018 Reval Yr	44	31	11,796,200	0.14%

For a historical perspective, please note the change in total town taxable value for the last ten years. From a total taxable value of \$7,009,320,115 in FY2008, there was a decline in values through FY2011. There was little change for the next three years until the town value again went over \$7 billion in FY2015. Total Taxable value continues to rise from that point.

FY2008	\$7,009,320,115		FY2011	\$6,563,959,740	-2.73%
FY2009	\$6,878,503,105	-1.87%	FY2012	\$6,666,537,995	+1.56%
FY2010	\$6,748,455,465	-1.89%	FY2013	\$6,597,990,238	-1.03%

FY2014	\$6,613,836,438	+0.24%
FY2015	\$7,028,192,628	+6.26%
FY2016	\$7,276,701,078	+3.54%
FY2017	\$7,804,718,137	+7.26%
FY2018	\$8,252,255,423	+5.73%
FY2019	\$8,885,809,240	+7.68%

The FY2019 tax rate is \$3.87, no change from the FY2018 rate of \$3.87. Please review the comparison of the tax recap sheets below for more information.

We continue to measure and list new construction and update our assessment database for those changes as well as adding parcels created by subdivision. The increase in value from construction for FY2019 is from building permits issued in 2017 and the completion of work on permits from prior years. The allowable increase in the tax levy due to growth from new construction and subdivision, along with new items of taxable personal property, was \$417,825 for FY2019, a decrease of \$13,264 from the FY2018 amount of \$431,089. The average over the last five years is \$381,769.

Please visit the office if you would like to know more about what we do. We will be happy to talk with you.

Information pamphlets are available which provide a lot of insight into the assessing process. In addition taxpayers are encouraged to ask about possible eligibility for tax exemptions and deferrals.

As always, our goal is to serve the community to the best of our abilities and to fulfill our duties as required by law, keeping in mind at all times the assessors' oath to truly and impartially, according to our best skill and judgment, neither overvalue nor undervalue any property subject to taxation.

Our staff members – Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Cindy Sherman, Administrative Assistant; Ed Pierce, Data Collector – will continue to take advantage of available educational programs with the goal of improving knowledge and abilities, and will continue to use all the tools available to produce fair and equitable values for all. Our office is open daily to assist taxpayers and the general public in any way possible. We look forward to helping you.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA L. GOODALE  
ALAN GOWELL  
S. CHRISTOPHER SCOTT

#### TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARIES

	FY2018 (7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018)	FY2019 (7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019)
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Raise & Appropriate	\$ 38,791,552	\$ 41,684,712
Free Cash	\$ 1,625,385	\$ 1,632,879
Available Funds	\$ 754,560	\$ 488,208
Other--Community Preservation Fund	\$ 2,891,850	\$ 2,092,194
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 44,063,347</u>	<u>\$ 45,897,993</u>
<b>Other Amounts to be Raised:</b>		
Cherry Sheet Offset	\$ 81,179	\$ 44,805
Overlay Deficits/Snow Removal Deficits/Other	\$ -	\$ -
State/County Charges (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 1,642,278	\$ 1,752,280
Overlay	\$ 286,928	\$ 198,925
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<u>\$ 46,073,732</u>	<u>\$ 47,894,003</u>
<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE</b>		
State Reimbursements (Cherry Sheet)	\$ 2,175,707	\$ 2,312,631
Estimated Local Receipts	\$ 6,690,001	\$ 6,780,009
Community Preservation Funds	\$ 2,891,850	\$ 2,092,194
Appropriations From Free Cash	\$ 1,625,385	\$ 1,632,879
Appropriations From Other Available Funds	\$ 754,560	\$ 488,208
Free Cash Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate	\$ -	\$ 200,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ 14,137,503</u>	<u>\$ 13,505,922</u>
<b>NET TAX LEVY &amp; TAX RATE</b>		
Total To Be Raised	\$ 46,073,732	\$ 47,894,003
Less Total Estimated Receipts/Other Revenue	\$ 14,137,503	\$ 13,505,922
<b>TAX LEVY</b>	<u>\$ 31,936,229</u>	<u>\$ 34,388,082</u>
<b>TAXABLE VALUE</b>		
Real Property	\$ 8,103,178,600	\$ 8,714,977,650
Personal Property	<u>\$ 149,076,823</u>	<u>\$ 170,831,590</u>
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE</b>	<u>\$ 8,252,255,423</u>	<u>\$ 8,885,809,240</u>
<b>TAX RATE</b>	\$ 3.87	\$ 3.87

**ABATEMENTS & STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN FY2018**

**REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS**

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2015	\$	19.40
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2016	\$	16.74
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2017	\$	112,707.12
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2018	\$	47,860.91
<b>Total Real Estate &amp; Personal Property Abatements Granted in FY2018</b>			<b>\$ 160,604.17</b>

**STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS**

Clause 41 C (Elderly)	Against Levy of FY	2018	\$	7,214.51
Clause 18 (Hardship)	Against Levy of FY	2018	\$	22,693.24
Clause 22 (Veteran)	Against Levy of FY	2018	\$	17,279.00
Clause 37(Blind)	Against Levy of FY	2018	\$	515.00
<b>Total Statutory Exemptions Granted in FY2018</b>			<b>\$ 47,701.75</b>	

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURTAX ABATED OR EXEMPTED**

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2017	\$	3,266.03
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2018	\$	3,222.26
<b>Total CPA abated or exempted in FY2018</b>			<b>\$ 6,488.29</b>

<b>Total All Abatements &amp; Exemptions Granted In FY2018</b>	<b>\$ 214,794.21</b>
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**BOAT EXCISE FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Boat Excise Commitments	No. of Boats		
FY 2018 Boat Excise	677	\$	30,473.00
<b>Total Boat Excise Issued</b>			<b>\$ 30,473.00</b>

**Boat Excise Abatements**

Against Levy of FY	2012	\$	38.00
Against Levy of FY	2013	\$	38.00
Against Levy of FY	2014	\$	38.00
Against Levy of FY	2015	\$	38.00
Against Levy of FY	2016	\$	156.00
Against Levy of FY	2017	\$	143.00
Against Levy of FY	2018	\$	1,474.36
<b>Total Boat Excise Abatements Granted in FY2018</b>			<b>\$ 1,925.36</b>

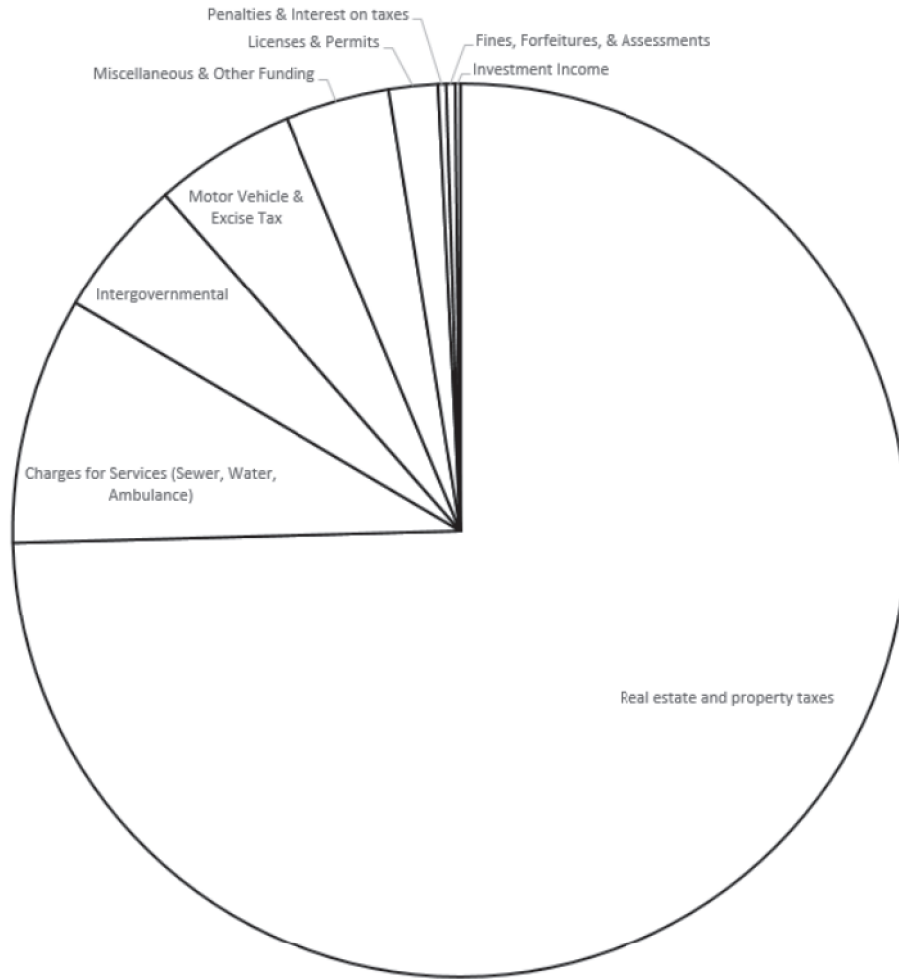
**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

Issued in Calendar	2018	No. of Vehicles	
2016 Excise		211	\$ 8,557.90
2017 Excise		8935	\$ 1,229,992.06
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise Issued</b>			<b>\$ 1,238,549.96</b>

**Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2018**

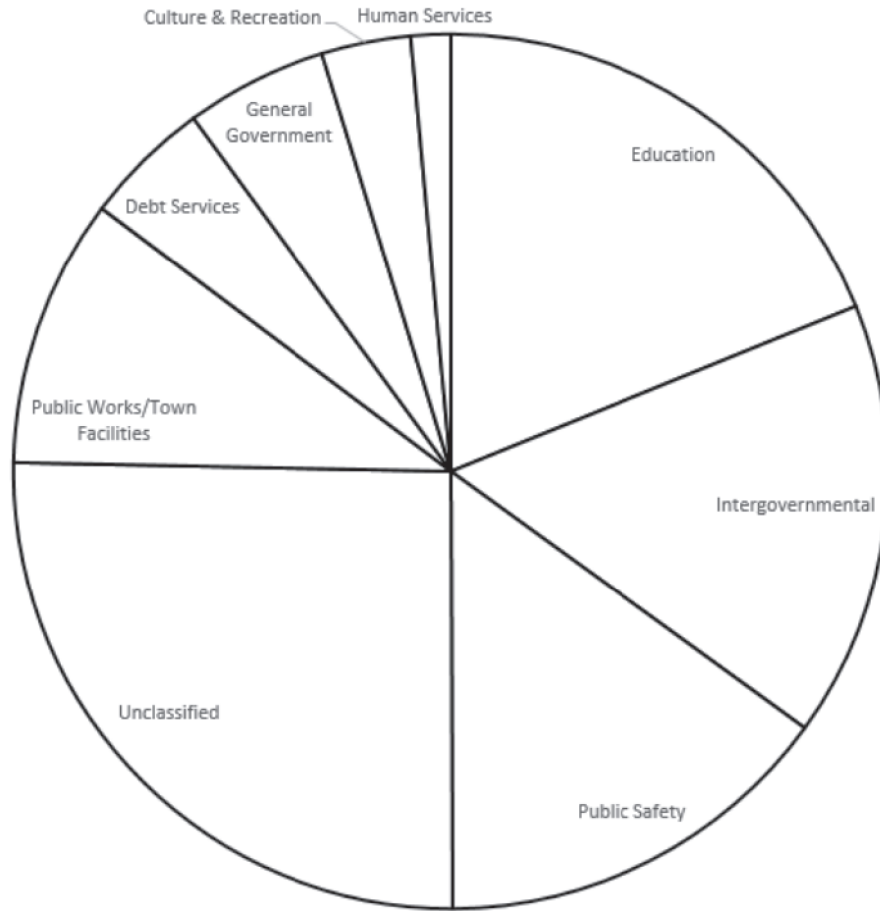
Against Levy of	2005	\$	6,003.56
Against Levy of	2006	\$	4,561.76
Against Levy of	2012	\$	68.75
Against Levy of	2014	\$	56.25
Against Levy of	2015	\$	56.25
Against Levy of	2016	\$	998.05
Against Levy of	2017	\$	1,527.54
Against Levy of	2018	\$	34,350.49
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2018</b>			<b>\$ 47,622.65</b>

## FY2018 REVENUES



<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Real estate and property taxes	\$31,770,392.00
Charges for Services (Sewer, Water, Ambulance)	\$3,808,763.00
Intergovernmental	\$2,135,418.00
Motor Vehicle & Excise Tax	\$2,186,759.00
Miscellaneous & Other Funding	\$1,608,676.00
Licenses & Permits	\$752,035.00
Penalties & Interest on taxes	\$126,990.00
Fines, Forfeitures, & Assessments	\$135,761.00
Investment Income	\$77,790.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,602,584.00</b>

## FY2018 EXPENSES



<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Education	\$7,949,175.00
Intergovernmental	\$6,810,851.00
Public Safety	\$6,305,990.00
Unclassified	\$10,706,659.00
Public Works/Town Facilities	\$4,199,274.00
Debt Services	\$1,979,084.00
General Government	\$2,219,701.00
Culture & Recreation	\$1,390,852.00
Human Services	\$619,998.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,181,584.00</b>



## NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

## General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

## EDGARTOWN

**A. EDUCATION:****Distributions and Reimbursements**

Chapter 70	820,119
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursements	71,262
Smart Growth	0

**Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:**

School Choice Receiving Tuition	39,630
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**Sub-Total, All Education Items**

<b>931,011</b>
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**B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:****Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Unrestricted General Government Aid	68,873
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans' Benefits	8,154
Exempt: VBS and Elderly	14,656
State Owned Land	1,284,762

**Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:**

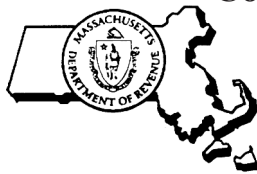
Public Libraries	5,175
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**Sub-Total, All General Government**

<b>1,381,5620</b>
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**C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:**

<b>\$2,312,631</b>
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## NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES

## General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

## EDGARTOWN

**A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:**

County Tax	194,607
Suffolk County Retirement	0
Essex County Reg Comm Center	0
<b>Sub-Total, County Assessments</b>	<b>194,607</b>

**B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:**

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution	8,772
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	13,740
<b>Sub-Total, State Assessments</b>	<b>22,512</b>

**C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:**

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	236,380
<b>Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments</b>	<b>236,680</b>

**D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:**

Special Education	0
STRAP Repayments	0
Multi-Year Repayment	0
<b>Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>

**E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:**

School Choice Sending Tuition	237,143
Charter School Sending Tuition	1,061,638
<b>Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments</b>	<b>1,296,781</b>

**F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES**

	<b>1,752,280</b>
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## TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

I herewith submit the annual report for the fiscal year  
2018 for the Town Collector.

### Total Collections Fiscal 2018

	<b>Real Estate &amp; CPA Betterments &amp; Liens</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>
2014		218.70	672.81
2015		510.82	2,772.64
2016		797.38	15,652.68
2017	295,095.37	6,660.66	206,965.85
2018	31,908,254.51	565,859.18	946,880.17
 <b>Sewer User Charges</b>			
2017	50,576.14		
2018	1,347,826.64		
 <b>Boat Excise Tax</b>			
2018	26,834.64		
<b>Pilot</b>	29,048.00		
<b>MCL's</b>	9,650.00		
<b>Late Fees</b>	17,358.00		
<b>Interest</b>	85,215.29		

I would like to thank my assistants for their continued professionalism and for all of the hard work they do for the Town. Welcome to all of our new Homeowners in Town. I would like to extend my appreciation to the dedicated taxpayers of the Town, who make our jobs enjoyable. I hope to continue serving you for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
MELISSA A. KUEHNE  
Town Collector



**TOWN TREASURER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer’s reconciliation of cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

Rockland Trust	\$11,483,986.31
MV Savings Bank	35,019.79
Unibank for Savings	406,695.21
Morgan Stanley	2,603,179.47
Bristol County Savings Bank	3,818,540.49
HarborOne Bank	4,530,145.71

**TRUST/AGENCY ACCOUNTS**

Rockland Trust	\$570,364.35
MV Savings Bank	24,947.47
Bristol County Savings Bank	910,700.04

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS** **\$ 24,383,578.84**

For Fiscal Year 2018 there was no new debt issued and \$1,837,926.00 was retired. The total outstanding debt as of June 30, 2018 was \$15,774,878.00.

I would like to thank the Selectmen, employees and residents of Edgartown for their continued support. I

would also like to thank Assistant Treasurers, Cindy Sherman and Marisa Boniface for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
PAMELA J. AMARAL  
Treasurer

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

I herewith submit the 99th Annual Report of the Accounting Department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Local receipts for FY18 were strong. Federal revenue received was in excess of a million dollars requiring a single federal audit. The Town began FY18 with \$2,748,072 in Free Cash. I attended several conferences to keep abreast of changes in MGL and software upgrades.

I would like to thank my Assistant Lauri Mather for her

professionalism and dedicated service to this office. I would also like to thank the Selectmen and all department personnel for their cooperation during this fiscal year. I wish Pam Dolby well in her retirement and enjoyed working with her during her term as Town Administrator.

The following is the consolidated balance sheet for the year ending June 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
KIMBERLY G. KANE  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN**  
**Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups**  
**as of June 30, 2018**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)	
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash and cash Equivalents	11,388,190.23	5,572,223.41	1,949,327.66			5,482,107.77		24,391,849.07	
Investments								-	
Receivables:									
Personal property taxes	19,242.92							19,242.92	
Real estate taxes	394,501.17							394,501.17	
Deferred taxes									
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(559,357.52)							(559,357.52)	
Special assessments	148,617.01	32,270.67						180,887.68	
Tax liens	147,889.74							147,889.74	
Tax foreclosures	490,459.00							490,459.00	
Motor vehicle excise	204,229.31							204,229.31	
Other excises	4,885.00							4,885.00	
Utility Charges	38,194.78	58,154.24						96,349.02	
Departmental	239,674.08	10,264.47						249,938.55	
Other receivables									
Due to/from other funds									
Due from other governments									
Prepays									
Inventory									
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation									
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds							15,774,877.93	15,774,877.93	
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leaves									
Total Assets	12,516,525.72	5,672,912.79	1,949,327.66			5,482,107.77	15,774,877.93	41,395,751.87	
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUNDEQUITY</b>									
Liabilities:									
Deferred revenues									
Real and personal property taxes		(145,613.43)						(145,613.43)	
Deferred taxes									
Prepaid taxes/fees									
Special assessments	148,617.01	32,270.67						180,887.68	
Tax liens	147,889.74							147,889.74	
Tax foreclosures	490,459.00							490,459.00	

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Other excises	4,885.00							4,885.00
Utility Charges	38,194.78	58,154.24						96,349.02
Departmental	239,674.08	10,264.47						249,938.55
Deposits receivable								-
Other receivables	3,015,860.08	2,159.29						3,018,019.37
Due from other governments								-
Due to other governments								-
Accounts payable	210,266.03	150.00						210,416.03
Warrants payable	1,082,211.57	137,571.90	197,211.67			22,512.79		1,439,507.93
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,085,456.20	2,112.54						1,087,568.74
Other liabilities								-
Agency Fund Liabilities						48,076.75		48,076.75
IBNR								-
Bond payable							15,774,877.93	15,774,877.93
Notes payable								-
Vacation and sick leave liability								-
Total Liabilities	6,522,129.37	242,683.11	197,211.67	-	-	70,589.54	15,774,877.93	22,807,491.62
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	64,200.00							64,200.00
Reserved for expenditures	1,479,121.21							1,479,121.21
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,110,649.85							1,110,649.85
Reserved for petty cash								-
Reserved for appropriation deficit								-
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								-
Reserved for debt Service	32,996.02							32,996.02
Reserved for premiums								-
Reserved fund balance								-
Undesignated fund balance	3,307,429.27	5,430,229.68	1,752,115.99			5,411,518.23		15,901,293.17
Unreserved retained earnings								-
Investment in capital assets								-
Total Fund Equity	5,994,396.35	5,430,229.68	1,752,115.99	-	-	5,411,518.23	-	18,588,260.25
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	12,516,525.72	5,672,912.79	1,949,327.66	-	-	5,482,107.77	15,774,877.93	41,395,751.87

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Financial Advisory Committee, a board elected by the voters, administers the Reserve Fund for those departments that require additional funding beyond their budget, for emergency or unforeseen expenses. The town voted the sum of \$40,000.00 as a reserve fund for FY18.

The accounting for said funds is as follows:

ATM appropriation	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
	<b>\$40,000.00</b>

TRANSFERS FY18

IT Department – emergency phone system & server upgrades -	\$14,794.00
Parks Department – lifeguard salary shortage -	\$3,100.00
STM Reimbursement - IT expenses –	+\$14,000.00
Christmas Decoration Committee – additional decorations & electrical work –	\$3,250.00

Human Resources – employee benefits payout -	\$348.79
Airport – emergency plumbing work –	\$3,500.00
Human Resources - employee benefits payout-	\$5,528.70
Historic District- expenses with new furniture -	\$532.00
Airport – Fuel dispenser hose upgrade –	\$1,200.00
Human Resources – balance salary shortage-	\$9,221.84
Human Resources – training and travel expenses –	\$719.22
Council on Aging – repair commercial dishwasher -	\$987.00
Selectmen – legal expenses -	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$37,181.55</b>
Balance Reserve Fund returned to Free Cash 6/30/18-	\$2,818.45

Respectfully submitted,  
PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, Chairman

# PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

I am pleased to present the 2018 annual report concerning the activities of our Fire Department.

Our membership continues its commitment to serve our community with an ever evolving scope and furthered its pursuit to provide progressive pre-hospital care and fire protection this past year.

**Personnel:**

With the retirement of Chief Peter G. Shemeth in January, we saw the departure of a generation that had been a long standing invaluable resource to our community. With the promotion of some of our senior members, we have benefitted from new perspectives with recognition of our past. The new administration is working hard to adapt to the challenges of recruitment and retention within our community. Moving forward we look to expand our roster with diversity and technical expertise.

**Continuing Education & Training:**

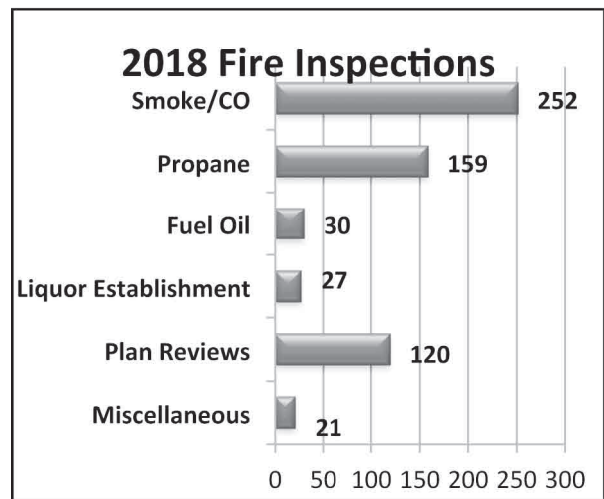
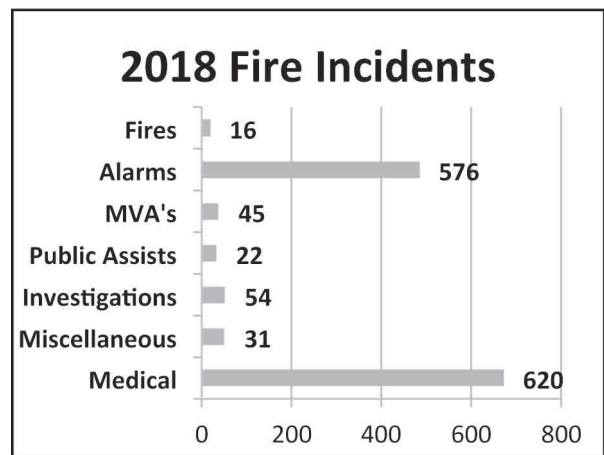
All levels of our membership have expanded their knowledge and professional development through department drills and Fire Academy classes. Some have pursued EMT certifications to expand their capabilities to help ones in need. This fall marked the beginning of a cultural change within EFD. A dedicated group worked hard to participate in an accelerated offering of a Firefighter I/II course. This class was the first to be offered here on MV with some hands on live fire training at the Barnstable Fire Academy. A new probationary firefighter intake process was put into place making our newest recruits confident and prepared for the challenges the fire service presents. We continue to hold 6 department drills and 1 specialized rescue drill each quarter.

**Vehicles and Equipment:**

In the fall of 2018 we took delivery of our newest fire engine. Two years in the making with many plan revisions and two factory trips to ensure aspects were manufactured as engineered. In the end our diligence paid off as we ended up with a remarkable truck capable of supporting our current and future missions. The Captain and Lieutenant from the engine company worked side by side to make use of every square inch. We all look forward to its operations in the future. Upon its delivery our membership completed a two day training program to be proficient in this truck's operation.

**Fires & Call Statistics:**

We responded to 16 reports of fire this year. Although our response to fires is less than years past, we have responded to many other types of emergencies including CO exposures, missing person searches, oil spills, arcing wires and water emergencies. Other fires included brush fires, motor vehicle fires and appliance fires.



**Fire Prevention:**

This year we saw the need to provide the Town with a Fire Prevention branch. A group of inspectors have provided plan reviews, guidance and inspections while gaining information pertinent to fire department operations. Over the next year we will be expanding the operation to conduct inspections that increase the fire safety of everyone.

**Forestry:**

Our Department has taken a new approach to forest fire prevention and management. A joint application between the DCR, MVC and Edgartown Fire has been filed to MEMA to provide an assessment of high risk areas and recommendations to mitigate them in the future. Additional support has been given to the local DCR forestry group to promote the best management of our portion of the state park. We are also promoting the firewise program that educates homeowners on how to become a fire adaptive community. This designation is based on modeled behavior from best practices of higher risk communities.

**Ambulance:**

The ambulance has continued its highest quality care to the Town. Nightly training sessions are conducted at shift change to better prepare us in handling medical, trauma, and environmental emergencies. With a renewed emphasis on community outreach in the Town, our ambulance staff has been working with the Council on Aging to educate the local senior population in a hope to increase Fall and Fire prevention. The new program includes home visits that provide safety inspections and wellness checks. The Department of Public Health has recently granted us a certificate of approval for a Community EMS program that we will be rolling out in the new year.

**Special note to households:**

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are not only required by law in residential homes in Massachusetts but

provide you and your families with early notification of life threatening conditions in your home. I urge you to take the time to create and practice escape routes from every room of your house. Designate a meeting place to account for all your loved ones in the event of an emergency. If your detectors have replaceable batteries, make sure to follow the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services recommendation of replacing them when you change your clocks at daylight savings time. We now can offer assistance in replacing batteries that you have purchased if you are unable. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if we can offer assistance.

**In Closing:**

On behalf of our membership, I would like to express my gratitude to the Edgartown Police Department for their constant support and positive working relationship. We also owe thanks to all of the Island Fire Departments, as well as the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and Tri-Town Ambulance Services for their continued support of our mission.

I look forward to my continued service to the Town as we look to the future together. I am confident that our membership's commitment to the community is second to none. Above all I wish to thank the men and women of this department for the sacrifices they make every day to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER J. SCHAEFFER  
Fire Chief



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

On behalf of the entire Edgartown Police Department ("EPD"), please accept this annual report for the year of 2018.

The past year saw the retirement of Police Chief David Rossi, who served both our department and the community with honor and distinction for over 28 years. The entire department thanks Chief Rossi for both his leadership and camaraderie, and we all wish he and his family tremendous joy in this next phase of his life.

Sadly, this year also saw the passing of two former longtime EPD employees, Carmen Salvador and Nancy Clarke. Both contributed greatly to the success of our department during their many years of service and will be sorely missed by us all.

### **2018 At a Glance**

In April, a private auditor conducted a complete inventory of all evidence and stored property held in custody by the EPD. An assessment of the facility's physical security was conducted as well. The result of the audit determined that the EPD Evidence and Property Officers have managed the evidence/property inventory with 100% accuracy. Their hard work and diligence is greatly appreciated. Lastly, the auditor's physical security recommendations are currently in the process of being addressed.

This past summer was a busy one for the EPD officers, with 4th of July being no less demanding than in years past. Our Honor Guard led the parade, and law enforcement officers from across the Island came forward to assist us with this terrific, family friendly event. Additionally, our officers assisted with events like The Taste of the Vineyard, MV Food and Wine Festival, Christmas in Edgartown, countless road races and numerous other well attended occasions.

In addressing the growing summer crowds at South Beach and Norton Point, an already excellent collaboration was strengthened between the Parks Department and The Trustees of Reservations. These agencies came together to aid the Edgartown Police in facilitating targeted weekend law enforcement patrols on the beaches. These patrols were met with great support by beach goers, and it is hoped that they will continue in the future.

Towards the end of the summer, Edgartown Police and Fire/EMS personnel worked together to save the life of a motorist who had suffered cardiac arrest before crashing his vehicle. Through their heroic efforts, and with the generous assistance of several passerby's, the gentleman was resuscitated and even returned to the Edgartown Fire Museum a few months later to personally present the involved personnel with Cardiac Life Saving awards.

At present, there are a number of EPD patrol officers and detectives who are studying for an upcoming promotional process for the rank of Sergeant. The process will be a very intensive one which will include a written examination that requires months of study, a comprehensive assessment center process, and finally, an oral board comprised of several Chiefs of Police. This process will supply the EPD with a list of eligible candidates that will be utilized for future promotions.

### **New EPD Mission Statement**

The mission statement below was crafted this past spring by an Edgartown Police Department committee that included both sworn and non-sworn employees, as well as officers of all ranks. It is our hope that this declaration will be the driving force behind all of our future efforts to support our community:

*The Edgartown Police Department is a team of dedicated professionals working in partnership with our community.*

*We will protect our residents and visitors, endeavor to prevent crime and treat all fairly with respect and dignity.*

*Together we will preserve the quality of life that makes Edgartown an exceptional place to live, work and visit.*

### **Protect • Prevent • Preserve**

### **Community Policing**

Department personnel, often through the generous and benevolent efforts of the Edgartown Patrolman's Association (EPA), participated in numerous community policing initiatives in 2018, to include:

- "Edgartown Patrolman's Association Annual Golf Tournament," the proceeds of which support the EPA college scholarship program,
- "Stuff a Bus" toy collection in support of the Island's Red Stocking Fund,
- Thanksgiving turkey dinners delivered to 45 area families,
- Curbside lobster roll sales to support the EPA college scholarship program, and
- "Senior Citizen Dinner," prepared and served by EPD personnel, and with the support of the Edgartown School.

Other initiatives include monthly "Coffee with a Cop" at the Anchors, "No Shave November" (fundraising effort in support of disabled veterans), and countless other community friendly events. Lastly, the department also maintains a vibrant and popular social media presence where timely issues and the efforts of the EPD can be swiftly shared with our many followers.

### **Training**

The department continued with its comprehensive training efforts to ensure that all of the EPD officers are familiar with contemporary best practices. Some of these training opportunities included:

- ARIDE (“Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement”),
- CIT (“Critical Intervention Training”),
- COBWEB (“Cops on Bikes with Education for Bicyclists”),
- MV Law Enforcement Council Tactical Responses Team (“TRT,” numerous members of the EPD support this regional law enforcement response group),
- Marine Unit training for area maritime law enforcement agencies, and
- “Civilian Response to Active Shooter” training offered to numerous local agencies.

#### **Edgartown School**

The Edgartown Police Department continued to ensure that it worked seamlessly with the Edgartown School. Our assigned School Resource Officer (SRO) now has an office within the school so as to better facilitate the manner in which we deal with students, their families and school staff. We have also continued to strengthen our ability to respond to critical incidents involving the school through advanced planning and continued training events. Officers have also sustained their support of the community’s youth by acting as escorts and chaperones to numerous school events and functions.

#### **Traffic Safety**

Officers have continued to ensure safe conditions for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists within our community. The past year saw EPD officers respond to 267 motor vehicle accidents, 3 pedestrian vs car accidents and 7 bicycle related accidents. Eleven of these motor vehicle collisions involved significant physical injuries. In response to these numbers, our patrol officers have increased their efforts to monitor and correct deficient driving habits. Also, the EPD is in the process of applying for an Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (“EOPSS”) grant that will fund efforts to directly target pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

#### **Accreditation**

The department has continued in its efforts to seek statewide recognition by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program. This involves an intensive process which addresses high liability/risk management issues, and promotes operational efficiency throughout our agency. Currently we are “Certified,” which acknowledges that we have met 159 of the required standards. The next step, “Accreditation,” mandates that we meet an additional 98 stringent requirements which will allow us to join the 82 already accredited police departments in Massachusetts. It is our hope that this goal is achieved this Spring.

#### **Opioid Addiction Response**

The Edgartown Police remain committed to providing services and support to those impacted by the heroin crisis. Officers are issued “Narcan,” an opioid overdose antidote, and have administered it to five people during the past year. The Edgartown Police Department is also a very active participant in both the MV Drug Task Force as well

as the Martha’s Vineyard Substance Use Disorder Coalition.

#### **Firearms Licensure**

The past year saw the EPD process and issue 94 firearms related permits. The EPD website has associated scheduling software to facilitate the appointment process for those looking to pursue a firearms license.

#### **Public Records Requests**

With recent changes in the public records laws, the EPD received and processed 697 requests for police reports and documents in the past year.

#### **2018 Annual Statistics**

##### **GENERAL SERVICE CALLS**

1393 ALARMS  
 34 DISTURBANCE/FIGHTS  
 402 MEDICAL ASSISTS  
 362 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES  
 112 NOISE COMPLAINTS  
 20 MENTAL HEALTHS

##### **POLICE INTERVENTION**

229 ASSIST CITIZENS  
 76 DOMESTICS  
 92 DISPUTES/CIVIL MATTERS  
 99 INTOXICATED PERSONS  
 65 PROTECTIVE CUSTODIES  
 19 WEAPON COMPLAINTS  
 7 ELDER ASSISTS  
 9 SUICIDE THREATS  
 35 LIQOUR ESTABLISHMENT CALLS  
 10 SEXUAL ASSAULTS

##### **PROPERTY CRIMES**

15 BREAK AND ENTERINGS  
 3 STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES  
 61 STOLEN PROPERTIES  
 23 TRESPASSINGS  
 27 VANDALISMS

##### **MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY**

267 MV ACCIDENTS  
 258 MV COMPLAINTS  
 601 MV STOPS  
 199 LOCKOUTS

#### **6639 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE (an almost 7% increase from 2017)**

In closing, we’d all like to express our sincere appreciation for the help and support that we have received from the other Edgartown Town Departments, especially from our public safety brothers and sisters at the Edgartown Fire and EMS. Thanks also to the Dukes County Sheriff’s Department and the Massachusetts State Police, as well as the other island PD’s and FD’s for their unwavering assistance as we do our best to protect and serve our community.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE R. MCNAMEE, Chief



## ANIMAL CONTROL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

This will be my last Town Report as I'll be retiring on February 8, 2019. I wish to thank the residents of Edgartown for all their support. It's been an honor serving as your ACO for 37 years and two months.

2018 was like no other year for me, personally and professionally. Thank you to my Assistant Betsy Buck for stepping up and doing a great job during my absences.

A HUGE thank you to Michael Morris and Jennifer Winsper for all of their assistance with a difficult dog issue where they were familiar with the dogs. They did a great job in finding great homes for all four dogs!

The rescued animal at the beginning of the year was a robin. In other interesting calls we had a call about a rattlesnake (obviously, the reporting party was mistaken), a call about a Fisher Cat (it was probably a river otter, but look up Fisher Cats online, they are scary animals!), we also fielded numerous calls about crows dying off from presumed West Nile Virus. A Canada goose also was diagnosed with presumed West Nile Virus and had to be euthanized.

### THE BREAKDOWN OF CALLS 2018:

# of dog calls: 661  
# of dog/livestock calls: 3  
# of cats calls: 164  
# of calls - other animals: 131 (bats: 15, rabbits: 13, peacocks: 8, ferrets: 8, cormorants: 8, crows: 8, horses: 7, birds: 6, chickens: 6, pigeons: 5, buck deer: 5, rats: 4, roosters: 4, seals: 3, ducks: 3, turkeys: 3, parrots: 3, goats: 3, robin: 2, cows: 2, seagulls: 2, snake: 1, rattlesnake: 1, fawn: 1, Fisher Cat: 1, baby bird: 1, Red Tailed Hawk: 1, Quail: 1, Northern Gannet: 1)  
# of skunk calls: 15  
# of raccoon calls: 8  
# of dogs impounded: 54 (intact males: 7, neutered males: 22, intact females: 5, spayed females: 22),  
# of cats impounded: 10  
# of cats taken to the Animal Shelter: 5  
# of other animals taken to Gus BenDavid: 4  
# of dogs hit and killed: none!

# of dogs hit and injured: 1  
# of cats hit and killed: 4  
# of cats hit and injured: 1  
# of other animals hit/injured/sick: 5 (raccoon, bird, Canada goose, Red-Tailed Hawk, Cormorant, Northern Gannet)  
# of calls dead animals: 17 (cat: 5, crows: 5, seals: 2, birds: 2, turkey: 1, rabbit: 1, deer: 1)  
# of miscellaneous calls: 283  
# of dog bites reported: 14,  
# of dogs biting dogs reported: 3  
# of dogs attacking dogs reported: 6  
# of cat bites reported: 2  
# of other animal bites: 1  
# of quarantines issued for 45d / 4m: 10  
Money turned into the Town Treasurer –  
Impound fees: \$290.00.

### LEASH LAW VIOLATIONS:

# of tickets issued: 47  
# of warning tickets issued: 42  
# of money tickets issued: 4  
# of tickets voided: 2  
Face Value of tickets issued: \$250.00  
\$ amount of tickets paid to date: \$200.00  
\$ amount of tickets unpaid to date: \$50.00.

FARM CENSUS: cattle: 49, goats: 36, sheep: 81, swine: 13, horses: 52, ponies: 9, donkeys: 5, llamas: 3, poultry: 1,773, Rabbits: 2.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, my Assistant, Betsy Buck, the Edgartown Police Department, the Town Clerk's office, the Animal Shelter of M.V., Gus BenDavid, the Communication Center and all the veterinarian's and their staff for all their support over the years. All of you were invaluable in doing my job, so THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA PRADA  
Officer of Animal Control  
Inspector of Animals

## HARBORMASTER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Harbor looks the same as it did forty years ago because of the vision that the first Marine Advisory Committee, with the Selectmen's and other Town Boards help, had in wanting it to look the same for their grandchildren as it did to them. The Faired Pier Line (1987), Surface Water Zoning (1987), Edgartown Harbor Plan (1997), and the Commercial Marine Permit (2000) are the backbone of Harbor Planning and management. Here we are in 2019 and the vision is still the same beautiful Harbor. The docks do not encroach into the channels. Very few additional moorings have been permitted by the Harbormaster.

Water quality has improved steadily over the years for several reasons:

- Bottom paints used today are not as chemically harmful to marine life as before.
- The Edgartown Pump-out Service is first in class providing removal of waste from both recreational and commercial vessels. New pumps are planned for Memorial Wharf.
- Homes along the waterfront have added improved septic systems.
- The Edgartown Wastewater facility has been upgraded and has added more customers yearly.

In the future there are plans being made to address the storm drains which today still empty untreated effluents into our Harbor through four outflow pipes. These outflows are a source of toxicity of metals and oil-based solvents. A stormwater remediation plan is in the early planning stages. This ties in with a Flow Capacity Study the Highway Department has planned for the coming year.

Our new Patrol/Collection vessel was christened in April 2018. From the very start of her career she has proved to be a fast dependable workhorse we had hoped for. She amassed more than 1200 hours supporting our fleet. The bathrooms at North Wharf received new vanities and flooring. New showers are planned for the fall of 2019.

Weather always plays a big part in our summer season and I am happy to report that no major storm events occurred during the busy season. This made for higher revenues collected from both dockage and moorings than in past years. The total number of different yacht clubs picking Edgartown as a destination for their annual cruises was also higher.

Engineering of the docks and bulkhead at North Wharf is on-going and the Existing Condition Report was completed in 2018. This report was the first step towards restoration of the Town owned property at North Wharf. This restoration hopefully will be funded by an article at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting with work starting fall of 2019.

We look for another summer working hand in hand with Prime Marina, who shares the property at North Wharf. R.M. Packer returns as our always dependable fuel dock supplier /operator. Old Port Marine is celebrating its twenty-sixth year providing excellent launch service. Many of our seasonal Wharfingers and Assistants are returning, making the training of the rookies easier and seamless.

Thank You All for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLIE BLAIR  
Harbormaster



## BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the year ending 31 December 2018.

Building Permits Issued	#	Increase/Decrease
New Single Family Residence	55	(decrease of 1)
*Includes 13 Guest Houses/Apartments		
Multi-Family Residence	0	(decrease of 2)
Single Family Residence	259	(decrease of 27)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (74 major, 124 minor, 61 insulation/weatherization)		
Garage/Barn	51	(increase of 5)
*Includes 13 Detached Bedrooms & 12 Pool Houses		
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	57	(increase of 1)
New Commercial	4	(uncrease of 2)
Commercial	35	(decrease of 3)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (8 major, 21 minor, including 6 municipal)		
Swimming Pool/Tennis Court	28	(no change)
Miscellaneous:		
Shingle	68	
Demolition/Move	18	
Foundation	22	
Solar Array	45	
Tent	54	
<b>Total</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>(increase of 42)</b>
<b>Total Building Permits Receipts:</b>	<b>\$256,125.50</b>	<b>(decrease of \$12,734.50)</b>

### Miscellaneous Permits & Fees

(Includes Wood Stoves, Sign Permits, Summons, Additional Inspections, etc.)

<b>Total Miscellaneous Fees</b>	<b>\$5,900.00</b>	<b>(increase of \$3,500.00)</b>
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<b>Trench Permits</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
	(decrease of \$925.00)

<b>Total Building Inspector's Receipts:</b>	<b>\$262,625.50</b>
	(decrease of \$10,159.50)

### Fees Collected by the Building Department for:

<b>Gas Inspector</b>	<b>\$49,925.00</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>\$52,325.00</b>
<b>Electrical Inspector</b>	<b>113,300.00</b>

<b>Total Receipts Collected by the Building Department:</b>	<b>\$478,175.50</b>
	(decrease of \$32,484.50)

Building activity appears to have leveled off. There was a modest increase in the total amount of issued building permits. We are on the same pace of activity this year as we were last year at this time.

Reade Milne has been an excellent addition to the department. She obtained her certification as a local building official, and has implemented a formal plan review process for applications. Her knowledge and experience is an asset to the community.

Thank you to our plumbing and gas inspectors, George Apostolides and Charles Day, and our electrical inspectors, Robert Young, Michael Dolby, and David Schwab, for their expertise and professionalism. A special thank you to our able assistant Akeyah Lucas. She is the primary force in keeping the office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
LEONARD JASON, JR.  
Inspector of Buildings

<b>BUILDING PERMITS 2007-2018</b>												
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New Single Family Residence	95	31	41	45	36	30	41	49	67	42	56	55
Multi-Family Building	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Single Family Residence	101	79	91	130	150	191	217	231	235	238	286	259
Additions/Alterations												
Garage/Barn	73	14	13	24	27	22	25	38	52	57	46	51
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	70	52	53	50	55	63	63	78	70	83	56	57
New Commercial	6	3	0	2	4	2	3	2	3	4	2	4
Commercial	23	11	12	18	18	32	28	21	20	34	38	35
Additions/Alterations												
Swimming Pools	13	20	12	14	18	23	28	31	34	35	28	28
Miscellaneous	30	15	42	57	66	64	116	74	112	150	140	207
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>696</b>

## PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the  
year ending 31 December 2018.

Plumbing Permits:	271	\$14,800.00 (decrease of 26)
Plumbing Inspections:	517	\$38,775.00 (decrease of 97)
<b>Total Plumbing Receipts:</b>		<b>\$52,325.00</b> (decrease of \$8,525.00)

Gas Permits:	282	\$14,000.00 (decrease of 4)
Gas Inspections:	479	\$35,925.00 (decrease of 34)
<b>Total Gas Receipts:</b>		<b>\$49,925.00</b> (decrease of \$2,850.00)

Respectfully submitted,  
  
GEORGE APOSTOLIDES  
CHARLES DAY  
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

## ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

Submitted herewith is our annual report covering the  
year ending 31 December 2018.

Electrical Permits:	510	\$25,100.00 (decrease of 38)
Electrical Inspections:	1176	\$88,200.00 (decrease of 122)
<b>Total Electrical Receipts:</b>		<b>\$113,300.00</b> (decrease of \$10,950.00)

Respectfully submitted,  
  
ROBERT A. YOUNG, JR.  
MICHAEL C. DOLBY  
DAVID A. SCHWAB  
Electrical Inspectors

# PUBLIC WORKS

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

This year 15 grave lots were sold in the New Westside Cemetery. We are quickly coming to the end of lots for sale on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will soon be opening 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue for lot sales, the first avenue in the newly expanded section of New Westside Cemetery. The second phase of this expansion project included stump removal, grading and screening the land, putting in the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> avenues, running water access and seeding and fertilizing the land in between. We accomplished these projects with the help of TDR Landscaping and JJ Mendez. The Commission will ask the voters to approve use of existing funds from the Cemetery Lots Sold account to complete this expansion project at Special Town Meeting. The Commission will also start projects such as enhancing the top soil and fertilizing the existing avenues in the New Westside Cemetery this coming year.

The Tower Hill Cemetery restoration project was completed this spring and involved the documentation of each of the gravestones and restoration and replacement of some gravestones in the cemetery which were eroding or had eroded. This project could not have been completed without the help of Alan Gowell of Martha's Vineyard Memorials and Ta Mara Conde of Historic Gravestone Services. Cemetery Commissioner Elizabeth Villard spear-headed the three yearlong project. The Commissioners

would like to thank the Community Preservation Committee as well as the voters for approving the funds to do this restoration project.

The Commission welcomed Edwin Alvarado this spring as the new highway employee assigned to the care and maintenance of the Town cemeteries. With the help of seasonal staff, Edwin tackled mowing, trimming, and daily maintenance of the four cemeteries.

Along with the expansion project, the Commission is also taking on the intricate project of scanning and digitizing the cemetery records to make finding a relative or person of interest easier for the general public. This project will insure that the existing records are adequately backed up in the event of any kind of record loss. Cemetery maps from the 1960's will also be brought up to date and cleaned up.

The Commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW KELLY, Chairman  
ELIZABETH VILLARD  
SUSAN BROWN  
DEBRA MANLEY SMITH

## WASTEWATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

### SUMMARY OF WASTEWATER FLOWS AND TOTAL NITROGEN

2018	FLOW	1ST	2ND	TOTAL N
JAN	4,287,169	3.34	2.39	2.87
FEB	3,481,421	2.08	2.10	2.09
MARCH	*6,782,766	1.85	3.86	2.86
APRIL	5,670,974	2.04	2.46	2.50
MAY	6,334,431	1.59	2.01	1.80
JUNE	7,874,606	2.13	2.46	2.30
JULY	11,692,516	2.01	1.38	1.70
AUG	12,021,206	1.48	2.39	1.94
SEPT	7,763,839	1.43	3.11	2.27
OCT	5,926,554	6.56	3.20	4.88
NOV	4,665,107	2.61	2.92	2.77
DEC	3,130,283	5.40	1.44	3.42
TOTAL/YR	79,630,872		AVG/YR	2.62

In 2018 the Wastewater Treatment Facility processed more than 79 million gallons-with the effluent at the end of that process averaging a total nitrogen level of 2.62 milligrams per liter-resulting in 791 kilograms of nitrogen being contributed to the Great Pond Watershed, of the 2,200-kilograms-per-year limit set in the Facility's Department of Environmental Protection Groundwater Discharge permit.

The Facility continues to provide a high standard of treatment while the ongoing Great Pond mitigation plan continues to remove nitrogen-producing septic systems from the pond watershed.

The DEP renewed the Facility Ground Discharge Permit, dated Nov. 30, 2018, for another five years. This renewal was contingent on the commissioning of a Facility Condition Assessment, a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Study. The I&I monitoring was underway during the string of four

nor'easters in March of 2018, when repeated tidal inundations struck the Dock St. area (\*see table). A better time to monitor our system for I&I could not be envisioned. While a modest increase in flow was noted on days of tidal events and the accompanying storms, they were well within the DEP standard. The manhole sealing precautions taken in the area by the Facility for tidal events appear to be working, and the underground structures are not indicating problems with groundwater infiltration.

Capital improvements in 2018 include replacement of the mechanical bar screen, fire alarm system, the compressed air dryer, various valves, the ultraviolet disinfection system, and the influent, effluent, return sludge, dewatered sludge, septage receiving, septage pumping, and VGC flowmeters and transmitters. New motors for the aeration drives should be installed in time for next summer. Several large-scale projects in the CIP, including a SCADA alarm system, septage treatment and storage, and upgrade of Dunham Rd. pump station are in design phase. The \$3.7 million voted in April of 2018 for the Wastewater CIP goes towards these and other pending items described in the Condition Assessment. The Department would like to express its gratitude to the citizens of Edgartown for providing the means to pursue these critical replacements and upgrades.

We earnestly request that users minimize the amount of fats, oil and grease that they introduce into the sewer collection system, as well as septic tanks. Also, the so-called "flushables", such as disposable baby wipes and other cloth-like materials, as well as paper towels, plastic, floss and other difficult to degrade products are an increasing problem for treatment facilities nationwide, and our facility is no exception.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Edgartown Wastewater Commission  
DAVID THOMPSON, Facilities Manager  
Edgartown Wastewater Treatment Facility

## WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The commitment and dedication of the Edgartown Water Department to the community continues. We strive for the uninterrupted provision of safe drinking water, excellent fire protection and knowledgeable and efficient customer service. In addition, the protection of our sources, adherence to regulatory standards and operating in an environmentally conscientious fashion are just a few of the priorities and tasks contended with on a daily basis.

The responsibilities are great and the challenges are never ending in a municipal water system. It is truly a team effort to operate and maintain a successful and respected water system. I credit this group of individuals for the level of professionalism within this department, as it the effort, dedication, ability and knowledge of many that makes a department the residents can be confident and proud of.

The Edgartown Water Department has always conducted itself in a proactive manner. However, many unforeseen or unanticipated situations may arise that must be contended with. It has always been our approach to lean to the proactive side, thereby minimizing the response or reactive aspect. Knowing the importance of the services we provide to the community, we feel that this is the best and safest way we may serve the community. With that, all areas of our operations remained active and with the future in mind in 2018. Due mostly to expansion and development, several water main projects were completed in the past year. As is the norm, various maintenance projects and improvements within the pumping stations and facilities were conducted this past year. Some highlights of the past year include:

- Our back hoe went in for a mid-life servicing. With this service completed, it is anticipated that we should get a minimum of ten more years of service life. Additionally, being a critical asset for emergency response, as well as routine daily operations, it is imperative that this machine is in always ready and in top form.
- Improvements to the mapping and recording of old and new water services. This information will be utilized to generate new and updated distribution system maps.
- In an ongoing attempt to maintain and improve our water availability, Quenomica Well was overhauled and serviced. Once completed, the well production had improved by 205 gallons per minute, thereby increasing water availability and fire protection.
- Wintucket Well was dismantled for inspection and service. The repairs are scheduled to be completed in early 2019. A new, higher capacity pump will be

installed, the motor rehabilitated and a variable speed drive will be installed. Once complete, it is anticipated that the well will have the capability of producing an additional 400 gallons per minute. As with the Quenomica Well improvements, this is a major asset to the fire protection and water availability to the town.

- A generator was installed at the Mill Hill Tank in a cooperative effort between the Fire, Police and Water Departments to support operations through power outages. The emergency communication equipment of the town, as well as the mixer and S.C.A.D.A. system for the Mill Hill Tank are now on automatic emergency power to maintain the safety and operation of these important town functions.
- Phill Levesque obtained Cross Connection Surveyors certification, as well as Backflow Device Tester certification.
- Gordon Brown sat for and passed both the Distribution 1 and Treatment 1 Water Certification exams and now holds Operator in Training status with both licenses. In response to this achievement, Mr. Brown was promoted from Operator in Training to Operator 1 status.
- All field staff of the Water Department obtained the OSHA-10 level of certification. Per request, extra emphasis was put on trenching safety in an attempt to improve the safety of the excavation operations within the Water Department.
- The Department of Labor Safety inspected the facilities of the Water Department. Through the inspection, it was determined that the Water Department operates in an overall satisfactory level of safety compliance. Noted areas of improvement were immediately addressed and within the allotted time frame.
- MassDEP (the regulators of water systems within the Commonwealth) conducted a Sanitary Survey inspecting all areas of the Water Department's operations. The Water Department met or exceeded all requirements of the inspection, with no deficiencies noted.
- The emergency generator at Wintucket Well was serviced and returned to fully operational status. Completion of this major repair restored emergency power to all production wells in the event of a power outage.
- In an attempt to minimize the carbon footprint of our operations, the lights and fixtures in the Water Department were retrofitted with high-efficiency L.E.D. lighting.
- A water line was installed from Navy Way to the changing station on South Beach to maintain the beach

equipment with potable water. This addition should increase the life expectancy of the beach equipment, as well as to potentially add increased services to the beach visitors.

- Water testing beyond the regulatory requirements was performed on the Quenonica Well. With the recent discovery of PAFS compounds in private wells, the Airport Commission and Manager agreed to widen the scope of their research to include the Quenonica Well. The sample was analyzed, with no contaminants within the testing parameters detected. I am grateful for the inclusion of our municipal well in their study, as this shall prove to be beneficial information to their study, as well as to retain the confidence level in our water supply.

Water main projects are a major part of our operations and are required to address concerns of the aging infrastructure, diminished system hydraulics, developmental requirements, water quality, fire protection and the undersized water mains throughout the community. In an attempt to minimize overall cost to the community, several of these improvements were performed through in-house operations. Water main projects completed in 2018 included: the installation of 1,200' of 12" main on Division Road, 320' of 12" main on Proprietor's Way, 540' of 8" main on 19th Street, 660' of 8" main on Muskoday Way and 140' of 2" pipe on Bankers Way. Proprietor's Way, Muskoday Way, 19th Street and Division Road were also benefited by the addition of fire protection by the means of new fire hydrants. In regards to additional fire protection, 7 new fire hydrants were added to the distribution system. Those projects that were not completed by the Water Department were constructed per the approved design criteria and under the observation of Water Department personnel. This practice serves to assure that all additions to the distribution system comply with the design and construction parameters and specifications as outlined in the A.W.W.A. standards, providing the best outcome for the community.

**STATISICAL SUMMARY**

January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

**Water Use – Wells**

***Meshacket Well #4 (Start-up 1959)***

Water Pumped – .508000 MG / 508,000 gallons  
 Peak Day Demand – .120000 MG / 120,000 gallons (5/21/18)  
 Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
 Average Daily Flow – 1,392 gallons

***Lily Pond Well #5 (Start-up 1978)***

Water Pumped – 61.914000 MG / 61,914,000 gallons  
 Peak Day Demand – .723000 MG / 723,000 gallons (7/1/18)  
 Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
 Average Daily Flow – 169,627 gallons

***Wintucket Well #6 (Start-up 1990)***

Water Pumped – 56.404000 MG / 56,404,000 gallons  
 Peak Day Demand – .519000 MG / 519,000 gallons (10/15/18)  
 Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
 Average Daily Flow – 154,532 gallons

***Quenonica Well #7 (Start-up 1995)***

Water Pumped-158.794000 MG/ 158,794,000 gallons  
 Peak Day Demand-1.458000 MG / 1,458,000 gallons (6/17/18)  
 Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
 Average Daily Flow – 435,052 gallons

***Nunnepog Well #8(Start-up 2007)***

Water Pumped – 81.144000 MG / 81,144,000 gallons  
 Peak Day Demand – 1.0 MG / 1,000,000 gallons (7/20/18)  
 Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
 Average Daily Flow – 222,312 gallons

**Water Use – All Sources Combined**

Total Water Pumped–  
 358,764,000 MG / 358,764,000 gallons  
 Peak Day Demand – 3.004 MG / 3,004,000 gallons (7/1/18)  
 Minimum Day Demand – 11/27/18 67,000  
 Average Daily Flow – .982915 MG / 982,915 gallons  
 Maximum Week of Pumping – 17.890 MG (7/15/18)  
 Winter Average (October-May) –  
 13.640 MG / Month or .449053 MG / Day  
 Summer Average (June-September) -  
 62.411 MG / Month or 2.046262 MG / Day

\*\*All sources are rotated and utilized in a manner that stays within the permitted withdrawal limitations of each source.

**Water Distribution System**

New Mains

- Installed by Owner / Developer – (5) 2,860 feet
- Contracted by Town of Edgartown – 0
- Installed by Town Crews – (2) 680 feet
- Antiquated Mains Replaced – 0 feet
- Total Main Installed – 2,860 feet
- Total Main Abandoned – 0
- Total Miles of Main in Town of Edgartown – Approx. 73
- Fire Hydrants Installed – 7
- Fire Hydrants Replaced - 0
- Fire Hydrants in Service - 342
- New Water Service Activations - 39
- Number of Current Water Accounts - 3,339



**FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLED 2018**

LOCATION	HYDRANTS
Division Road	3
Proprietor's Way	1
Muskoday Way	1
19th Street	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>

**WATER CONSUMPTION MAXIMUM DAY**

	Gallons
August 17, 2014	2,919,000
August 1, 2015	3,230,000
July 4, 2016	3,168,000
July 2, 2017	3,176,000
July 1, 2018	3,004,000

**WATER MAINS INSTALLED 2018**

LOCATION	SIZE/FOOTAGE
Division Road	12" 1,200'
Proprietor's Way	12" 320'
19th Street	8" 540'
Muskoday Way	8" 660'
Bankers Way	2" 140'
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,860'</b>

**YEARLY TOTALS**

	Gallons
2014	341,447,000
2015	398,964,000
2016	370,284,000
2017	339,069,000
2018	358,764,000

**2018 ACTUAL WATER PRODUCTION**

MONTH	MESHACKET WELL 4 *	LILLY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8	TOTAL PUMPING
January	0	279,000	276,000	10,222,000	177,000	10,954,000
February	0	213,000	4,457,000	3,387,000	153,000	8,210,000
March	0	3,832,000	5,060,000	0	10,000	8,902,000
April	0	941,000	644,000	2,356,000	8,196,000	12,137,000
May	218,000	2,348,000	474,000	23,323,000	518,000	26,881,000
June	60,000	9,568,000	3,372,000	30,204,000	5,599,000	48,803,000
July	49,000	12,539,000	6,800,000	34,397,000	22,167,000	75,952,000
August	55,000	9,241,000	6,465,000	32,131,000	25,509,000	73,401,000
September	0	14,207,000	11,576,000	15,114,000	10,591,000	51,488,000
October	20,000	6,559,000	13,311,000	3,694,000	278,000	23,862,000
November	106,000	1,966,000	3,969,000	9,000	3,805,000	9,855,000
December	0	221,000	0	3,957,000	81,144,000	8,319,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>508,000</b>	<b>61,914,000</b>	<b>56,404,000</b>	<b>158,794,000</b>	<b>81,144,000</b>	<b>358,764,000</b>
Monthly Ave.	42,333	5,159,500	4,700,333	13,232,833	6,762,000	29,897,000
Daily Ave.	56,444	308,030	257,553	645,504	441,000	982,915
Days Pumped	9	201	219	246	184	365

**Chemical Definition and Use**

Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) – used to adjust the pH of water as part of the corrosion control program and for the adherence of the Lead and Copper Rule.

<b>CHEMICALS USED 2018</b>					
	<b>MESHACKET WELL 4*</b>	<b>LILLY POND WELL 5</b>	<b>WINTUCKET WELL 6</b>	<b>QUENOMICA WELL 7</b>	<b>NUNNEPOG WELL 8</b>
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>NaOH gal</b>	<b>NaOH gal</b>	<b>NaOH gal</b>	<b>NaOH gal</b>	<b>NaOH gal</b>
<b>JAN</b>	0	9.0	4.0	238.0	2.0
<b>FEB</b>	0	10.0	69.0	78.0	2.0
<b>MAR</b>	0	155.0	76.0	0	1.0
<b>APR</b>	0	35.0	10.0	43.0	111.0
<b>MAY</b>	0	451.0	104.0	209.0	2.0
<b>JUN</b>	0	310.0	53.0	650.0	82.0
<b>JUL</b>	0	412.0	112.0	764.0	361.0
<b>AUG</b>	0	342.0	101.0	764.0	451.0
<b>SEP</b>	0	487.0	128.0	324.0	162.0
<b>OCT</b>	0	228.0	153.0	77.0	5.0
<b>NOV</b>	0	83.0	73.0	1.0	56.0
<b>DEC</b>	0	10.0	0	94.0	64.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,532.0</b>	<b>883.0</b>	<b>3,242.0</b>	<b>1,299.0</b>

**\* Meshacket Well is on line and tested as per all regulatory requirements. However, while the well presently meets all applicable standards, the well is reserved for emergency use only. In 2018, the well was run for testing and analytical purposes only. The water was not chemically treated and did not enter the distribution system.**

It takes a host of qualified people to operate and maintain a water system. Every employee, at every level deals with problems and complexities at times. The key to success is to utilize every member of the team in the most beneficial way for the organization as a whole. As a group, we are charged with the responsibilities of maintaining capital assets, as well as planning for the future, requiring collective and progressive thinking. All the while, system demands increase, regulatory standards continue to become more stringent and new technologies are developed requiring additional analysis. The management and planning for these concerns and issues requires the ability to plan five, ten and even twenty years in advance. Even systems that are fully operational are continually checked and rechecked for problematic issues. Operating to total failure a forgotten practice, as an untimely failure may have catastrophic consequences to the health and wellbeing of the community. Preventative maintenance and planning are the best tools we can use to prevent costly and potentially harmful failures.

In closing, I would like to point out that this report has a theme, the theme being teamwork. For it is the cooperation, input and dedication of many that makes the Edgartown Water Department what is and functioning at the level you have grown accustomed to. I am proud of this

department and more so, proud to be a member of this team. There are many to thank and appreciate for our continued success. The employees and Commissioners of the Water Department, the residents and businesses of Edgartown, the members of numerous Town Boards and committees, and the employees of other departments all contribute to the overall operation and caliber of this department. Your contribution is not overlooked and I sincerely thank you all for your efforts. A water system is a community operation, operated by many of the community. Together, as a combined effort and as a team, the public safety and health of this community shall not be compromised at present or for future generations. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving the community in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN  
Water Superintendent

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**  
DAVID BURKE – Chairman  
JAMES KELLEHER  
SCOTT ELLIS

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

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Refuse District processed and shipped over 8,900 tons in 2018 of waste and construction material. Over 8000 tons of the material was delivered to SEMASS Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma., and the remaining tonnage (900) was recycled Construction Material delivered to New England Recycling located in Taunton, Ma.. Our recycling efforts also removed over 800 tons of mixed single stream recycling, 600 tons of cardboard and mixed paper 200 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 13 tons of tires, and 380 tons of leaves/brush.

We are proud to announce that over 500 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2018. After 29 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

Harmful Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates are held on Saturday of the following months with no charge to residents.

2019 Schedule  
Each event hours are 9am – 12pm  
May 4, 2019                      July 20, 2019  
Oct 19, 2019

**All Commercial & Property Management MUST call Safety -Klean to schedule a pick up at your job site @ 800-323-5040**

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted free of charge during regular business hours.

The collection location is held at the Refuse District located @ 750 West Tisbury Rd. Edgartown.

(508) 627-4501  
FAX (508) 627-4504  
MVREFUSE@COMCAST.NET

Respectfully submitted,

DON HATCH  
MARY DONLAVEY



# EDUCATION

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Amy Houghton, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
All Island School Committee

Dear Ms. Houghton:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2018 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 have been minimal personnel changes at the central office. We have hired two new school Psychologists this year. We welcome Mariel Garcia and Jennifer Russell. We are fortunate that both Mariel and Jennifer join us with extensive experience in the field and have proven to be great additions to our staff. Additionally, Jennie Isbell Shinn is our new Grants Coordinator. Jennie's background is in higher education administration, in both fundraising and outreach. She processes all of our grants, ensuring that we are in compliance, and also identifies new grant opportunities. These changes have proven to be very positive for our district.

MedStar, the group that was hired to complete an evaluation of our health and wellness education and services for our students, has completed their assessment. We have begun the implementation of their recommendations, which include the selection of an Island-wide health curriculum and the administration of a school-climate survey in each of our buildings. Our climate survey will be administered in the spring and the results will be used to make positive changes in our schools. Additionally, based on recommendations made by Jim Shillinglaw, who conducted an evaluation of our shared services programs, we have reconfigured our classes. The changes we have made have allowed us to consolidate services for our students in these programs. This year, Jim is looking at our integrated preschool, Project Headway, and providing recommendations for us to better serve our preschool population.

We are continuing our partnership with Synergy Solutions this year and are having them conduct safety audits of all of our school buildings. Synergy is working with our first responders to evaluate each school and provide suggestions on how to make improvements to better ensure the safety of our students and staff. Each school's physical plant will be assessed along with policy and daily proce-

dures. The recommendations will be shared with our school committees and plans will be developed for implementation.

MCAS results show that our students are performing well in English/Language Arts, math, and science. We use the results of these assessments to evaluate our instruction and make changes to both instructional strategies and to the curriculum. Our schools strive to continually improve in these areas so our students are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in school, career, and their personal lives.

This year, the High School will be asking each town to support a warrant article for a feasibility study for the school. The feasibility study will allow us to develop an Island-wide vision for our High School and examine different options for a building project. Options may include a new building, a renovation, or a combination of rebuild and renovate. In the meantime, we will 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.

The High School has also hired Huntress Associates to conduct a feasibility study on our athletic fields, with the intent of constructing a new track and field. Huntress has provided a master plan for the entire complex. The school committee will be reviewing Huntress's recommendations and developing a plan for moving the project forward.

Several staff members will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the High School, guidance counselor Mary MacDonald, math teacher Doug DeBettencourt, and Assistant Principal Elliot Bennett will be retiring. At the Tisbury School, consumer science teacher Alice Robinson will be missed. Oak Bluffs guidance counselor Carmen Wilson is retiring after many years of service to the students of Oak Bluffs. Chilmark ESP Celeste Drouin has retired and, at the Central Office, Janet Sylvia, our trusty financial wizard, is moving on after over 20 years. Thank you to kindergarten teacher Susan Reidy from the West Tisbury School. Finally, a special thank you to John Stevens for his leadership at the Edgartown School over the past eight years. Collectively these staff members have dozens of years of service to the Island's students. Congratulations to you all.

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

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

## EDGARTOWN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

It is a pleasure to report the status of the Edgartown School for the 2018-2019 school year in this year's Town Report.

The Edgartown School continues to provide this community's children in grades K-8 a rigorous and challenging educational experience. Students are exposed to research-based curriculums and participate in rich learning endeavors outside of the classroom. Dedicated teachers and support staff work together to deliver balanced instruction and coordinate learning experiences off campus relevant to all learners. The school works closely with the Town and its departments to maintain the campus while receiving support to purchasing and payroll services. The Police Department provides a school resource officer (SRO) at the school five days a week to make the school safe and secure. The SRO is able to become acquainted with students and their families to give true meaning to the concept of community policing. The Fire Department's EMT unit provides regular assistance to the school's clinic. Both departments share their resources as an investment in the overall quality of services to the school community. School Committee members Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk, and Kelly McCracken work collaboratively with members of the Finance Committee and Selectmen to analyze the school budget to ensure prudent spending and the proper allocation of resources.

In the spring of 2018, the school administered the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) 2.0 test in grades 3-8. The Edgartown School met 83% of its test improvement targets compared to the previous year's MCAS test. This school ranks in the 64th percentile among all elementary schools in the state. Teachers analyze test data, and instruction is driven by this analysis to ensure that students learn the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Students who are not proficient in the English language are provided specialized instruction according to individualized plans. Learners with special needs are taught by highly-trained teachers in accordance with State and Federal laws. An enrichment program challenges students with such engaging experiences as: Mock Trial; rocketry; robotics; Math Counts; marine navigation; media production; aviation; and other project-based endeavors. Eligible students in grades 6-8 receive accelerated math instruction. Students in grades 5-8 with special interests are matched with community volunteers in mentorships to expand their interests. The Edgartown School houses an Island-wide special education program in an effort to make specialized programming cost effective. The Bridge

Program services students from across the Island with special needs.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) continues to provide remarkable support to the school and community under the leadership of Deanna Laird. The Halloween Party, Pizza and Bingo Night, and Soup and Cookie Dance are traditional events run by the PTA. Teacher grants continue to be offered by the PTA to support instruction. The PTA awards a \$1000 scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior from Edgartown. The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets each month to address and solve important issues. This Council, co-chaired by Kate Lefer and myself, is comprised of a dedicated group of parents, community members, and school staff. The SAC is also responsible for crafting the School Improvement Plan (SIP) each year. The SIP is a blueprint for the school to follow and challenges the faculty to strive for excellence in all areas. A copy of this plan can be found on the school's website at [www.edgartownschool.org](http://www.edgartownschool.org).

Learning often takes place outside of the classroom. The surrounding community and Island's resources afford many opportunities for enriching experiences. After-school clubs, directed at the primary grades, expose students to photography, cooking, arts and crafts, gardening, yoga, fitness, and educational games. Our students continue to visit the Plimouth Plantation, Felix Neck, Trustees of Reservation properties, Farm Institute, Polly Hill Arboretum, and the Science Museum in Boston. Fifth graders spend an exciting week on the Shenandoah. Sixth graders travel to Camp Alton Jones in Rhode Island to study environmental education and practice team building. The seventh graders learn how to ski in New Hampshire and visit the Freedom Trail in Boston. Eighth graders spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about government and our country's history. They tackle the ropes course with Deputy Sterling Bishop from the Sheriff's Department. The junior high, fourth, and fifth grade plays, directed by Donna Swift and Ken Romero, are favorites among fans and give the students real experiences managing and acting in drama productions. Strings and band instruments instruction is offered to students who wish to take up an instrument. Each year, students showcase their talents at strings and band concerts. Rick Bausman teaches upper-school students percussion instruments on a weekly basis. I can earnestly say that our students receive a well-rounded education and are exposed to a variety of experiences, both in and out of the classroom.

The school plant is one of the largest buildings in the town with over eighty-five thousand square feet of space, which demands constant attention and upkeep.

Community groups such as a local church, coed adult volleyball, youth soccer, recreational basketball, and lacrosse use our facility regularly. The school also hosts police and fire department trainings. Again this year, the Island's Adult and Community Education Program (ACE) is offering carpentry class for adults in the school's shop. We hope to expand adult education classes in the future as a service to the community and a way to maximize the use of the facility.

Technology instruction must be an ever-changing and regular part of education if we are to properly prepare today's students for tomorrow's job market. The tools of technology and their impact on our world are rapidly evolving. All students, K-8, receive computer instruction on a weekly basis. This instruction, provided by a full-time technology teacher, acquaints students with current software and hardware, enabling them to become proficient in accessing information and in communicating using modern technology devices. A committee meets yearly to plan for technology expenditures in an effort to stay current with this rapidly-changing science. The school has a fully-equipped and highly-utilized computer lab, five computers on wheels (COWS), twenty-three smartboards for classroom use, and a variety of other technology tools accessible to students and staff.

On any given school day, our cafeteria, under the direction of Gina deBettencourt, serves over three hundred lunches to students and adults. Gina and her kitchen staff have set the bar high for other cafeterias across the Island and State by offering nutritious lunches that incorporate Island-grown vegetables, meat, and fish, all at an affordable price. Meals are well prepared and often include produce from our school garden. Many thanks to the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby folks for donating fish to our lunch program, as students enjoy eating fresh fish caught locally.

Melinda Rabbit-Defeo continues to manage our greenhouse and garden. Melinda also collaborates with the teachers to infuse agriculture and nutrition into the classroom curriculums. Planting, garden maintenance, and harvesting the school garden are all part of this curriculum. Gina, from the kitchen, and Melinda lead trips to Morning Glory Farm and other local farms in the fall to glean vegetables to be used in the school's lunch program, helping to keep expenses down and provide the students with an appreciation for farm management.

Volunteers in our school provide an invaluable service. From the PTA, to the SAC, to the corps of volunteers who serve the children in so many ways, the school is a better place to learn because of community members who donate their time in support of the school.

The Superintendent, Matt D'Andrea, and his staff deliver a wide range of support services. In addition to augmenting payroll, budgeting, curriculum, bilingual education, special education, and personnel services, the Superintendent's office provides Island-wide special education services to needy students in a cost-effective manner.

The school's success relies greatly upon its support from the surrounding community and organizations. The taxpayers and voters continue to support the school and its initiatives by advocating a budget that funds top-notch educational services for the children of Edgartown. It is apparent that the citizens of Edgartown value education as a high priority.

It is my pleasure to serve as your principal, and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. STEVENS  
Principal

**STATISTICS  
2017-2018**

	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	% of Attendance
SEPTEMBER	344.10	357.05	96.37
OCTOBER	343.25	356.40	96.31
NOVEMBER	336.44	357.48	94.14
DECEMBER	338.62	360.31	93.98
JANUARY	335.42	359.42	93.32
FEBRUARY	331.31	360.37	91.94
MARCH	338.44	362.77	93.29
APRIL	347.62	368.81	94.25
MAY	357.18	374.13	95.47
JUNE	358.62	378.00	94.87

**ENROLLMENT  
October 1, 2018**

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
KINDERGARTEN	24	13	37
GRADE 1	28	15	43
GRADE 2	19	22	41
GRADE 3	15	23	38
GRADE 4	21	37	58
GRADE 5	16	25	41
GRADE 6	20	17	37
GRADE 7	18	20	38
GRADE 8	16	16	32
TOTAL	177	188	365

**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL**  
**Faculty and Staff Personnel 2018 – 2019**

John W. Stevens .....Principal  
 Anne M. Fligor .....Assistant Principal  
 Pamela J. Alwardt.....Administrative Assistant  
 Ken Romero.....Treasurer  
 Paulee Davies .....Receptionist  
 Darren Belisle.....Network Administrator  
 Nicole Barlett.....School Nurse  
 Eric Butler .....Guidance  
 Deborah DeBettencourt .....Guidance  
 Nancy Cole .....Librarian  
 Maria MacKenty-Speight .....Grade K  
 Denise Searle.....Grade K  
 Gail Lachapelle.....Grade 1  
 Megan McDonald .....Grade 1  
 Jennifer Fournier .....Grade 2  
 Chip Story.....Grade 2  
 Summer DeSouza .....Grade 3  
 Alicia Knight .....Grade 3  
 Pam Hurley .....Grade 4  
 Ryan Leandro .....Grade 4  
 Heather Majkowski .....Grade 4  
 Mary Ellen Guyther .....Grade 5/6 Math  
 Kara Gelinas .....Grade 5/6 Science  
 Pati Nelson.....Grade 5/6 Social Studies  
 Erin Simmons .....Grade 5/6 ELA  
 Nedine Cunningham.....Gr. 7/8 Social Studies  
 Justen Foster .....Gr. 7/8 Math  
 David Faber .....Gr. 7/8 Science  
 Jeffrey Majkowski.....Gr. 7/8 LA/Reading  
 Laia Roig .....Gr. 4-8 Spanish  
 Connie Leuenberger .....Gr. K-3 Remedial Reading  
 Bridget Mello .....Gr. 4-8 Remedial Reading  
 Ellen Wannamaker .....Gr. K-4 Remedial Math  
 Kate Lefer.....Gr. 5-8 Remedial Math  
 Suzanne Costello .....Health & Enrich. Coord  
 Pam Melrose.....Enrichment  
 Ken DeBettencourt.....Enrichment Math 6-8/8 Algebra  
 Debra Grant .....English Language Learning  
 Nicole Miranda .....English Language Learning  
 Rachel Sellers .....English Language Learning  
 Gail Gardner .....Gr. K-8 Computer  
 Nichole Shank .....Gr. K-8 Art  
 Sarah Vail.....Gr. 5-8 Family Consumer  
 Gregory Pattison.....Gr. 5-8 Industrial Arts  
 Derek Chrebet.....Gr. K-2 Physical Education  
 Michelle Pikor .....Gr. 3-8 Physical Education  
 Zachary Tileston.....Instrumental Music  
 Laura Walton.....Gr. K-8 Vocal Music  
 Diane Smadbeck .....Gr. K-2 Special Needs  
 Laurie Pereira .....Gr. 3-4 Special Needs  
 Janet Hurley.....Gr. 5-6 Special Needs  
 Kiely Rigali .....Gr. 7-8 Special Needs  
 Melinda Rabbitt DeFeo .....Garden Coordinator

Judy Maynard .....ESP – KM/KS  
 Amy Baldino .....ESP – 3/4 resource room  
 Tabitha Clark .....ESP – 7/8 resource room  
 Deneen Convery .....ESP – 5/6 resource room  
 Robin Davies .....ESP – 3K ESP  
 Lizzie Ward .....ESP – 2S  
 Ebony Goldwire.....ESP – 4H  
 Penny Hageanon.....ESP – 1:1 7/8 resource room  
 Sara Hoffman.....ESP – 7/8 resource room  
 Bill Jacob.....ESP – 4M  
 Lynn Khosla .....ESP – 5/6 resource room  
 Lorna Ashe .....ESP – 1L  
 Jonisha McCoy .....ESP – 7/8 resource room  
 Mary Beth Meehan.....ESP – 5/6 resource room  
 Skylar Menton .....ESP – 5/6 resource room  
 Debbie Meyerhoff .....ESP – 2F  
 Meaghan Morris .....ESP – 7/8 resource room  
 Richard Pease .....ESP – 1McD  
 Liz Stobart .....ESP – KS  
 Tara Sykes .....ESP – Library  
 Teresa Temple .....ESP – 4L  
 Kim Tharp .....ESP – 3D  
 Sarah Knight.....ESP – KM  
 Jennifer Abreu .....Translator/Interpreter  
 Dwight Kaeka .....Head Custodian  
 Marc Brasefield .....Custodian  
 Jeff Burgoyne .....Custodian  
 Marjorie Hayes .....Custodian  
 Gina deBettencourt.....Head Cook/Manager  
 Robin Fortes .....Assistant Cook  
 Leanna Fisher .....Cook’s Helper  
 Stacey Gouldrup .....Cook’s Helper

**Shared Services**

Nancy Jephcote.....String Instruments  
 Susan Smith.....School Psychologist  
 Melissa Mahoney.....Occupational Therapist  
 Bruce Boren.....Occupational Therapist  
 Molly Chvatal.....Physical Therapist  
 Lee Macleod .....Speech Therapist  
 Donna Rhoades.....Speech Therapist  
 Martha MacGillivray.....Bridge/Kindergarten  
 Brooke St. Pierre .....Bridge/Kindergarten  
 Kerry Branca .....Bridge/Elementary  
 Hayley Naphan .....Bridge/Elementary  
 Lyuba Pachico .....Bridge/Elementary  
 Kara Thibodeau .....Bridge/Elementary  
 Tonya Thomas .....Bridge/Elementary  
 Laura Knight.....Bridge/Middle  
 Kara Leandro .....Bridge/Middle

**Edgartown School Committee**

Megan Anderson      Kimberly Kirk      Kelly McCracken



## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dr. Matthew T. D'Andrea, LP.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
4 Pine Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

It is my pleasure to present to you the accomplishments of our departmental staff at MVRHS in the service of our students and community. There are many reasons to be proud of that are highlighted by each department. 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.

### **Art, Design & Technology**

The MVRHS Art, Design & Technology Department had a full and productive year in 2018. Our annual public exhibit and reception was held in May, in coordination with our Performing Arts Department, and was a well-attended showcase of student work across the department.

The 226-page MVRHS yearbook, and our art and literary magazine, SEABREEZES, both had successful publications this year. The Yearbook won awards for "Highest Achievement in Yearbook" and "Special Achievement for Sports Page Spread" by the New England Scholastic Press Association Awards, while Seabreezes was awarded the coveted level of "Excellent" in the National Council of Teachers of English PRESLM awards.

Twenty-nine MVRHS art, design, and technology students won a total of 47 awards this year across seven categories at the 2018 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. Six of them advanced to the national competition: two won gold and silver national medals and had their work included in a national exhibit.

Eleven students attended Portfolio Day in Boston this November and prepared senior portfolios for college admission as well as for the national Young Arts portfolio contest. Architecture students also attended the Architecture & Design College Fair at the Boston Society of Architects in September.

A new, permanent exhibit in the hallway was prepared from student photographs and graphics, celebrating the diversity of the student body. In addition, new efforts were spearheaded to add and update the public artwork and general appearance of the public spaces and classrooms throughout the school building.

Three graduating seniors were showcased in a spring exhibit at the Old Sculpin Gallery and several photography students held exhibits at the West Tisbury Library. The newly-organized student club, the Photographers' Society, held a group photography show at Featherstone. Many

students across the department were honored in the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and exhibits. Three students won awards in the 2017 Cape Cod Times's "Classroom Times" photography contest.

The courses "Cartoon Design" and "Computer Systems" were both launched successfully in 2018 and will continue in 2019, as well as a new AP course, "AP Computer Science A."

### **Athletics**

Great things were accomplished by our student athletes. In the spring, the girls tennis team not only won their 4th state championship in a row but accomplished this after having moved up to Division 2 and winning in their first tournament in D2. In addition to winning the D2 Championship in a fierce competition in the finals, Lizzy Williamson and Kat Roberts won the State overall doubles championship, this being Lizzy's 4th individual championship. We also saw boys' tennis, girls' lacrosse and track compete in state championships. Junior Mackenzie Condon qualified for and attended the National Track Championships in North Carolina in the 300 meter hurdles. Earning Boston Globe All Scholastic honors were Mackenzie Condon (Track), Lizzy Williamson and Kat Roberts (Girls' Tennis), and D2 coach of the year, Nina Bramhall (Girls' Tennis).

In the fall of 2018 we saw MVRHS, after a long absence, move back into the Cape and Islands League. We watched the boys and girls cross country teams win the Cape and Islands League Championship. The girls cross country team went on to win the Division 5 State Championship. The success of the girls cross country season earned coach Joe Schroeder Boston Globe All Scholastic Coach of the Year honors. Both the boys and girls cross country teams qualified for the State Open meet held in Westfield Mass. The field hockey and boys' soccer teams qualified for States, field hockey losing to a strong Cohasset team 1-0 and the boys' soccer team losing in an OT to Seekonk. As we anticipate the start of the winter sports season we are looking forward to a strong presence in our new league.

### **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 can continue onto 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.

Under the direction of Ken Ward, the Automotive Technology department continues to prepare students for the transportation industry. This program is in the midst of NATEF certification. The automotive students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification.

Health care occupations, many of which require an associate degree or less, are projected to have greater than 10% job growth over the next few years. The Health Assisting program continues to grow and expand its presence in the community with its partnership with MVH and Windemere and the experiences it offers the students. We have welcomed Debra Silva as the new Health Assisting teacher. In August, we earned a full Chapter 74 approval for this program allowing for a seamless transition to post-secondary education for graduates of the program.

The Horticulture Department is celebrating the beginning of a new era. We installed a new greenhouse and look forward to expanding the capacity of this program. The horticulture students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification.

Chefs Jack O'Malley and Kevin Crowell, together with our students, continue to prepare delicious meals for members of the Island community. Culinary Arts continues to host events for local groups, always with an eye towards including produce grown in the horticulture program and the school garden, which is supported by Island Grown Schools. Culinary Arts students work on an annual basis to 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. This year, they have begun a partnership with Sheriff's Meadow to construct a bench for a few of their properties. In the spring, the program constructed and installed a kiosk at the headquarters of the State Forest. The building trades students continue to earned their 10-hour OSHA General Construction Certification.

Maritime Sciences, with Kimberley Ulmer and Andrew Nutton at the helm, continues to expand its presence within CTE. This is the tenth year MVRHS has offered Maritime 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.

### **English**

The English Department hosted the Fourth Annual Writers Week during which over 25 Island writers and poets led workshops in almost every English class over the course of two days. Students participated in school-wide writing contests and attended visits by writers such as

Geraldine Brooks and Tony Horwitz. MVRHS English students participated in the Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest for the fifth year in a row.

Christine Ferrone was awarded a grant to attend a two-week National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute at the University of Arkansas entitled, "Remaking Monsters and Heroines: Adapting Classic Literature for Contemporary Audiences."

Christine Ferrone of the English Department and Kevin McGrath, MVRHS Library teacher, attended the National Capstone Consortium at Endicott College in August of 2018. 15 teaching professionals from across the country attended the summit to collaborate and share ideas about designing capstone courses and programs for students.

Rachel Schubert completed online coursework in Culturally Responsive Literacy Instruction and attended the CRLI conference at Harvard's Graduate School of Education in October. She collaborated with educators from around the country to develop culturally responsive literacy curricula, and has been able to apply her learning at MVRHS by implementing both multicultural and critical literacy models of instruction with her 11th grade students.

In March, 50 of William McCarthy's students made the annual trip to Trinity Rep in Providence, Rhode Island, to enjoy a production of Shakespeare's tragedy, *Othello*. Students returned to the classroom with new understandings of Iago's famous utterance, "I am not what I am." Indeed.

William McCarthy's Creative Writing class held their annual Coffeehouse in January. Twenty students presented and performed short stories, plays, and poetry for an enthusiastic audience of their peers, as well as family, friends, and community members.

Under the leadership of Kathryn Hennigan and an extremely capable staff, *The High School View* has once again received a number of prestigious awards from the New England Press Association, including the highest achievement: *All New England*. Additional awards went to Lizzie Williamson for her bylined column, "*Lost and Found*"; Emily Gazzaniga and Mackenzie Condon's feature story, "*Volunteers Experience Global Exchange*"; Daniel Rivard's news photo, "*Band Establishes a Community Presence*"; Mackenzie Condon's news story, "*New Track Promises Community Support*"; and Alexis Condon and Mackenzie Condon's news story, "*Nor'easter Traps Vacationers Off-Island.*"

### **ESL**

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Department experienced another 40% increase in the number of students qualifying for ESL services. Much of this increase came as a result of an unprecedented 14 new student enrollment since the start of school in September. 90% of

these new students were assessed at English language proficiency level 1 or 2 (proficiency levels range from 1 - 6, 6 being fluent). As a result, classes have grown beyond effective teaching limits. The department is looking forward to welcoming an additional ESL teacher, as well as a Bilingual ESP Interpreter in the early new year.

To support our growing number of students, the department has been working with Leah Palmer in the Superintendent's office to provide at-risk students with mentors from the community. These mentors meet once a week or so with their mentee to provide support and information about opportunities outside of school.

The Department is also partnering with Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts, to identify, encourage, and mentor aspiring educators. Last spring, five ESL students traveled to Lasell and participated in weekly skype/podcast sessions with education students at Lasell to learn about the college and the opportunities a teaching career can offer them. This fall, five more students have committed to the Lasell program.

In an effort to expand our class offerings to ESL students at the High School, we introduced a semester-long English Pronunciation and Public Speaking elective. The response was overwhelmingly positive. There were 28 students signed up for the course! Plans are being made to offer sections of this elective both semesters next year.

Teachers Cheri Cluff and Dianne Norton participate regularly in off-Island professional development surrounding such topics as co-teaching strategies, interrupted and/or limited schooling, meeting the needs of diverse learners, etc.

#### **Guidance**

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped 143 graduates develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, 70% of the Class of 2018 students attended a four year college; 12% attended two year college/technical/college/prep school; 2% entered the workforce; and 14% took a gap year. The generosity of our community was demonstrated by the 2.2 million dollars awarded to seniors, postgraduates, and other Island students. Our 2018 graduates received 495 individual scholarships and post-graduates 226.

In 2018, Shauna Nute retired after nearly 39 years of service to the Island youth at the elementary level and then high school level. She was a Guidance Counselor for 26 years. Erika Mulvey replaced Shauna. She comes to us with many years high school experience from Colorado. Last year she served as the Guidance Counselor at Oak Bluffs Elementary.

13 years running, Peer Outreach trained an additional 40 students and 4 faculty members during the annual retreat in October 2018. This effective, peer-driven program trained students to identify and assist their peers who are struggling and to refer to adults as needed. There

are currently close to 100 Peer Outreach students at MVRHS.

In December 2018, at the 14th annual Race Culture retreat, 40 faculty-nominated students took part in a two-day retreat to discuss race, diversity, and culture.

In its third year, the 2017 senior project SWEAR (Stand With Everyone Against Rape) trained fifteen junior boys and five junior girls. This sexual assault awareness and prevention program is run in collaboration with CONNECT to End Violence. It is a predominantly male-focused program with the idea in mind that rape and sexual assault is not just a women's issue but a men's issue as well. SWEAR members hold an annual assembly for the junior class educating students on the myths, stereotypes, and repercussions of sexual assault and rape. In collaboration with CONNECT and The MV Film Society, *The Hunting Ground* is a documentary about the sexual assault epidemic on college campus. The film is shown to the senior class, followed by small group discussions. With the trained SWEAR and Peer Outreach students, we are facilitating small group conversations with each class to educate the student body about healthy relationships, consent, and the repercussions of harassment and sexual assault.

In May, we held our fourth annual eighth-grade orientation program at the High School. STING (Smooth Transition into Ninth Grade) was a senior project that has morphed into an annual event. It is the first time the entire incoming freshmen class is together for a day of games, activities, and information about transitioning to MVRHS. This program is facilitated by our upperclassmen.

#### **History**

The History Department is continuing with its peer observation program this year. All of the teachers have pledged to visit each other's classrooms throughout the year. Peer observation is an excellent form of professional development. As a group, we share our strengths, discuss our challenges, and continue developing our skills as teachers. Peer observation is also a wonderful way to bring the department closer together. Teachers often work in isolation, and visiting other teachers' classrooms provides different perspectives and an opportunity for reflection of one's own practice. The History Department has been working together on teaching how to annotate readings. We have a common rubric and students utilize this whether reading secondary or primary sources. The department has also been working on thesis-driven writing.

A new course being offered this year is a tenth-grade humanities class, working with the US II curriculum, the history piece being taught by Lauren Goethals. There are two sections of the Leadership elective being taught by two teachers, Dr. Natalie Munn and Olsen Houghton. Students are tasked with creating school improvements plans. The classes are focusing on the transition to college and school beautification/school spirit. The two classes recently

painted the boys' locker room and are getting ready to complete the girls' side. Last year's Give Back Day, organized by Ena Thulin's Global Current Events class, was a great success. She has already started organizing for this year's event in May. Leigh Fairchild is taking students to the Edward Kennedy Institute for Senate Simulation to participate in an immigration reform simulation. Corinne Kurtz has been working with the Martha's Vineyard Museum and recently took her AP World History students to the Granary Gallery to examine art and learn about perspective.

The History Department welcomes Brian Roesler, who joins us from the West Tisbury School. Brian is currently teaching one section of Global II and two sections of US II. Brian is a team player and has quickly immersed himself in the MVRHS community. He coached the JV golf team this Fall and is the faculty advisor to the frisbee golf club. Brian brings a positive energy to the department, and the students respect and appreciate him as a teacher.

### **Library**

#### Long-Range and Capital Improvement Plans:

It's been a busy and productive year in the MVRHS Library as we continued to pursue the goals in our updated Long-Range (2018-2021) Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. The study that was commissioned with Fielding Nair International was completed in 2015, with two public presentations describing the plan to convert the library to a Global Learning Commons. The GLC is envisioned as a shared suite of learning spaces, with related professional development, aimed at improving our ability to provide 21st-century teaching and learning school-wide. This year we continued to improve the space within the means of the library budget, with an additional set of high-top cafe tables as described in the capital improvement plan.

New Staff: Kathy Rogers was hired full-time this year as the library assistant. She is a welcome addition to the library. Her unflagging enthusiasm, creative energy, and friendly presence have helped maintain a positive atmosphere with consistent expectations for all students.

Yondr = Phone-Free: Our pilot of Yondr has been overwhelmingly positive and successful. As students enter the library they check in their phones at the desk. Phones are locked in secure Yondr pouches for the duration of the period or, if students choose, their phones can be charged. The library is a haven from hyperconnectivity and students are able focus on their work.

Professional Development: The library teacher, Kevin McGrath, took advantage of some valuable professional development over the summer. He participated in the Master Teacher Institute throughout July. Facilitated by former principal Peg Regan, along with a combined cohort of MVRHS teachers and teachers from off-Island, the course operated in a laboratory-classroom format to design and practice lessons with summer-school students. It was a hands-on approach to developing sound pedagogy using a young adult novel (*All American Boys*) as the text.

Mr. McGrath and Christine Ferrone attended the National Capstone Conference in Beverly, MA, in August. Mr. McGrath helped organize the conference throughout the winter and spring of 2018 through weekly Zoom meetings. The four-day conference brought together a diverse array of public and private schools from as far away as Hawaii to exchange best practices. As a result of the conference, Ms. Ferrone and Mr. McGrath redesigned the curriculum of the MVRHS Capstone course.

Entering its second year, the Capstone course has been off to another great start with a diverse array of projects. Enrollment was lower than anticipated, due to scheduling conflicts. In order to do a Senior Project, which formerly didn't have a classroom component, students now must be enrolled in Senior Capstone. It's a challenge to find a common period for all students interested, but it looks like we'll have a full complement of students in Capstone for second semester as we make available additional teaching periods and opportunities to meet as a class.

Research and Information Literacy Instruction: Teachers are frequently bringing classes to research in the library. The library allows for at least two concurrent classes to access technology and print materials as well as receive help from the library teacher and have the space they need to conduct focused research.

The Master Teacher Institute course helped Mr. McGrath develop new approaches to teaching information literacy skills, both through Capstone and through co-teaching research units in other classes. His goal is to expand on the success of a series of lessons on source evaluation and bias to reach the entire 9th grade through Global History classes. The focus of the lessons, planned for early 2019, is to strengthen students' ability to judge the quality, including veracity and relevance, of sources they find through their research.

Our new student exhibit space along the wall is being utilized to showcase student work.

Video Editing Tools and Instruction: We now have a useful new subscription to WeVideo. This is an online software service that allows students to create and edit videos. It is being increasingly used by classes and clubs. An AP English class recently created a "Poem Project" where students created original videos to illuminate famous poems. RJO students and staff use it to create the weekly newscast, which is recorded in the library's innovation lab every week.

Ethical Use of Information: Starting in 2018-19, we replaced our subscription to Turnitin with Unicheck. Unicheck is a pared-down version of Turnitin that is half the price. We are working with the vendor to make it so the service can be used as effectively as Turnitin as a teaching tool to learn about source citation and avoiding plagiarism. We've also recently subscribed to Noodletools, which provides students with online citation, outlining, and annotation support.

By-the-numbers: We continued to add high-quality, award-winning books and videos of high interest throughout the year. Books & Videos Added: 2,128 and Student Sign-Ins So Far in 2018: 9983.

### **Math**

The Math Department has created and implemented a curriculum for an extended Algebra 1 program to better prepare students for the MCAS exam. Students are engaged in our new Financial Literacy course, acquiring skills that will aid them in navigating today's complex world. The Math Department is also now offering a Sheltered Algebra 1 and Sheltered Geometry Course to better serve our growing ELL population. We bid farewell to our long-standing Department Chair and good friend, Doug DeBettencourt, as he enters into retirement. We have also welcomed a new, energetic, and experienced member to our team, Ellen Muir.

Department member Mary Lee Carlomagno and Cliff Dorr accompanied three High School students to a robotics competition at Cape Cod Community College in Hyannis. The group got to observe a VEX Technology Move the Flag Competition. MVRHS will be the recipient of a VEX competition kit this December, thanks to a Cape Cod Scholarship fund. The robotics team plans to participate in a competition this spring.

MVRHS scored well in 2018 math standardized testing. The MCAS results continue to be encouraging, with 76% of students scoring proficient or higher. We had 55% of our students score in the advanced range, a rate higher than the state average.

We recorded the highest number of students taking an AP exam in mathematics to date. The AP Calculus (BC) scores averaged 3.571, with a corresponding AB average of 3.929. These are the highest scores earned in the past five years.

### **Performing Arts**

In addition to our curricular classes offered both to performing and non-performing students, the Performing Arts Department offered opportunities to students outside the school day. Singers and string players participated in the Southeast District Music Festival last January and the All-Cape and Island Festival in February. Students in the Musical Theatre Production Class presented their annual Cabaret at the PAC.

We welcomed Nancy Rogers to our faculty and bid farewell to Janis Wightman. Abigail Chandler took over Department Chair responsibilities as well as directorship of Minnesingers.

In February, the entire department was part of the production of the musical, 'West Side Story.' Community instrumentalists, history classes, art classes, and faculty joined the student cast in four performances.

Choral students had the opportunity to sing with the elementary school students at the annual All-Island Choral Festival. Our clinicians were from the Syracuse University Brazilian Ensemble, Samba Laranja, who presented workshops and performed at the elementary schools and the High School, as well as an evening concert for the community.

The Minnesingers celebrated their 50th anniversary with an alumni weekend and concert featuring over 150 alumni and current Minnesingers.

In May, the department concert was combined with the Pops Concert, featuring all the performing groups as well as solo and small group numbers. Several singers and instrumentalists performed in the Coffee House and in the hallways at Evening of the Arts. Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, Minnesingers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band participated in the graduation ceremonies at the Tabernacle, celebrating another successful group of seniors leaving the High School. Over the summer, the High School male a cappella group, SoundWave, performed around the Island.

October auditions were held for the upcoming school musical, 'As You like It.' Community members and local musicians, along with the history, art, and English departments, join the students in rehearsals. 'As You like It' will run performances in February 2019.

23 singers and string players who auditioned for the All Cape Festival this fall were chosen to perform at the festival, and Christian Schmidt, Tripp Hopkins, Josephine Orr, and Victoria Scott will represent MVRHS at the Southeast District Festival. Christian Schmidt and Josephine Orr were selected to audition for the All-State music festival in January.

The Winter Concert featured the String Orchestra, combined instrumental groups, Concert Band and Jazz Band, Chorus, and Vocal Ensemble. The Minnesingers presented their annual Winter Concerts at the Whaling Church, joined by several iconic Island musicians, in a true celebration of the holiday season. Instrumentalists continue to entertain at the Senior Citizen lunches and the Minnesingers performed for the community several times during the holiday season.

### **Physical Education**

This past calendar year was one of ongoing growth in physical education at MVRHS, and in health education a more unified K-12 curriculum was identified to support a more cohesive learning environment. In PE we welcomed Mr. Craig Yuhas to our department after the retirement of Lisa Knight. Mr. Yuhas brings a wealth of experience in exercise science and nutrition and, as an Islander, he has worked with many of our students and staff, as well.

In Health Education our primary curriculum is Life Skill but with the results from the MedStar report we are

looking toward the Michigan Model curriculum going forward. Our community agencies continue to provide significant skill-building lessons in health: supporting communication and relationship building from Connect To End Violence; nutrition lessons from Island Grown Schools; and Youth Task Force's speaker series. This December, we kicked off a student/peer leader program in an effort to prevent and reduce students from vaping called, 'Catch My Breath,' a new curriculum sponsored by Catch Global with funding from CVS Health.

### **Project Vine**

With seniors for the most part graduating early out of Project Vine, a senior celebration was held in January where seniors continued our tradition of dedicating a book to our Legacy Tree bookshelf. Tragically, one of our seniors, Jake Baird, passed away the following morning. Without school in session, our program opened its doors and served as a grief center for members of our program and the larger community. Though we were devastated by the loss, the program has worked alongside Jake's family to preserve his memory and legacy through the creation of the Jake Sequoia Baird Memorial Award, which will be given to a graduating senior in the program for the first time this spring. We have also worked alongside the CTE department and Building & Grounds to plan a memorial bench and outdoor classroom space outside of Project Vine, which we plan to dedicate by the spring.

After exams, we welcomed 12 new freshmen to the program and had our first wait list--a testament to the growing popularity of the program and the hard work the students have put into rebranding our alternative education program. In February, our upperclassmen, alongside the new freshmen students, participated in a "Work Day" to clean, organize, and personalize our space. They got to know each other and the rest of the students and staff at our weekly Friday meetings during Flex time. Freshmen took regular trips to Felix Neck to participate in their Citizen Science program, as well as a trip to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to tour the research vessel Neil Armstrong and visit the animals at the aquarium.

At the end of March, we held our long-awaited re-scheduled "Chopped for Charity" Event, originally planned by our senior class for January. Students and staff members competed, and judges from the High School and larger community judged dishes prepared out of commonly-donated food items. Project Vine generated hundreds of dollars in donations of both food and money to support the Island Food Pantry. Our family had a chance to work together, contribute positively to our Island, and have an awesome, shared experience.

In April, students from our Junior class, along with some students from our Enrichment block, held a "What's Good in Gaming?" Summit in partnership with Alex's Place at the YMCA. This event had student "coaches"

explain some major video games to parents and community members, who could then try out some popular games with our students as guides and teachers. We also held a screening that night of Junior Levi Vanderhoop's documentary, *What's Good About Gaming?*, in which he sought to abolish the stereotypes that persist around video games and players. Our students were interviewed and featured in a story in the High School View section of the MVTimes.

Also in April, our juniors traveled to Salem, MA, on a student-designed tour of that city. This trip served as the final piece of their unit on Salem, in which they read, watched, or played various books, movies, and video games which use Salem as their settings.

Project Vine then held student-led conferences in the evenings the week of April 23rd. Students had the opportunity to explain their own progress in school, their goals, and their struggles to all four of their Project Vine teachers alongside their parents or guardians. While we know for some this was perhaps the scariest thing we could ask of our students, it was also some of the most gratifying things we as a staff could see. Students took ownership of explaining who we are, who they are, and what it is we try to do here. It is not easy to ask teachers to stay until late in the evening three extra nights in a row, nor is it easy to have students show back up to school hours after the last bells have rung, but it is the commitment to doing those extra things, both from students and staff, that make the Project Vine family keep growing.

In early May, students and staff worked to build and paint five new sets of cornhole boards which were auctioned off at our annual Cornhole Tournament & BBQ. It was a great event with students from all grade levels, community members, program staff, and families eating some cookout, playing some cornhole, and raising money that goes to support Project Vine. Much of the funds raised were used for our Nantucket Exchange trip in May. Almost our entire program traveled to Nantucket for the day, where students in their alternative school gave us a tour of the island, then sat with us to have pizza and discussed a common text we had read, *Moby Dick*, as well as compared notes about island life, school, and life. Students also toured the Whaling Museum. Students from Nantucket will be coming over this coming spring for a Project-Vine-Designed tour of our island.

The last school year ended with some staffing changes: Dani Charbonneau took on the role of Department Chair and Ellen Muir was hired as the new math teacher within the program.

Getting off the ground swiftly in September, the newly re-designed Enrichment block within our program offers students a chance to learn community building, community organizing, and civics. Students identify goals that they

have for their program and community and then plan to make changes happen, whether it's the purchase of better emergency snacks for the program or writing their own evaluation system for teachers. The class also handles care for the Project Suite, developing content for program media such as the website, brochure, and documentary, and sends representatives to the larger student government meetings on behalf of all of Project Vine.

The 10th-grade biology class was redesigned by science teacher Anna Cotton, in partnership with Island Grown Schools, to teach the biology curriculum through the production of an actual book about gardening on the Vineyard, which students will write, edit, take pictures for, and eventually publish.

At the end of September, the program held a 2-night retreat out on Penikese Island in which students spent their time with no phones, no electricity, and each other. Staff Dani Charbonneau, Joel Graves, and Ellen Muir chaperoned this trip, which was truly one of the most memorable experiences for the students. The resulting relationships, memories, and learning in areas beyond academic were the very reason our program exists.

At the end of October, Project Vine held its second-annual Island Lore Event in partnership with the MV Museum. Ahead of the event, students had the opportunity to handle real artifacts from the museum collections to use as possible inspiration for their stories, based on real Island history, which were told open-mic style the evening before Halloween in downtown Vineyard Haven at the Morgan Learning Center. Students, alumni, and community members told stories, and two students were awarded "Best Told Tale" awards.

In November, students held another Work Day and began work on a new documentary about the program. Students also worked to rehabilitate an old fish tank donated from the culinary arts department: scrubbing, sanitizing, strategizing, and working together such that we now have a functional abode for our program pets.

In early December, Project Vine traveled to Harvard University for a tour of the campus and to have a discussion about the value of education with Harvard Professor of Humanities, Timothy McCarthy. Students wrote questions ahead of the discussion and wrote reflections after the trip which were used to write blog coverage on the program website.

Students also presented their new documentary to the entire MVRHS faculty at our December meeting, taking questions from the staff and conducting a survey both to get feedback about their work and to find new perspective members.

Seniors will be participating this year in the MV Cooperative Oral History Project, with a kick-off event planned for December 18th at MVRHS. Seniors act as oral

historians, interviewing willing, elderly Island residents about African-American history here on the Vineyard, then working with MVTV to produce video segments about the stories they share. We are very excited to be a part of this project!

The work now begins to recruit a new freshman class, which will start after exams, and to keep the energy going!

### **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 and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on- 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 2018 science fair was very successful with several students competing at the regional fair. MVRHS continued their success at the state and regional science fairs.

Jason Neago has returned to MVRHS and resumed his role as chemistry teacher, and was also on the coaching staff for the football team this fall.

The increased awareness and access to science electives for students has brought more students in contact with curriculum they have a particular interest in, and we have seen an increase in enrollment in these classes. We have added an AP Environmental Science course to the Program of Studies this year and the enrollment has exceeded expectations, with over 40 students taking the course.

Dr. Fyler has continued working on the growing issue of tick-transmitted lyme disease on Martha's Vineyard. Dr. Fyler and a number of students have been collecting and extracting tick DNA to better understand the transmission of the disease and its spread on the Island.

The department has set goals to improve student work around formal lab writing and organizing data. We continue to try to identify best practice standards and implement common skills, assessments, and overacting ideas that can be incorporated throughout the science curriculum.

We have continued to improve our co-teaching program, having added a third Earth science class for this coming academic year. Early indications are that these are being well received by the students and teachers involved.

MVRHS students continue to do well on the biology MCAS, with the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced well above the state average.

## Special Education

The 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 and transitional support, in-class support, co-teaching, small group instruction, to our 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. Last year, we had an outside evaluator come and do an evaluation of the Special Education Services here at MVRHS in the spring. We received his report and have been meeting to address and develop action plans to implement his recommendations over the next year.

We have had an exciting new sport opportunity at MVRHS - Unified Sports! Team sports bring people together. Special Olympics Unified Sports® teams do that, too, and much more. About 1.4 million people worldwide take part in Unified Sports, breaking down stereotypes about people with intellectual disabilities in a really fun way. We started out our year with Basketball and we played teams from Falmouth, Sandwich, and more. We are looking forward to having a Track and Field team in the spring. Our current PE teacher, Ryan Kent, previously a Special Education teacher at MVRHS, is the Special Olympics Unified Sports® coach and has helped bring this great opportunity to our school!

We continue to build our co-teaching model by adding classes across the grades, including 11th grade for the first time. This year, we have co-teaching in four math classes, 5 English classes, 5 history classes and 5 science classes. 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.

The 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. We look forward to 2019 as a year to strengthen initiatives already started and to make progress toward meeting the needs of ALL our children!

## Wellness Program

Dialogue Circles: Dialogue circles provide a safe, supportive space where all MVRHS community members can discuss different topics, work through differences, and build consensus. Circles are used in classrooms, during meetings, and during flex time. Student leaders have been trained in the circle practice and lead circles with their peers. Restorative circles are sometimes used to restore relationships between students and/or between staff and students harmed by an incident. Families are sometimes invited to participate in restorative circles.

After-School Yoga & Mindfulness: In 2016, traditional detention at MVRHS was replaced with yoga and mindfulness classes. Research suggests that mindfulness can help ease psychological stressors such as anxiety, depression, and pain. After school, students learn a combination of yoga, mindfulness practices, meditation centering, and breath work that can empower them with skills for improved focus and concentration, greater control and awareness of thoughts and emotions, improved self-regulation, anger management, as well as stress reduction and relaxation.

Individual Counseling / Referrals to Community Supports: Short-term counseling is available through 2 school adjustment counselors to all students struggling with social/emotional issues and/or substance use concerns. Students are referred by staff, families, and peers. For families looking for more targeted therapy, SACs serve as liaisons to community services agencies, private therapists, and off-Island resources.

- Community therapists and recovery coaches are available to meet with clients during the school day on an as-needed basis or for scheduled appointments.
- Recovery Coach Program - a recovery coach is available for 6+ hours/week at MVRHS to meet with students who are interested in exploring their relationship with substances and/or have been referred for a substance related offense.
- Individual Counseling with ICC - to enhance counseling services during the school day, an ICC therapist is available for several hours/week at MVRHS. Appointments are scheduled through the school adjustment counselors.
- CONNECT counselors are available to our students every day, during Flex.
- Island Wide Youth Collaborative is in contact with MVRHS administration and school adjustment counselors regarding students who have been referred to the family support center at MVCS.

### Community Partnerships -

- CONNECT to End Violence will facilitate a 6-week art journaling group focusing on healthy/unhealthy relationships, relationship characteristics, good boundaries, and empowerment. Start date TBD for 2019.



- Island Counseling Center runs an 8-week DBT (dialectical behavior therapy) skill-building group for students struggling with anxiety and/or depression.
- Pathfinders - Recovery coaches will facilitate an ongoing group for students who are interested in addressing issues around substance use and abuse. Start date TBD for 2019.
- AlaTeen - a weekly, peer support group for students who are concerned/affected by a loved one's drinking. This group is led by community members.
- Newcomers Support Group - facilitated by a therapist from the Island Counseling Center, this DPH funded group meets weekly in an effort to support non-English speaking students who are new to our school community.

**Peer Outreach:** The primary goal of Peer Outreach is to tap into the informal helping network that already exists among students. Students are asked to nominate peers they trust and will speak about issues they might be having. The peer nomination process allows the program to have a broad list of students from different social circles. Nominated students (10 from each grade) are invited to a two-day experiential learning retreat where they learn how to be better helpers to their friends. Day one is focused on identifying pertinent issues they typically see with friends, learning active listening and communication skills, and what their limits are - particularly when to go to an adult for help. Day two is focused on putting these skills into practice and learning healthy self-care options. The retreat is co-facilitated by senior members of the program.

**SWEAR (Stand With Everyone Against Rape):** The mission is to educate MVRHS students on the myths, stereotypes, and repercussions of sexual assault and rape. The program is predominantly led by young men with the premise being that sexual assault is not just a women's issue, but a men's issue as well. Participants are nominated by faculty and current members of the program and attend a two-day training/workshop. The workshop focuses on masculinity in our culture and the epidemic of sexual assault and rape. Following the training, SWEAR members present an assembly to the junior and senior classes. SWEAR members facilitate small group discussions with every grade level to discuss consent and bystander behavior. The SWEAR program is run in collaboration with CONNECT to End Violence, our local domestic violence and rape crisis center. The retreat is co-facilitated by senior members of the program.

**Race Culture Retreat:** A two-day retreat with the primary goal of assisting students in learning and understanding diversity from one another. Approximately 40-50 students attend each year. The retreat is co-facilitated by senior members of the program. The 2018-2019 retreat participants will facilitate small group discussions to discuss culture and diversity within our school and Island community.

**STING (Smoothly Transitioning into Ninth Grade):** A full day MVRHS orientation for incoming freshmen. Through a series of games, including small and large group activities, the program focuses on getting students comfortable in the high school setting. Incoming students explore their anxieties and expectations about the transition, and current MVRHS students and staff answer their questions about anything and everything from extracurricular activities to grades, relationships and making safe choices, and balancing activities, social life, and school work at the high school level. The orientation is co-led by current sophomore and junior students.

**Gym Class Heroes:** An original, anti-bullying skit is performed by members of the Peer Outreach program for the entire freshman class. Student leaders then co-facilitate small group discussions to debrief about the performance and to discuss the bullying/harassment policy and the importance of being an active bystander.

**Catch My Breath:** A student-led initiative, Catch My Breath, will be taught in 9-12th grade health classes. Vaping has become an epidemic among high-school aged youth. The goal of this program is to have student facilitators help peers build knowledge and skills to resist media influences and peer pressure to try E-cigarettes. It was designed to be delivered by partnering student facilitators with teachers. Students were asked to apply to be trained and/or recommended by faculty members. Training will take place during 2 flex periods.

### **World Language**

2018 was a busy and exciting year for the World Language Department. Stephen Sanford, who is an interpreter/translator for the Massachusetts Trial Courts, visited Portuguese students to discuss potential careers they could follow if they acquire high levels of English and Portuguese. Portuguese students also visited the Portuguese Departments of Brown University, Tufts University, and Boston University.

During spring break, Cindy West and Lisa Bonneau brought 24 Spanish students to Spain for the "Northern Spain Highlights Tour." The highlight was a scavenger hunt through a typical small town where the kids had a blast collecting facts, talking to the locals, and visiting a Romanesque Church. Pierre Bonneau also brought students on a cultural adventure in France during the break. The group spent three days in Paris before traveling to Normandy and Brittany. The students enjoyed visiting the D-Day beaches of Normandy, the walled-city of St-Malo, and the impressive island of Mont Saint-Michel.

Erin Slossberg arranged an incredible assembly for Spanish students, inviting Flor de Toloache, an all-women mariachi group, to perform at the PAC. Students and teachers alike were in awe of this cultural experience and grateful for the opportunity to see a performance at MVRHS from a world-renowned, Latin Grammy-nominated group.

Portuguese and Spanish students demonstrated their language mastery through the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam, and the NEWL Portuguese exam, which students took part in for the first time this year. Seven out of the nine students who took the NEWL exam received a score of 5, which is the highest score, and the other two received a 4. Six students took the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam and all successfully passed, with four out of the six earning a 4.

During the month of July, French teacher Pierre Bonneau traveled to the French island of Martinique to participate in the 91st Annual Convention of the AATF (American Association of Teacher of French). He is a regular national presenter and this year he offered a seminar on how to engage students in French grammar within a communicative, audio-visual environment.

This fall, the department embarked on a shared goal of working together as a Critical Friends Group. The group meets once every 8 days during a shared planning period. This has provided valuable time to collaborate and has had a positive impact on student learning. A large portion of the department is also participating in a district-wide Community of Practice, led by Justine DeOliveira, where we will continue to collaborate with the elementary language teachers and share best practices in order to improve students' proficiency in the languages they are learning. Throughout the year, teachers in the department have taken advantage of many professional development opportunities including a variety of courses and workshops. In the fall, most of the group traveled to the Cape Cod Collaborative language offerings and have been able to

integrate many exciting new communicative tasks and engaging activities into our practice.

Mark your calendars. There is now an annual MVRHS French Film day ("MVRHS au cinéma français") within the National French Week celebrated every year at the beginning of November. To start this new tradition, 57 French students gathered at the MV Film Center on November 7th to see Monsieur Bonneau's all-time favorite French film, "La grande vadrouille." A big thank you to Mr. Richard Paradise for making this memorable event come true for the kids.

Lastly, the Brazilian Consulate of Boston came to MVRHS in December 2018 to offer civics education to our students as well as to provide consular services for our students and their families.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SARA DINGLEDY  
Principal

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Edgartown:

FY2018 Assessment

Balance Sheet

Expenditures – Budget vs Actual

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, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FY18 ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION	FY18 AMOUNT	
Operating & Capital Budget	\$19,909,052.71	
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	972,061.30	20,881,114.01
Less		
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,775,975.00	
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	309,395.00	
Other Revenues	201,566.60	
E&D Offset	288,783.00	3,575,719.60
<b>FY18 Net Amount for Assessments</b>		<b>\$ 17,305,394.41</b>

Town Apportionments	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	114,522.00	331,138.00	1,805,073.00	1,911,887.00	1,817,785.00	1,173,299.00	7,153,704.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	190,005.27	467,700.85	2,411,598.69	2,586,979.31	2,426,213.74	1,520,032.55	9,602,530.41
(iii) Transportation	5,843.95	14,384.98	74,173.03	79,567.18	74,622.54	46,751.32	295,343.00
(iii) Capital	10,686.96	26,306.11	135,641.79	145,506.18	136,463.83	85,495.13	540,100.00
(iii) Other Costs	49.47	121.77	627.86	673.52	631.66	395.74	2,500.00
<b>Gross Assessments</b>	<b>321,107.65</b>	<b>839,651.70</b>	<b>4,427,114.37</b>	<b>4,724,613.18</b>	<b>4,455,716.77</b>	<b>2,825,973.74</b>	<b>17,594,177.41</b>
Less E&D Offset	5,714.15	14,065.46	72,525.54	77,799.87	72,965.07	45,712.90	288,783.00
<b>FY18 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method</b>	<b>\$315,393.50</b>	<b>825,586.23</b>	<b>4,354,588.83</b>	<b>4,646,813.31</b>	<b>4,382,751.71</b>	<b>2,780,260.83</b>	<b>17,305,394.41</b>

This schedule presents the town apportionments consistent with DESE's Statutory Assessment Methodology format.

Numbers may be off due to rounding.

Member Town % Based on Statutory Assessment

Method (voted by School Committee)	1.82%	4.77%	25.16%	26.85%	25.33%	16.07%	100.00%
School Population based on Town Census (10/1/18)	12	30	174	178	181	84	659

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BALANCE SHEET FY18  
JUNE 30, 2018**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency</b>	<b>General Long-Term Obligations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash and Investments	\$ 3,593,968.00	\$ 755,417.00	\$ 551,773.00	-	\$ 909,875.00	-	\$ 5,811,033.00
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	231,750.00	-	-	-	-	-	231,750.00
Amount to be Provided	-	-	-	-	-	1,080,000.00	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,825,718.00</b>	<b>755,417.00</b>	<b>551,773.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>909,875.00</b>	<b>1,080,000.00</b>	<b>6,042,783.00</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>							
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	779,782.00	88,155.00	-	-	253,079.00	-	1,121,016.00
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll/withholdings	1,448,709.00	116,269.00	-	-	377,830.00	-	1,942,808.00
Other Liabilities	55,993.00	124.00	-	-	-	-	56,117.00
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	-	1,080,000.00	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,284,484.00</b>	<b>204,548.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>630,909.00</b>	<b>1,080,000.00</b>	<b>3,119,941.00</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	438,778.00	-	-	-	-	-	438,778.00
Reserved for Expenditures	43,377.00	-	-	-	-	-	43,377.00
Reserved for Special Purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	1,059,079.00	550,869.00	551,773.00	-	278,966.00	-	2,440,687.00
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>1,541,234.00</b>	<b>550,869.00</b>	<b>551,773.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>278,966.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,922,842.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,825,718.00</b>	<b>\$ 755,417.00</b>	<b>\$ 551,773.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 909,875.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,808,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,042,783.00</b>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL 2018  
JUNE 30, 2018**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	\$143,666.62	\$152,054.81	\$(8,388.19)
Administration: Expenses	17,280.59	15,801.31	1,479.28
Administration Subtotal	<u>160,947.21</u>	<u>167,856.12</u>	<u>(6,908.91)</u>
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	259,719.18	263,961.78	(4,242.60)
Instruction: Expenses	34,700.00	31,338.71	3,361.29
Instruction Subtotal	<u>294,419.18</u>	<u>295,300.49</u>	<u>(881.31)</u>
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,882.92	(1,882.92)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	23,419.20	20,905.99	2,513.21
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	<u>23,419.20</u>	<u>22,788.91</u>	<u>630.29</u>
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs</b>			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	19,578.20	19,578.19	0.01
Fixed Costs: Expenses	58,926.97	55,212.89	3,714.08
Fixed Costs Subtotal	<u>78,505.17</u>	<u>74,791.08</u>	<u>3,714.08</u>
<b>TOTAL Supt/Shared Services</b>	<b><u>557,290.76</u></b>	<b><u>560,736.60</u></b>	<b><u>(3,445.85)</u></b>
<b>High School Programs: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	133,129.00	136,285.00	(3,156.00)
Administration: Expenses	125,855.40	155,561.99	(29,706.59)
Administration Subtotal	<u>258,984.40</u>	<u>291,846.99</u>	<u>(32,862.59)</u>
<b>High School Programs: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	9,756,305.33	9,627,086.56	129,218.77
Instruction: Expenses	640,479.17	572,573.05	67,906.12
Instruction Subtotal	<u>10,396,784.50</u>	<u>10,199,659.61</u>	<u>197,124.89</u>
<b>High School Programs: Other School &amp; Community Services</b>			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,728,384.32	1,769,513.03	(41,128.71)
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	632,001.65	668,549.64	(36,547.99)
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(973,582.00)	(812,015.00)	(161,567.00)
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	<u>1,386,803.97</u>	<u>1,626,047.67</u>	<u>(239,243.70)</u>
<b>High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	595,939.76	597,934.69	(1,994.93)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	1,174,270.51	1,032,664.08	141,606.43
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	<u>1,770,210.27</u>	<u>1,630,598.77</u>	<u>139,611.50</u>
<b>High School Programs: Fixed Costs</b>			
Employee Retirement	338,889.47	324,011.46	14,878.01
Retired Municipal Teachers	615,638.41	579,227.54	
Other Post Employment Benefits	488,783.00	488,783.00	-
Employee Separation Costs		39,565.00	
Insurance - Employee Related	2,438,805.34	2,461,360.60	(22,555.26)
Insurance - School Related	298,111.50	315,836.08	(17,724.58)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	128.53	2,371.47
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	325,000.00	281,408.00	43,592.00
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	35,100.00	35,100.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	816,151.09	866,145.36	(49,994.27)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	<u>5,538,978.81</u>	<u>5,571,565.57</u>	<u>(29,432.63)</u>
<b>TOTAL High School Programs</b>	<b><u>19,351,761.95</u></b>	<b><u>19,319,718.61</u></b>	<b><u>35,197.47</u></b>
<b>TOTAL Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$19,909,052.71</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,880,455.21</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,751.62</u></b>

## PUBLIC LIBRARY



Artist Margot Datz and a few of her young friends celebrate the completion of her mural in the Children's Room.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

2018 saw the Edgartown Public Library settling into new rhythms during its second full year in its new location next door to the Edgartown Elementary School.

As with so many institutions on the Island, the library's year divides into two distinct seasons. The first is the busy summer, when Edgartown's population more than doubles: Patrons make heavy use of library resources, program attendance jumps and children participate in the library's summer literacy initiatives.

Then there's the library's second busy season: the school year, when scores of children tumble into the library every weekday after classes. The vision of the new library's planners – building committee, library trustees and selectmen – was that in locating the library on the site of the derelict 1924 school building, Edgartown could create a civic center serving all generations of the community, with a unique opportunity to enrich the lives of children. In 2018 it was clear that this vision is being realized, with dramatic success, at the new Edgartown Library.

One milestone for the library came in late February, when the Children's Room was closed for a week so sound-absorbing treatment could be applied to some 2,000 square feet of the ceiling. The room reopened on Monday morning, March 5, as a much more pleasant acoustic environment for families and children.

Another milestone was the completion, in May, of the marine mural project begun the previous fall by Edgartown artist Margot Datz. The colorful mural, eight months in the making, spans the entire east wall of the Children's Room

and is filled with detailed depictions of creatures from all the oceans of the world. This wonderful work joins the paintings bequeathed to Edgartown by Charles Simpson in 1933 as yet another treasure in the library's collection of fine art.

The library's Program Room, with its auditorium-grade sound and projection systems, continued to enrich Edgartown's cultural life in 2018. In the Program Room and on the front lawn, the library presented more than a dozen free live concert events with performers from the Duo Marchand and the Vineyard Classic Brass to Celtic harpist Áine Minogue and the Vineyard's favorite blues band, Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish.

Every summer the south wall of the Program Room becomes a gallery space for month-long exhibits of work by Island visual artists. This year's gallery shows presented Island landscapes painted by Bill Buckley, an eclectic collection of folk-pop art by TimoNanda Elliott, and a wall-spanning installation of new geometric, textile-inspired paintings by Sarah Gail Hutcherson.

The Program Room's big screen was sparkling all year with children's films, holiday classics, operas, recent releases, and curated series of international and documentary movies. In April the library celebrated the birthday of William Shakespeare by screening one of his great plays every day for a week.

Events at the library in 2018 included book talks by Island authors, six weeks of chair yoga with instructor Carolyn Kildegaard, a winter slow-cooking class led by Virginia Munro of the library staff, illustrated talks on insects of Martha's Vineyard by Matt Pelikan, on landlord-tenant issues with the Vineyard Mediation Program, and on astronomy by



The Program Room was busy all year. Here, State Rep. Dylan Fernandes meets with constituents.

Dr. Bruce Ward. Kathy Lavieri led workshops on using the iPad, Enid Haller spoke on Lyme disease, AARP volunteers helped seniors fill out tax returns and Alex Welles presented a travelogue tracing the adventures of Antarctic explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. Elizabeth Benedict led a workshop on the college admissions process, Donald Nitchie led a Haiku workshop, Tom Ignacio of the library staff gave lessons on guitar, and Deirdre Decarion led introductory classes on playing the ukulele. (In a program funded by the Friends of the Edgartown Library, ukuleles and guitars were added to the collection for patrons to borrow in 2018.)



Elyce Bonnell leads a children's story hour.

Government and community groups across the Island expanded their use of the library's Program Room during 2018. The Town of Edgartown used the space for official committee meetings and for workshops on topics from workplace bullying to retirement planning. Neighborhood associations used the room for their annual meetings. Police officers from across the Island gathered for special classes, and librarians from every Island town gathered for training in emergency preparedness. The League of Women

Voters used the room for Edgartown's 2018 candidates' night event. In August, State Rep. Dylan Fernandes held a public meeting with constituents in the Program Room. As a high school senior, Keith Chatinover used the Program Room in March to organize two busloads of young people heading for the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C., and in December, after his election as Dukes County commissioner, he was back for his first Edgartown forum.

In 2018, the library took advantage of its growing connection to Edgartown's younger readers and began expanding its programs for young adult patrons. A young adult book group, begun in September, has connected with a steadily growing group of participants, and a



Harpist Áine Minogue performs a program of Celtic music.

monthly art club group was also formed in the fall, both led by Morgan Stanley-Kominers of the library staff. In October, Tom Ignacio started a weekly group that meets to play classic games (from cards and dice to board games) that connect kids directly with each other rather than through their digital devices.

But by far the fastest-growing front for all activities at the Edgartown Public Library in 2018 has been the Children's Department. During the library's first year with Elyce Bonnell as children's librarian, kids learned to make healthy snacks in monthly cooking classes, learned to knit with Cindy Bonnell, and sat for special story hours with members of the Coast Guard and the Edgartown police and fire departments. Animal visitors in the Children's Room included Tony, the therapy pony, Farm Institute sheep and friendly goats from Julie Scott's farm. Children planted shamrock seeds for St. Patrick's Day with teachers from the Farm Institute and played at Dungeons & Dragons with Ben Retmier. They folded paper cranes, decorated mugs for Father's Day, and clambered over all sorts of big vehicles at Touch a Truck Day in August, held next-door at the Edgartown School. Laurel Redington of MVY Radio launched Radio Games, an after-school program engaging middle-schoolers and teaching them communication skills. Halloween festivities drew a



Checking out: Lily Walter, daughter Juna, and Tom Ignacio at the circulation desk.

colorful crowd, and at the year's end kids sat for portraits with Santa and partied at the library's New Year's Eve celebration.

Finally, on the digital front, 2018 saw dramatic growth in the Edgartown Library's online offerings for its patrons. For the first time, the library connected patrons to Hoopla and Kanopy, two rich online resources for eBooks, audiobooks and movies. Meanwhile the digital titles available to all patrons in the CLAMS library network continue to expand. Patrons may now borrow digital materials from library consortia throughout the state under a new reciprocal lending program. (On most days, library staff are available to give quick tutorials on how to connect with these digital resources.)

As 2018 ended, the staff and trustees were completing work on a five-year strategic plan for the library. Development of this plan has involved public forums held with patrons in June, a survey of patrons conducted in July and August, and staff and trustee workshops held during the summer. When completed, the strategic plan will guide the Edgartown Public Library in its mission to remain responsive and relevant to the needs of its community, and to maintain its tradition of excellence in service, fostering life-long learning and enriching the lives of all the patrons it serves.

To the library's dedicated staff, to the voters whose continued support for the library makes its superior service possible, and to the Friends of the Edgartown Library for the funding that underwrites so many of the library's programs, our deepest thanks.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Edgartown Free Public Library Board of Trustees  
 Julie Lively, Chair (2021)  
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Trustees meet on third Thursday of each month.

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**Facts at a Glance**

*fiscal year ending 6/30/2018*

Collection size.....	117,091
Books .....	36,474
Subscriptions.....	105
Audio CDs .....	2,562
Video .....	8,463
Downloadable audio .....	10,937
Downloadable books.....	57,586
Circulation.....	83,703
Edgartown residents holding library cards .....	2,330
Edgartown library cards total .....	6,633
Volunteers .....	45
Volunteer hours .....	631
Total attendance at programs.....	14,186
Total annual foot traffic.....	91,855





# HUMAN RESOURCES

## BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following calendar year 2018 report to the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Edgartown.

With vigorous seasonal tourist, resort and building construction activity all coinciding again in 2018, the Board of Health experienced a busy year. Several noteworthy topics that stand out in the year include:

### **Food Service Permitting, Inspection and the New Food Code**

With 103 permitted food establishments in town and an additional 29 temporary food events permitted throughout the year; a significant amount of department resources were focused in this area. The state enacted the long awaited food code updates in October. The fall code rollout allowed the department to brief all license holders on changes and new requirements as part of their calendar year permit renewals leading into 2019. The basic principals of food safety remain essentially the same but the code update does allow the consumer to make more informed choices. The updated code requires that license holders notify customers via a prominently posted sign or placard of their right to review the latest Board of Health inspection report. The code also improves labeling requirements for grab-and-go or packaged prepared food. For those traveling, vacationing or visiting other communities; these opportunities and requirements apply to food service establishments statewide.

### **Public Health Nurse Services**

On July 1 the Board of Health entered into a contract with Island Health Care to provide prevention and wellness-focused services to town residents. For the prior several years the contract was awarded to VNA of Cape Cod. The Board would like to thank VNA for their effort and service - especially during a time when it was difficult to secure a vendor willing to provide these services. The Board is enthusiastic about now having an island-based provider delivering these services. Island Health Care won the contracts for all six Vineyard towns this year which allows the island health departments to easily offer multi-town or island-wide events such as the flu immunization clinic, the Parkinson's support group and various opportunities at the Council on Aging. Being island based with experience in the community, Island Health Care has been able to significantly increase the number of home visits for

homebound town residents. This aspect of the contract has always been a mainstay of the nursing services program. Generally, this contract provides wellness, education and prevention focused services and does not provide skilled home nursing care. Please contact the Board of Health office for more information about what this program offers if you have a particular interest or need.

### **Tick Borne Illness Prevention Program**

In 2018 the "tick program" moved into the Dukes County offices through an MOU with the county. For those readers that have been keeping up with this effort, the tick program initially started as a five-year grant from the Martha's Vineyard Hospital in 2011 with the goal of developing a sustainable program beyond the end of the grant period. At the end of the hospital grant cycle the program had become established and well enough known to become largely donor funded. Edgartown functioned as the fiduciary agent until the move to the county in 2018. However, the program didn't have much permanence without an official host agency. With the county now hosting the program it has more official standing and should provide program structure and continuity into the future. Richard Johnson continues as the program director. The affiliation with the county allowed the hiring of two summer interns to work under Mr. Johnson's direction. As a result, 203-yard assessments were performed in 2018 (double number of the prior year); five public presentations were made along with a spring "tick fair". Mr. Johnson also presented on the island's tick program at the annual statewide Tick and Tick-borne Disease Symposium held at UMass/Amherst in the fall. The program received considerable publicity locally and internationally. The Wall Street Journal, Canadian NPR, The Point with Mindy Todd on WCAI and several articles in both local newspapers all featured the "MV Tick Program". One of the main efforts of the tick program is to disrupt the link between deer herd density and the tick population through promotion of deer herd reduction (hunting). That effort is seeing some hard earned success with the 10-year deer harvest from 2005 to 2015 averaging 625 tagged deer during hunting season. With increased support and promotion from the tick program there were 767 deer harvested in 2016 and 844 in 2017. Early reports for the hunting season ending December 31, 2018 are that there was another modest increase in harvest for the season just ended. Please visit our website at mvboh.org to view information regarding the tick program.

## Quick Facts and Statistics

Activity	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Septic permits (total)	113	121	124	95	101
Septic permits (new construction)	29	33	28	37	22
Septic repair or up-grade permits	60	60	67	30	45
Enhanced Treatment septic system with nitrogen removal	20	17	16	10	8
Septic system abandonment permit	22	26	28	28	32
Septic application withdrawn prior to action	2	2	1	0	2
Sale and Transfer septic system inspection reports received	123	126	76	108	97
Passing transfer inspections	109	117	72	103	88
Failed transfer inspections	7	6	3	3	5
“Needs further evaluation” transfer inspections	4	1	0	2	2
“Conditionally passes” transfer inspections	3	2	1	0	2
Well Construction permits (new and replacement)	10	27	28	23	32
Food Establishment permits	103	99	95	94	94
Temporary Food Event permits	29	25	24	23	30
Tobacco sale permits	10	10	12	12	12
“Verified Under-age tobacco sale violations via compliance checks”	2 (federal checks)	2	4	n/a	n/a
Residential Pool Const.	27	21	33	33	27
Body Art Establishment (tattoo)	0	0	1	1	1
Fertilizer Application Permit (2015 first year required, 3 year lifespan)	20	0	0	30	n/a
Department revenue from fees	\$60,886	\$53,930	\$48,937	\$49,575	\$45,332

### **In Brief**

- The Board of Health increased application fees across the board for the first time in ten years. The new fees sync fairly closely to other island towns and help cover the cost of overseeing and regulating various programs related to human and environmental health.
- Bathing beach water quality was monitored either weekly or monthly, depending on location, throughout the swimming season. Rainfall that produces significant runoff is the main factor contributing to degraded swimming water quality at some locations. Without the influence of storm water runoff from impervious surfaces affecting water quality, Edgartown continues to have very good quality bathing beach water quality.
- Anyone wishing to have a drinking water test of their well water is invited to obtain a sample bottle from the Board of Health office. Analysis is performed by the Wampanoag Environmental Laboratory when using bottles obtained from the Board of Health. The town participates in a multi-town courier system from late June through the end of August of each year. Testing during those months can be coordinated through the Board of Health office with the courier program and

can save you the drive to Aquinnah. Please contact the Board of Health office to arrange obtaining a bottle or utilizing the courier.

- Replacement and repair of home septic systems can be cost prohibitive for many town residents. The town does not have any funding available to provide financial assistance. However, many town residents have been able to secure funding for septic system design and construction from The Resource, Inc. (TRI); a grant funded public assistance program. TRI has an island-based office supporting health and safety related home improvements for income-qualified applicants. Please contact the Board of Health office if you'd like contact information for TRI or you can find them on the web.

### **Thanks to volunteers, staff and contributions from board members**

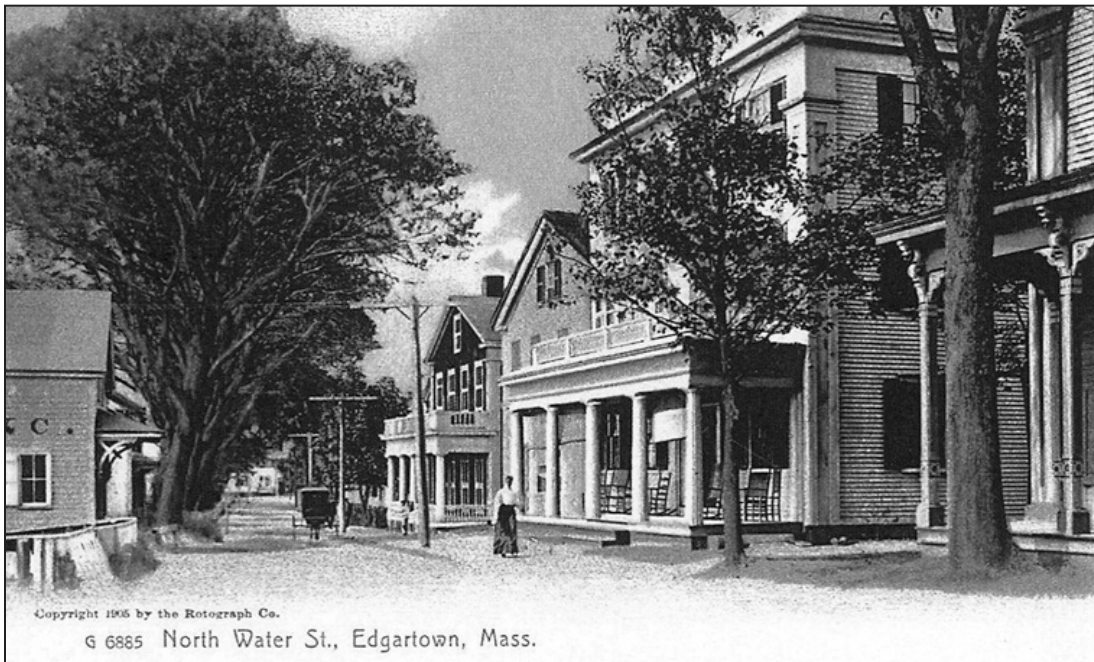
Annual thanks are due again to John Clark and Tom Pierce who serve as Edgartown's representatives to the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District. Janet Hathaway is the Assistant to the Board of Health and continues to manage the office, most public inquiries and also performs the semi-public pool inspections. Kathe Kiley, Food

Establishment Inspector, has spent the year diligently working exclusively in the food service sector in a job description assigned 850 hrs. per year (approx. 6.5 hrs/licensee/year). Her work with all of Edgartown's vendors is an appreciated public benefit. Matt Poole is the town's Health Agent and carries out or oversees the responsibilities of the Board of Health on a daily basis.

Please feel free to contact us at any time throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD T. ZADAH, Chairman  
KATHIE N. CASE  
E. GARRETT ORAZEM, D.M.D.



## COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Edgartown:

The Council on Aging, known as The Anchors, added new members, guests, visitors, and participants to programs and events in 2018, continuing to expand services to our Edgartown elders. Attendance by Edgartown seniors increased in almost every category and event. ***Overall, in 2018, 1,052 seniors participated over 11,681 times in an Anchors sponsored meal, activity, program, or event. This includes the number of elders served by the Anchors outreach team in the Edgartown community.***

Additionally, on 753 separate occasions, people signed in as “guests” and attended one program or another at the Anchors in 2018.

Moreover, the generosity of the Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging and Edgartown residents contributed to improvements to our senior center, making it more safe, appealing, and inviting for staff and guests. We cannot adequately express our gratitude and appreciation to our Friends for helping make this all possible.

### **COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD ACTIVITY**

The COA seven-member supervisory Board is comprised of volunteers, all Edgartown residents. The Board meets monthly, except July and August, on the third Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m., at The Anchors. This year, the Board continued to focus on outreach and services to the Edgartown senior community, particularly our home-bound elders. The Board also joined an initiative to bring Elder Services’ Protective Services to the island, intending to provide round-the-clock advocates for abused or neglected seniors. **Board Chair Jay Sigler** and **Co-chair Rosemary Cunningham** provide wisdom and leadership. Long term members **Heidi Boyd** and **Marvene O’Rourke** provide oversight and guidance. Three new Board members, **Stephen Miller, Nancy Ignacio, and Mary Jane Carpenter** have added their intelligence and knowledge to Board management and oversight. All come with combined educations, skills, and experience that make them wonderful assets to our Board.

The Anchors would not be the popular, successful senior center it is without the generous donations of time, energy, and resources from our dedicated Board members.

### **STAFF**

Administrator, **Paul Mohair, Esq.**, has over thirty-two years experience in the field of legal and human services assistance to the elderly and provides the Department with high quality management and direction. Paul became Administrator of the Department in March, 2011. He oversees all functions of the COA and takes this opportunity

in the Annual Report to thank the Edgartown Selectmen and all members of our Town government as well as the citizens of Edgartown for their continued help and support for our Department, staff, and seniors we serve.

**Donna Paulson**, our secretary/receptionist is in her tenth year of employment at the Council on Aging. Donna continues to greet all visitors, answer the phone, and respond to community needs, as well administering our Open Cupboard (food surplus) program. Her cheery presence at the reception area adds to the welcoming atmosphere of the Council on Aging.

Cook **Diane Wall** has been running the Anchors’ kitchen over ten years. Diane’s delicious Tuesday and Friday lunches provide nutrition and opportunities for seniors to linger, mingle, and socialize at their leisure in our pleasant dining room overlooking the Edgartown harbor. Diane’s tasty home-made frozen soups “to go” are available every day and a staple in many an Edgartown senior’s fridge Her magical ability to plan, purchase, prepare and serve quality food and meals has allowed the Anchors to keep the price of its Tuesday sandwich lunches at \$2, and its Friday Café entrees at \$5(!). And she does all this while maintaining a spotless, super clean, bacteria-free kitchen. Diane is an amazing chef of unparalleled culinary talents.

**Wendy Benedetto** completed her fifth year as Director of Senior Services in December, 2018. Wendy’s previous training and experience with the Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living has served her well at the Anchors. Wendy has proven herself a valuable member of the Anchors Council on Aging team. Wendy’s positive attitude, sparkling personality, and dedication bring light and cheer to the Anchors and all our programming, as well as managing our volunteers. The increasing record number of seniors attending her planned activities and events is a testament to her natural talents, skills, and accomplishments. Wendy is also an integral member of The Anchors’ outreach team, ensuring the safety and well being of Edgartown seniors at home while assessing the need for support and helping to arrange services where appropriate.

One of the most important components of the Department is community outreach. In 2018, our outreach worker, Edgartown resident **Victoria Haeselbarth**, increased services and the number of seniors served both in the Anchors and at their homes. Victoria links seniors with programs and services that will help them remain well and independent. She provides case management for the most vulnerable seniors, providing them with support and guidance. This includes, but is not limited to, assistance with benefits applications, such as housing, fuel assistance and SNAP (food stamps), developing care plans, facilitating family meetings regarding age-related concerns or

simply supplying emotional support. In 2018, over 730 seniors were contacted, case managed, visited, and served. In a program coordinated with the Edgartown EMTs, Victoria and EMT responders collaborated in visiting the homes of seniors, conducting in-home safety assessments, changing smoke detector batteries, supplying carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers and/or lock boxes, updating Files of Life, and discussing advanced care planning. In addition to outreach, Victoria is webmaster of the COA website; she is also a member of the Dukes County Health Council, Harbor Homes homeless prevention, Healthy Aging MV, and co-leader of the island's Memory Support Group. In 2018, Victoria attended MCOA workshops, trained in the fuel assistance and Snap programs, attended an annual Alzheimer's conference, and completed master's degree graduate classes.

#### **GRANT FUNDED OUTREACH**

With funding from the state's annual grant, the Anchors employed a part-time outreach worker, **Meris Keating**, from October 2017, to March, 2018. Meris contacted every Edgartown senior who appears on our town street list to make wellness calls and determine if arrangements for support services to those seniors who may need them. She also successfully assisted Wendy and Victoria with day to day outreach and program responsibilities, mentioned above.

#### **NOTABLE NEW PROGRAMS AND OTHER EVENTS IN 2018**

The following are some of the Council on Aging activities, events, and programs for 2018. It is not all inclusive.

The most significant event in 2018, with huge consequences for the Anchors, was the relocation of the private, non-profit MV Center for Living ("MVC4L") in January. The MVC4L was headquartered in our COA over thirty (30!) years. The MVC4L's Supportive Day Program occupied Anchors' resource space two full days each week. When the MVC4L moved to its new facility in Vineyard Haven, our COA gained two days for additional programming. The following, then, includes "new" programs and events created thereby, as well as others that have been with us for awhile.

Exercise classes include Tai Chi, Qigong, strength training, yoga and chair yoga; programming includes Stress Management Class with MV Partnership for Health, two Elder Mediation and Conflict Resolution Workshops with MV Mediation; a six-week class, "Powerful Tools for Caregivers," with MV Partnership for Health; twice weekly bridge, movies, weekly Art Club, SHINE appointments (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), Elder Law appointments, cooking classes, new monthly Women's and Men's Book Club; ear wellness and hearing tests, visits from our Selectmen, Fall Prevention with our Fire

Department, Coffee with a Cop, iPad classes, intergenerational programs with high school students, bowling at Barn Bowl & Bistro, Antibiotics Awareness Program, annual MV Hospital Health Fair, monthly newsletters, memory screenings, monthly art exhibits, senior off-island trips, music performances, derby fish distribution, Open Pantry (surplus food) distribution, dental hygiene and foot clinics, fuel assistance, home delivered holiday meals, Conversation Group, Poetry Group, games and crafts, Mah Jong, Needlepoint, Needlework for Charity, Mindful Knitting, AARP Tax Assistance Program, screenings by our town public health nurse, Veterans Services, VTA senior bus pass distribution, Christmas in Edgartown Open House, notary public services, Memory Support Group, and karaoke.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Council on Aging and our Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy, give thanks to the dozens of volunteers who donated their time in 2018. These include our Board members, fish distribution assistants, friendly visitors, Gleaners, kitchen helpers, cooks, dining room set up assistants, reception and telephone assistants, club and group leaders, newsletter team, drivers, meal deliverers, surplus food handlers, craft class leaders, our SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs to Everyone) representative, and tax prep helpers. The benefits of volunteering are *economic*: almost 2,000 hours of volunteering provided \$30,000 of services to our town; *social*: our volunteers visited with many seniors helping to bridge services and build a more cohesive and stable community; *individual*: our volunteers met new people, gained work experience and put their talents to use by helping and teaching others. We salute our hard working volunteers. Thank you, all.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND DONATIONS**

Donations were received from the following businesses and individuals: Chilmark Chocolates, MV Bass & Bluefish Derby, Murdick's Cafe, Murdick's Fudge, Katama General Store, The Island Grown Gleaners, Slip Away Farm, Island Food Products, Edgartown Pizza, farmer Bob Daniels, and the many individuals, gardeners, farms, and farmers who brought us fresh vegetables and flowers. Also, thank you for the donations from many, many Edgartown residents who gave food, produce, books, and cash. We are extremely grateful to our local businesses, friends and neighbors, and many more who make the Anchors special.

#### **FRIENDS OF THE ECOA**

The Friends of the Edgartown Council On Aging meet regularly to assist the COA in serving and supporting our community's seniors. Our Friends continue to be a tremendous financial and spiritual resource. This year, the Friends contributed over \$11,000, supporting and subsi-

dizing such programs as: food for our monthly surplus food program, classes at Featherstone Center for the Arts and COMSOG, yoga, tai chi, bowling, and strength training classes; purchased roses for our monthly birthday party luncheons and planning calendars for our holiday open house; funded several presentations and musical performances and subsidized an off-island trip. Moreover, the Friends also donate to seniors' heating and energy costs, as well as gift cards for the Stop and Shop supermarket. In collaboration with our EMTs and outreach, the Friends created an account which funded smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and lock boxes. Our Friends intend to expand the physical space and facilities of the Anchors. It is their generosity, caring, and hard work by which the Anchors is able to offer a diversity of wonderful programs. THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

**TOWN DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER**

We are grateful for the Town Departments that help meet the needs of the Anchors and town seniors. The Town Assessor's office continues the senior tax work-off program that allows seniors to work and receive property tax credit. Our Board of Health funds our public health nurse and blood pressure clinics, case management, and home visits. The Police Department assists with outreach and distributes emergency call phone number listings to seniors. The Fire Department and EMTs updated seniors' personal information. Our Library donated rooms for Anchors-sponsored programs. Our COA is part of the Emergency Management Team coordinating emergency responses to storms, hurricanes, and inclement weather events.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

We have maintained our partnership with the Trustees of Reservations, providing educational tours of its island properties. We have partnerships with the Martha's Vineyard Museum and Featherstone Center for the Arts and Community Solar Greenhouse (COMSOG) which are subsidized by our Friends. Most importantly, as a member of Healthy Aging MV, our COA supports and makes valuable contributions to island-wide programs and initiatives benefiting seniors.

**PROGRAM AND SERVICES**

**STATISTICS**

The Council On Aging served 1,052 individuals, mostly Edgartown seniors. Not incidentally, over 700 "guests" attended one program or another at the Anchors in 2018.

Sadly, a number of our senior friends have passed on. Others have relocated. We shall miss them, as always.

In 2018, 507 "new" seniors were added to the Anchors' list of seniors. These are town elders who had not previously been served or in the Anchors for any reason.

According to our town street list, Edgartown's aged sixty plus population is about 1,700 seniors. Of the 1,052 individual seniors served, 62% were women and 38% men; or 656 women, 396 men. This population was served or participated in Anchors programming more than 8,400 times.

*Statistics below reflect numbers of individuals participating in different Anchors programs; the numbers do not include how many times each individual attended each program and/or event. Moreover, these numbers do not reflect all attendees of all programs, but show attendance for our most popular activities, events, and outreach. These numbers, or data, are entered into our MySeniorCenter data base and reported in various ways, depending on the statistics sought.*

**OUTREACH / ADVOCACY**

448 received advocacy for support services  
 42 received health insurance counseling  
 96 individuals received visits in their homes  
 214 received assistance, including fuel subsidy, family support, hospital visits

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

14 received legal services and financial management consulting  
 406 received mental health support

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

96 received friendly visits  
 731 received telephone reassurance calls  
 17 borrowed medical equipment  
 61 purchased senior VTA bus passes

**WELLNESS**

41 attended COA sponsored memory support group  
 172 attended yoga, strength training, walking, cycling, and other exercise groups  
 104 attended various programs, including blood pressure screening, dental, and foot clinic

**NUTRITION, LUNCHESES**

88 received monthly Open Cupboard/surplus food, including fish derby distribution  
 428 attended Anchors lunches\*

*\*2,552 lunches were served by our kitchen to the 428 seniors who came for lunch in 2018*

**OTHER**

83 attended educational programs, including computers, cooking, and crafts  
 171 attended cultural events, such as movies, poetry, music performances

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Respectfully submitted,

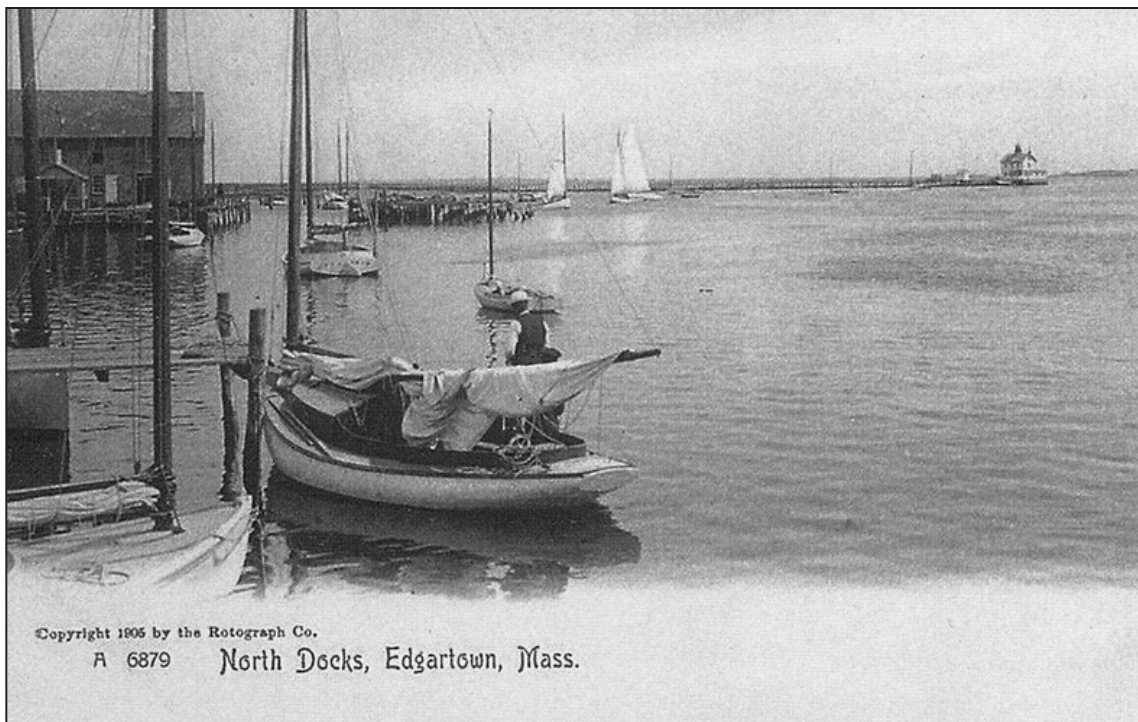
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## ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands Inc. is a private not-for-profit community-based organization serving the changing needs of the older adult population. Since 1972, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of elders and assisting them to maintain maximum independence and dignity. We are the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the State designated Aging Services Access Point (ASAP), and the Aging Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC).

In FY 18 Elder Services Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 47,524 meals provided through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. There were 235 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 262 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 100 Meals on Wheels volunteers. Under the oversight of the Elder Services registered Dietitian, all meals are prepared by the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and are delivered to homes and dining sites in all six towns by our volunteers. Our Senior Dining sites are located at the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and Up Island Councils on Aging. Our Nutrition program also participates in the Island Food Equity Network Summit.

Our Home Care Program provides eligible elders the supportive services they need to live safely and independently at home. Professional Care Managers assess needs, develop a service plan, arrange for necessary support, and see elders on an ongoing basis ensure continuous management of services. In FY 18, The Home Care Program served 281 elders on MV. There were 25,019 hours provided through; personal care assistance, skilled nursing, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 84 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) and the cost for our consumers to attend the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Supportive Day Program was covered by our Home Care Program.

Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Elder Services of Cape Cod and The Islands has also been an active member of The Dukes County Health Council since its inception. We also serve on the Oversight Committee of its Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard task force as well as the Falls Prevention sub-committee. Our Protective Services unit has joined Martha's Vineyard Community Services' Connect to End Violence elder abuse prevention effort and Safe Seniors collaboration. We look forward to active and ongoing participation in these local initiatives.

In addition to the Elder Services' in-house programs that serve the elder population, the AAA distributes Older America Act funds to other community agencies/organizations to provide needed care and assistance. Martha's Vineyard was awarded funds for programs offered through Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS). MVCS provides bi-monthly support groups for caregivers of elders. MVCS also provides some funding for respite needs while caregiver attends the support group. This program was awarded \$7,500. MVCS also provides home/community short-term assessment, intervention, and referral for mental health and substance abuse issues for elders 60 and over. This program was awarded \$8,000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

MEGAN PANEK, MV Director



## Programs and Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mature Workers Program:** Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

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

**Options Counseling:** Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elders aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, support, and settings.

**Long Term Care Ombudsman Program:** Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their families to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.

**Long Term Care Screening:** Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

## MARTHAS VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

### **Mission statement:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living strives to improve the quality of life for those impacted by issues of aging and impairment."

In January of 2018, the Center for Living moved all programs, staff and participants to the newly renovated building at 29 Breakdown Lane in Vineyard Haven. Purchased in 2015 by Dukes County with the support of all six island towns; renovations were completed in 2017 with funds donated to the Center for Living from the estate of former island resident Margaret A. Yates. 2018 was a year of change and growth, with challenges met and overcome. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. As a 501c3 non-profit it is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 13 members, 2 from each island town and one County representative, as follows: Gail Barmakian, President (OB); Adam Wilson, Vice-President (Aqu); June Manning, Clerk (Aqu); Shirley Dewing, Treasurer (Edg); Jane Keenan (Edg); Nelson Smith (OB); Miki Badnek, (Tisb); Eerik Meisner, (Tisb); Risë Terney, (WT); Chris Decker (WT); Mary Breslauer, (Chil); Martina Thornton (Dukes County).

### **Programs & 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 unable to participate independently in community activities and programs such as those offered at the local Senior Centers. Equally important is respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of the clients at the SDP have various and sometimes multiple conditions of the aging process, or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. However, most wish to remain at home in the care of their families. The SDP affords them ability to participate in their community, enjoying the company of their peers in a safe environment free of stigma. The SDP offers companionship and a wide range of engaging activities tailored to individual capacity including exercise and yoga, music and dancing, arts and crafts, a book group, history club and more. Most importantly careful attention is paid to the physical and emotional needs of our clients. In 2018, one important new aspect of the SDP is the provision of the noon meal. Although this has been challenging, we have successfully launched the new meal program to rave reviews. Some meals have been provided through generous donations from several restaurants and caterers including Linda Jean's, Mocha Motts, Lucky Hank's, Island Fresh Pizza, the Black Dog Bakery, Johnny Smiles catering, Buckley Catering and one donor who

wishes to remain anonymous. Daily transportation to and from the Center is available and provided by the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA).

In 2018, 39 individuals were served at the SDP, providing over 21,000 hours of quality care as well as respite for families and caregivers. Clients have the option of participation for full or half days on a schedule that suits them and their caregivers. On July 1, 2018 our rates were raised to \$50 for full day and \$35 for half day attendance, still a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The move to the new building has afforded us the opportunity to expand the SDP to 5 days and we expect to implement this in early 2019. The new space also allows us to increase the number of clients we serve on a daily basis.

#### **Dementia Family Support:**

In 2017 we received a small grant from the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard to implement a pilot Dementia Family Support Program. With the initial grant we implemented a Dementia Caregiver Support Group twice a month. In addition a trained clinician is available to do cognitive assessments, refer to a Neurologist for further diagnostic testing, and to local agencies including Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands, the CORE program at MV Community Services, and the Center for Living Supportive Day Program and the Memory & Music Café for additional supports and services. The individuals served through this program range in age from late 50's to mid-90's, with more than half in their 80's. Most requests for referrals and services are initiated by family caregivers and other agencies involved with the client.

In 2018, we received a \$7,100 grant from United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands to continue this program on a limited basis; the twice monthly Dementia Caregiver Support Group continues, and allowing for a small number of hours for individual assessments and referrals.

#### **Memory and Music Café:**

In 2018 the Memory & Music Café also moved to 29 Breakdown Lane. Memory Cafés are a national movement in community based services for older adults with memory loss, their family members and caregivers. In Massachusetts, Cafés have also been open to older adults with developmental disabilities, and a portion of our funding for the Memory and Music Café comes from the state Department of Disability Services (DDS). Music is central to our Memory Café, with live music and singing every week. Ours is the only café we know of that is offered weekly, where most are offered once or twice a month. There are currently 100 Memory Cafés across Massachusetts. We participate in a state-wide Memory Café quarterly meeting that has begun to garner participation from other states that are interested in starting

Memory Cafés in their are-as. Memory Cafés differ but are all welcoming places where people can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear of stigma. There is no charge to participants and each week 20 to as many as 40 participants join us for two hours of music, song, conversation and camaraderie.

**Funding Sources:**

MV Center for Living; Department of Developmental Services (State); local grant resources; ongoing fundraising

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

FY2018 was the final year in which we were able to offer the Medical Taxi program, primarily due to reductions in grant funding. As the program ended in September, we had served 212 Islanders with transportation 1064 one way trips to and from medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The direct cost of this program was \$20,620.

**Funding Sources:**

Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands, Department of Elder Affairs Grant, M V Center for Living (in-kind), voluntary donations from participants.

**Cape Medivan Service (formerly the Medical Taxi Program):**

As stated, by September of 2018 grant funding and donation support for the Medical Taxi program had dwindled to the point where it was no longer sustainable. The Vineyard Transit Authority stepped in with the Cape Medivan Service, a one year pilot program to provide limited transportation to medical appointments on Cape Cod. It is available on Wednesdays with a handicapped accessible VTA mini bus leaving on the 8:15 am boat with passengers going to medical or dental appointments on Cape Cod and in Plymouth. The fee is \$20/round trip, \$10/one way. An application must be completed and reservations are made in advance by calling the VTA. Although the Cape Medivan Service does not provide the level of service that had been provided with the Medical Taxi Program, MV Center for Living is committed to working with the VTA, local Councils on Aging, Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands and others, to advance ways to increase this service and find additional funding to continue after the pilot year is over.

**Emergency Food Program:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living is a sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program on-island, coordinating five Emergency Food Pantries (four Senior Centers and the Serving Hands Pantry, at the Baptist Church Parish House on Williams St. in Vineyard Haven). Every month, each pantry orders a variety of nutritious foods from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston. MV Center for Living coordinates with Island Food Products (IFP) to pick up and deliver these orders for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

The value of Island Food Products donation (truck, time, storage, Steamship Authority) is over \$30,000. Transportation costs reimbursed to IFP: \$4,000. Island Grown Initiative also distributes fresh produce at the Emergency Pantry sites, 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. The Faith Community, led by the Good Shepherd Parish also orders food from the Food Bank during December, January and February, to support their Community Suppers and Homeless Shelter program.

The Emergency Food Program serves an average of 250 households monthly, including children and elders. Through the Greater Boston Food Bank we also have access to grant funding to increase capacity by providing additional refrigeration and/or freezer storage at sites where this is feasible. This year we also received a \$900 grant to purchase two additional freezers for the Serving Hands pantry at the Baptist Church.

**Funding sources:**

Project Bread Grant \$3,000 (annual); Vineyard Committee on Hunger donation, \$2,333; Stop & Shop donations (Food for Friends Program) \$2,539. In 2018 we received 67,000 pounds of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank; value of food received \$86,147; cost of purchased food \$1900.

**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 at a cost of \$8,000 annually. MV Center for Living is responsible for editing and submitting the information published in the 55Plus Times. It is a valuable source of information and we look forward in 2019 to working with the MV Times editors and staff to make this publication an even better resource for islanders 55 and over.

**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 with the Councils on Aging and the Martha's Vineyard Hospital

kitchen to provide 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 and the Councils on Aging coordinate volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In March 2018, 78 Easter meals were delivered, and during the 2018 holiday season, 85 meals were delivered on Thanksgiving Day, and on Christmas Day, 86 meals were delivered to home-bound seniors.

**Older Americans Act / Senior Nutrition Program:**

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 annual budget. In FY2018, the island towns on contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

We are grateful for 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 support and generosity makes a positive impact on the lives of many islanders and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP,  
Executive Director

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

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

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

The council members are:

Lisa Sherman, Claire Chalfoun, vacancy - Edgartown  
 Wendy Weldon, Heather Goff,  
 Margaret Emerson - Chilmark  
 vacancy, Wallace Bullock, vacancy - Oak Bluffs  
 Elizabeth Witham, Macy Dunbar,  
 Penny Weinstein - Aquinnah  
 Julia Kidd, Laura O'Brien, vacancy - Tisbury  
 Linda Vadasz (secretary), Niki Paton,  
 Robert Hauck (chair) - West Tisbury

Each year the Council meets 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, and interpretive sciences. Instructions, program guidelines, and application forms are available at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.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 benefitting the year-round Island community.

In November 2018 the Commonwealth allocated to the MVCC \$26,400 for local re-granting. The six Vineyard towns also contributed generously; Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted \$1,500, \$3,000, \$3,000, \$1,500, \$3,000, and \$3,000, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$42,006.

In 2018 the MVCC received 51 applications requesting over \$123,000.

The 44 awards granted by the MVCC at its December 1, 2018, annual review meeting. Grants ranged from \$1,700 to \$425. The awardees are listed below:

Applicant	Title	Award (\$)
Lynn Thorp		
	MV Signs Then & Now	1,144
MV Chamber Music Society		
	Artist in Residence	1,059
Chilmark Free Library		
	Library Poetry Program	900
MV Chamber Music Society		
	Project Cello Concert Support	680
MV Chamber Music Society		
	Cello Concert	800

Daniel Waters		
	Photographic Time Capsule of MV	\$1,370
Oak Bluffs Public Library		
	Festival of African American Literature and Culture	1,548
MV Library Association		
	Summer Reading Kick Off 1029	1,192
Abby Bender		
	Built on Stilts	1,656
Harriet Bernstein		
	Mid-Century Modern Architecture	908
MV Playhouse		
	Monday Night at the Movies	968
Steven Henderson		
	Mabel and Jerry	425
Town of Tisbury		
	Town Picnic	625
MV Mini Maker Faire		
	4th Annual Faire	1,130
Tisbury School First Grade		
	Attend Wheelock College Production	540
MVRHS-FBO WT School		
	5th Grade Multicultural Storytelling	897
MV Public Charter School		
	School Play	1,039
Aquinnah Cultural Center		
	13th Annual Native American Artisans Festival	1,700
African American Heritage Trail		
	Lighting the Trail	1,554
Donald Nitchie		
	Poetry Drop-in Writing Workshop	922
Dean Rosenthal		
	Daykah Concert Contemporary Music	500
Mabelle Felipe		
	The News & Weather with Bella	1,154
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute		
	National Fossil Day Celebration	750
Friends of Edgartown Public Library		
	Sounds Like Summer Music	971
Molly Conole		
	Seaglass, Quilts & Songs	701
Media Voices for Children		
	Beneath the Barcode	980
MV Film Festival		
	Vineyard Shorts Program	1,106
Elise LeBovit		
	Duck Spring Hunt	573
Robert Kirn		
	Winter Concert	1,374
The Yard		
	Making it with Godfrey Muwulya	1,165

MVRHS FBO WT School		Davis Bates	
Creative Drama for WTS	967	Thanksgiving Harvest: Performance for Seniors	550
Cinema Circus		Ken Wentworth	
Cinema Circus	1,120	Documentary Film on	
Holly Alaimo		North Atlantic Right Whale	1,387
MV Wind Festival	850	James Norton	
Christina Montoya		Handel's Messiah Part I	920
Brazilian Dance Immersion Project	1,149	Lara O'Brien	
Harriet Bernstein		Restorative Writing Workshop	691
Social Dancers of MV	727	Living Illustrated	
Emma Young		Into the Woods: Living Illustrated Production	471
Poems, Paper, Color, Cloth	885		
Liz Witham			Respectfully submitted,
"Keepers of the Light" Broadcast	1,168		ROBERT HAUCK, Chair
Vineyard Arts Project			
New Choreography Lab	850		

# PLANNING

## PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Planning Board hereby submits a report of its activities for 2018.

### Zoning Bylaw Review

In 2018 the Planning Board continued to review and update the Edgartown's Zoning Bylaw. After review and deliberation, the Board approved the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, for consideration at Annual Town Meeting:

- allow for review of **Common Driveways**
- allow for site review of **Solar Photovoltaic Installations**
- allow review and regulation of **Adult Use Marijuana Establishments**
- remove a **Building Permit Limitation**, which expired in 1990.
- correct errors in street names in the **Island Roads District**
- clarify language regarding permitted uses in the **Inland Zone of the Coastal District**

Further, the **Historic District Commission** has submitted a proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw, which establishes a maximum area of open space that may be 'covered' by structures or non-permeable surfaces in the R5 Residential District, and the Historic District.

A public hearing to receive comment on the proposed amendments is scheduled for January, 2019.

### 2018 Highlights

- Following more than six years of effort by many individuals and committees, the 115-foot cellular antenna on Chappaquiddick, proposed by AT&T, was approved by the MV Commission and the Planning Board. Appeals to both decisions have been filed, and the matter is still pending.
- An expansion to the Stop & Shop on Upper Main Street was approved by the MV Commission, and the Planning Board. An Appeal has been filed, and the matter is still pending.
- Changes to the Zoning Bylaw, including a significant reorganization of sections, have been incorporated, and final copies posted to Town Departments and the Town's website.

### General Statistics:

In 2018, the Planning Board conducted 63 public hearings over the course of 32 posted meetings. Two public hearings remain open, and are continued to March 2019.

The Planning Board received and acted upon 2 applications for Administrative Review of Cellular Facilities, 52 Applications for Special Permits, 17 Plans Not Believed to Require Subdivision Approval, 6 Definitive Subdivision Plans, 4 Request for Form O releases of Subdivision Lots, 4 Curb Cut Applications, 3 requests for De Minimis Determinations, and 1 request for Approval of a Repetitive Petition. Two applications – one for a special permit, and one for approval of a definitive subdivision – remain outstanding as of December 18, 2018.

### Arrivals and Departures

Planning Board Chairman, **Mr. Robert "Coo" Cavallo** passed away unexpectedly on January 1, 2018 at the age of 65. His passing was memorialized with a page set aside in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Board on January 8, 2018.

Coo served as chair of the Planning Board for two of the largest projects in the history of the town. He was a problem solver, a great communicator, and was highly regarded in the community. The Planning Board will long remember his humor, his dedication to the Town, and his contributions to the Board.

In April, the Planning Board welcomed **Mr. Scott Morgan** as a member, having been elected to a five-year term in April. The Board also reappointed **Mr. James Cisek** as an alternate to the Planning Board. Mr. Cisek and Mr. Morgan have both regularly attended meetings throughout the year, and have provided substantial contributions to the regular work of the Planning Board.

In July, **Ms. Georgiana Greenough** retired from her position as Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board, a position she held since replacing Christina Brown in 2005. Ms. Greenough brought vitality, energy, and innovation to the Planning Office, and provided the Board with invaluable guidance and support for more than a decade. The Board recognizes Ms. Greenough for her insight, dedication, and attention to detail, and extends its sincere appreciation and warm wishes to her for the future.

In August, Edgartown Planning Board Clerk **Mr. Douglas Finn** was appointed as the Administrative

Assistant to the Planning Board. Mr. Finn previously served as Executive Assistant and Interim Town Administrator for Deerfield, Massachusetts.

**Looking Forward**

In 2019, the Planning Board expects to continue to

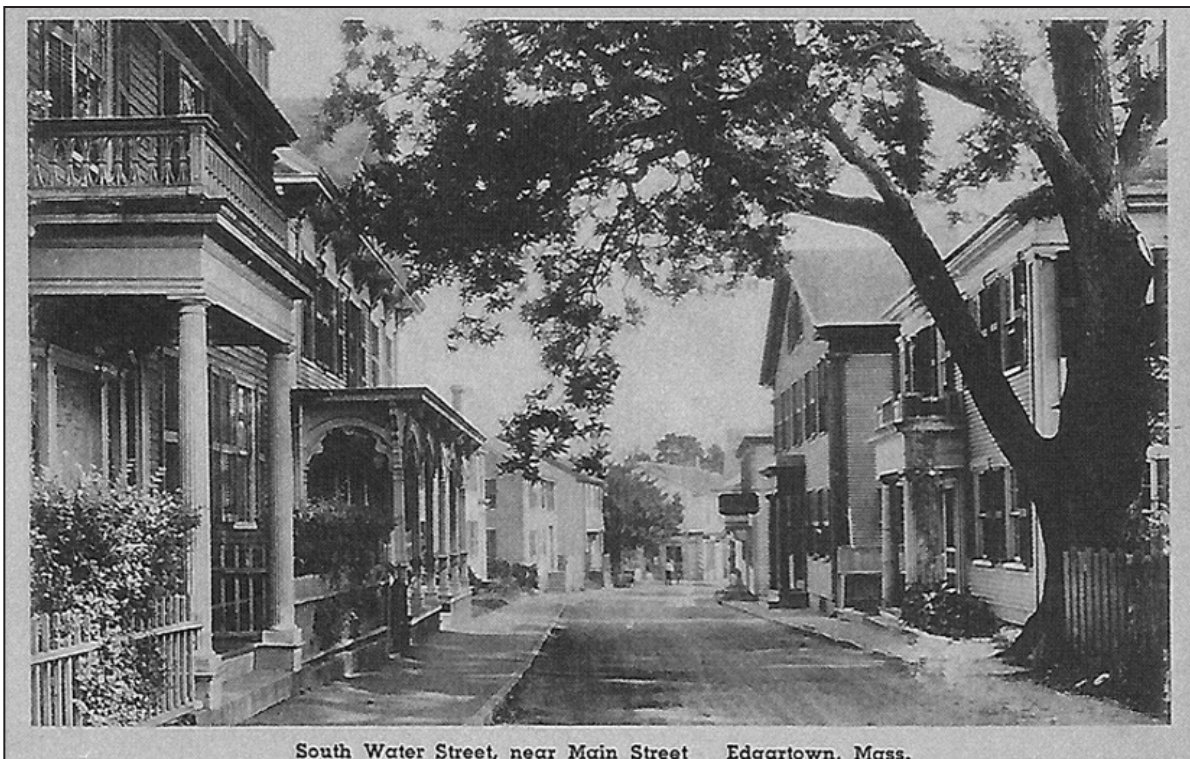
- Review and study the process of submission of ANR Plans (division of land by right under certain circumstances) and ways to prevent unintended negative consequences of same; and
- Review and align the Town's Zoning Bylaw with Board of Health regulations, as related to bedrooms, guest houses, pool houses, and pool cabanas.
- Begin to review and update the Master Plan for Edgartown.

The Planning Board extends its sincere appreciation to employees and residents of the Town of Edgartown.

*The Planning Board generally meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Questions, comments, and suggestions are encouraged. Agendas, minutes, forms, and regulations may be found on the Town's website: [www.Edgartown-MA.us](http://www.Edgartown-MA.us)*

Respectfully submitted,

SAM SHERMAN, Chairman  
FRED MASCOLO  
MICHAEL MCCOURT  
SCOTT MORGAN  
LUCY MORRISON  
JAMES CISEK, Alternate  
DOUGLAS FINN,  
Administrative Assistant





## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The following is a list of cases heard by the Edgartown Zoning Board of Appeals during the calendar year 2018: *[The numbers that appear in brackets after the applicant's address represent the town's assessor's map and lot numbers]*

- 49-17 ASHTON - 43 BOYLSTON [22-1.233] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a cooks pavilion was approved.
- 50-17 DAUGHTRY - 16 EDGARTOWN MEADOWS [22-26] a special permit to convert a two-car garage to a guesthouse was granted.
- 51-17 O'HARE – 55 COTTAGE [20B-86.1] a special permit to demo an existing dwelling and construct new dwelling was granted.
- 1-18 MORLEY – 5 THAXTER [44-16.19] a special permit to expand a second floor deck was approved.
- 2-18 JENSEN/BLACKWOOD – 16 PENT LANE [20D-50] A request for a special permit to expand an existing screened porch was approved.
- 3-18 HEALY - 19 SILVA LANE [20A-153] a special permit under 11.9 (f) for the construction of a swimming pool was granted with conditions.
- 4-18 ROSENBERG - 28 FISHERMAN'S KNOT [21-153] a special permit for a swimming pool was approved.
- 5-18 WESTON - 14 KATAMA FARM NORTH [45-419] a special permit to renovate and add to an existing dwelling was approved.
- 6-18 JOYCE – 9 GREEN AVE [20D-14] a request for a special permit to demolish an existing barn and construct an addition to the main house was denied.
- 7-18 GRACZYKOWSKI – 24 SPARROW LANE [10-55] a special permit to construct additions to an existing residence was approved.
- 8-18 LSV REALTY – VINEYARD GOLF [22-57.2 & 57.3] a special permit for a teaching shed and an on-course bathroom was granted.
- 9-18 DELUNA LLC – 8 ATWOOD CIRCLE [29B-57] a special permit for additions was approved.
- 10-18 JENSEN/BLACKWOOD – 16 PENT LANE [20D-50] a special permit to demo an existing cottage and construct a new residence, garage, and pool was approved with conditions.
- 11-18 HEDLEY – 24 BAY VIEW AVE [46-18.1] a request for a special permit for a swimming pool was withdrawn.
- 12-18 WESTON – 14 KATAMA FARM NORTH [45-419] a special permit to construct a swimming pool was granted with conditions.
- 13-18 THE BLACK SHEEP – 17 AIRPORT ROAD [24-1.16] a request for a special permit to operate a food shop was approved with conditions.
- 14-18 KELLY – 7 CYPRIEN WAY [20A-24] a special permit to construct additions to an existing dwelling was approved.
- 15-18 AKGONIKUL – 49 MILL ST [20A-138.1] a request for a two-story addition was withdrawn.
- 16-18 MV TACO/SMOOTH MOVES – 32 WINTER ST [20D-347.114 & 347.115] a request to amend a special permit to allow after-hours sale of food was denied.
- 17-18 DeOLIVEIRA – 34 PINEHURST [20C-87] a request to designate an existing cottage as an Island Independent Unit and construct a new main house was granted with conditions.
- 18-18 ROSSI/LEITE – 6 BOYLSTON [11-1.348] a special permit for a substandard lot as an affordable home site was granted with conditions.
- 19-18 BALAY – 30 COTTAGE ST [20D-263.2] a request for a special permit to demo an existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling and attached garage was withdrawn.
- 20-18 MV PRESERVATION TRUST – 58 NORTH WATER STREET [20D-227] a variance for a sign larger than 4 sq. ft. in a residential district was approved.
- 21-18 PEACH – HANDY AVE [30-154 & 165] a request to construct a shed in the setbacks was withdrawn.
- 22-18 HAESELBARTH – 7 MERCIER WAY [36-80] a request for an accessory apartment was denied.
- 23-18 SWARTZ – 3 DORY CIRCLE [21-23] a request to reinstate a variance that had lapsed was approved.
- 24-18 FIORITO/HENNIGAN – 3 THAMES COURT [10-99.25] a request to construct additions on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 25-18 HARBORVIEW HOTEL – 131 NORTH WATER [20B-107] a request to modify a 2008 special permit was granted with conditions.
- 26-18 MV FISH HOUSE – 17 AIRPORT ROAD [24-1.16] a request to operate a retail fish market was approved.

- 27-18 O'HARA – 84 PEASES POINT WAY [20B-59] a special permit for additions and renovations was approved.
- 28-18 GREENOUGH – 1 MARTHA'S ROAD [28-112] a request to convert a detached bedroom to a guest house was withdrawn.
- 29-18 COTTLES – 137 WEST TISBURY ROAD [28-112] a variance for a sign larger than 4 sq. ft. in a residential district was granted.
- 30-18 PEACH – HANDY AVE [30-154 & 165 ] a special permit to construct a shed partially with the setbacks was granted with conditions.
- 31-18 GREAT HARBOR BOATYARD – 378 WEST TISBURY ROAD [28-1.4] a request for a special permit to add square footage to a commercial building in a residential district was approved.
- 32-18 KIDDER - 3 JEFFERS WAY [31-30] a request for a variance for a sign larger than 4 sq. ft. in a residential district was withdrawn.
- 33-18 WILD – 13 EAGLE'S NEST [10-10] a request for a special permit to construct additions and renovate an existing dwelling on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 34-18 ZEDALIS – 17 MULLEN WAY [29A-47] a special permit to construct additions and a shed was granted with conditions.
- 35-18 THARP – 90 NORTH WATER [20D-256] a special permit to allow the conversion of a garage into a detached bedroom was approved.
- 36-18 CAVAL/EISENHAUER – 53 TWELFTH ST. NORTH [11A-311] a request for an accessory apartment was approved with conditions.
- 37-18 GOULD – 25 ENOS AVE [34-77] a request to demo an existing garage and construct a new two-story garage on a preexisting nonconforming lot was granted.
- 38-18 LaFLECHE – 17 YOUNG STREET [44-17] a special permit to demo a dwelling damaged by fire and construct a new dwelling on a preexisting nonconforming lot was approved.
- 39-18 BONIFACE – 85 SADDLECLUB ROAD [22-1.227] a special permit to construct additions and an attached garage on a preexisting nonconforming lot was granted.
- 40-18 MANN - 73 NORTH WATER [20D-287] a request for a variance to construct a nonconforming garage was denied.
- 41-18 GIORDANO – 62 SOUTH SUMMER [20D-147] a special permit to construct a pool cabana, pool, covered patio, and relocate a garage was denied.
- 42-18 CROWELL – 10 HOLLOW WAY [11-2.32] a special permit to demo an existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling with attached garage was granted.
- 43-18 JOYCE – 9 GREEN AVE [20D-14] a special permit to allow the conversion of a barn into a detached bedroom and office on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved with conditions.
- 44-18 JUBIN/ARAGONA – 49 DAVIS LANE [20D-135.2] a special permit to construct a two-story addition, pool, and two-story accessory structure on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was withdrawn.
- 45-18 ULYATT/CULKINS – 65 WHALER'S WALK [22-13] a special permit to permit the construction of a swimming pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.
- 46-18 REJMAN – 36 CROCKER DRIVE [44-37] a special permit to demo an existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling and pool was approved.
- 47-18 BATISTA – 62 SADDLECLUB [24-1.219] a request for a special permit to convert the second floor of an existing detached garage into an accessory apartment was approved with conditions.
- 48-18 BRENNAN – 148 KATAMA ROAD [29A-29.2] a request for a variance for a sign larger than 4 sq. ft. in a residential district was withdrawn.
- 49-18 COTTLE - 137 WEST TISBURY ROAD [21-89] a request for a special permit to expand a commercial structure in a residential district was granted.
- 50-18 REITER – 86 PEASES POINT WAY [20B-60] a request to construct a nonconforming garage was withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

LISA MORRISON  
Assistant

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC or Commission) is the regional planning agency for Dukes County offering planning services to the County's six towns, Cuttyhunk and the Elizabeth Islands as well as reviewing Developments of Regional Impact. 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 2018 was an exciting and demanding one for The Martha's Vineyard Commission. Along with completing reviews and decisions on projects; large scale planning efforts were also at the forefront.

The Commission's major planning focus for 2018 again focused on the control and removal of nitrogen from Island great ponds and the provision of housing for Island residents. The Commission considered important planning issues such as services to elderly residents, revisions to the DRI water quality policy and affordable housing policy and the development of an Island-wide economic and demographic database.



The MVC also said goodbye to Mark London. Mark was the Executive Director for over a decade and made many meaningful contributions, including the development of the Island Plan. He passed away on August 18, 2018.

The seventeen-member Commission is made up of nine members elected island-wide biennially and one appointed member each from the Dukes County Commission, the six Vineyard town Boards of Selectmen, and the Governor of Massachusetts. Commission officers

in 2018 were Jim Vercruyse of Aquinnah, Chairman; Rob Doyle of Chilmark, Vice-Chairman; and Ernie Thomas of West Tisbury, Clerk-Treasurer. The Commission is supported by a professional staff of eleven. More detail is provided below and is available on the MVC website: [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

### **COMMISSION FOCUS 2018**

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

The Commission continues to focus on the development of a robust pond monitoring program, as well as participating in innovative technologies designed to address nitrogen contamination in Island ponds. In 2018, Commission staff completed the third year of extensive testing of the Island ponds. Since 2016, multiple samplings have been conducted in several defined locations in 16 island ponds. Samples were collected that examined nitrogen content, pond visibility, temperature, salinity and other factors. This testing was conducted in the same locations and manner that the Massachusetts Estuaries Program utilized, so that results could be compared. Comprehensive reports were completed in 2016 and 2017 that detailed the results of the testing and evaluated the current trends for each pond for the period 2015 to 2016. A similar report will be completed for data obtained in the summer of 2018, as well as a report evaluating the changes observed over the three year period of study.

A subcommittee was established and began revising the MVC's ten-year-old DRI water quality policy. The committee evaluated data results, technologies, and recent DRI approvals to develop a comprehensive report to the full Commission along with recommendations for amendment of the policy. The policy, which was adopted in May 2018, was based on the MEP data for each pond and demands that each applicant address the impacts of additional nitrogen. The policy is flexible and provides several options to satisfy it.

The Commission staff was also heavily involved in the development and testing of various alternative technologies. In 2018, the MVC was awarded \$250,000 in Federal grants to develop and implement a permeable reactive barrier along the coast of Lagoon Pond.

The MVC has also funded and been involved with the development and monitoring of innovative wastewater systems that have the potential to radically reduce the amount of nitrogen leeching into ponds from septic systems. In order to prove effectiveness to the state and federal regulators, these systems require extensive and meticulous testing. The systems have worked well and are expected to make large impacts in addressing the nitrogen degradation in Island ponds.

### **Provision of Housing**

The provision of housing in all affordable and community income areas (150% of area median income and below) continued to be a major focus for MVC staff in 2018.

Staff has developed grant applications for, and received further funding toward, assisting the Towns in implementing their Housing Production Plans (HPPs). Specifically, the MVC has received over \$250,000 in funding for several projects, including the development of a site plan and wastewater system for an elderly housing expansion; development of a pro forma and other site planning materials for projects in Oak Bluffs and Tisbury; and technical assistance to create a tool that documents existing conditions for proposed developments.

These projects were funded by the Commission, the State Department of Housing and Community Development, and MassHousing Partnership. Reports and background documents can be found here:

[www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan](http://www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan).

In July 2018, the MVC purchased a three-bedroom, two-bath home near Lagoon Pond in Oak Bluffs for the purpose of workforce housing. The purchase was made after considering that, like many businesses on the Vineyard, the MVC had employees who lacked year-round housing; and also for many years, the MVC has been requiring commercial DRI applicants to house their employees. The specific property was selected after considering several proposals, because of its proximity to the MVC office, its general condition, and the potential for expansion in the future. The MVC used equity from the Olde Stone Building and adjacent parking lot on New York Avenue to pay for the purchase. Commissioner Doug Sederholm helped draft a lease agreement, whereby any employee occupying the house will pay 30% of their income for rent, which is the HUD standard.

### **Healthy Aging Task Force**

The Commission collaborated with the Healthy Aging Task Force to provide technical services for data collection/analysis, as well as other services. The Task Force is an Island-wide group that coordinates services to persons over 60. In the coming year, the Commission will work on offering trend analysis and other information to forward the group's strategic goals.

A major focus of the Commission's collaboration with the HAMV group in 2018 was the research and development of an Elderly Care Mapping Report. The report detailed the various services provided by public, non-profit and private social service agencies. The second phase of the project will develop metrics and more advanced information to enable enhanced evaluation of Island services.

### **Development of Statistical Database**

For many years, the MVC has compiled numerous sets of data and statistics on a variety of subjects. These somewhat random datasets were never organized and

evaluated. The MVC has worked for almost all of 2018 to create a comprehensive report that offers a snapshot of over 300 datasets ranging from traditional indices, such as population and land use, to other less reported but important data, such as Town budgets, non-profits funding and purpose, and Island pond conditions. This report is formatted to be updated every two years.

### **Automated Traffic Counter Data Gathering**

The MVC was given funding from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to plan and implement a permanent count station program. Permanent count stations are automated traffic counters that provide digital result data on traffic conditions. This data is offered in real time. The Commission has funds to install six counters in various island locations. In Edgartown, these locations will be on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road east of County Road on the town line, and on Edgartown-West Tisbury Road east of Meshacket Road.

### **Island Transportation Engineer**

The Martha's Vineyard Commission was awarded a \$100,000 Community Compact grant to secure Island wide transportation engineering services for a ten-month pilot term. Following issuance of an RFP, Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) was chosen to provide this new capacity for the Towns, working directly with MVC staff to focus work plans within budget. To date, HSH has completed designs and a technical memo for two Towns, with work underway for a third. In the final several months, the MVC aims to round out these transportation improvement funds by directing grant dollars toward the remaining three Towns.

### **Mapping and Graphics**

The MVC's mapping department provides maps as requested by Town departments, Island non-profits, and private entities. This mapping resource permits the spatial display of demographics, zoning, natural resources, transportation, and assessment data. In 2018, some of the major mapping efforts included the development of mapping databases for Island towns for open space planning.

### **Short Term Rental Tax**

The MVC acted as a Legislative Liaison during the formulation and debate of the Short Term Rental Tax bill, specifically working with House and Senate staff to ensure that Island town concerns were addressed, especially in regard to the Cape and Islands Water Protection Trust.

### **Finances**

The Commission's FY2018 income was \$1,567,974, of which 66.0% came from town assessments, 28.5% from grants and contracts, and 5.5% from other sources. The Commission received \$446,604 in grant funding, a 12.7% decrease over the previous fiscal year. FY 18 Expenses were \$1,637,715 of which 55.4% was for salaries, 25.0% for salary-related costs, 6.0% was for 3rd party consultants, and 13.6% for other expenses. The annual audit by an independent auditor showed fiscal soundness. The budget and audited financial statements are on the website.

## **ALL ISLAND EFFORTS**

The Commission's regulatory reviews of Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) generally result in considerable improvements to projects to mitigate their environmental, traffic, and other impacts. Commission decisions must be consistent with Chapter 831 Mass Statutes

**Projects Reviewed:** In 2018, 93 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process.

### **Economic Development:**

- Statewide Workforce Development Strategic Plan
- Promoting the Blue Economy
- South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED)
- Cape Cod Canal Bridges
- Grants and Legislative Updates
- Environmental Bond Bill
- Rooms Tax (also known as the Short Term Rental Tax, or the Airbnb Bill)

### **Affordable Housing:**

- DRI Affordable Housing Policy Update
- Update on loss of Chapter 40B State's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)
- FY 2019 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Community Development Block Grant Advisory Group
- MassHousing Partnership (MHP) Workshop on Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Funds and Community Preservation Act
- Site Suitability Tool

### **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
- GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support
- TrailsMV App
- Aerial Imagery Services via Drone

### **Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning:**

The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development and mitigation of natural hazards. Coastal Planning in 2018 focused on hazard mitigation and climate change adaptation. There is little doubt that climate change has begun to produce significant changes for the Vineyard, and that climate change is accelerating along with climate-unfriendly land and water use practices. There are many ways that the impacts can be mitigated. Adaptation to sea level rise, in particular, involves choices of retreat, abandon or elevate. These are necessary and costly choices. There are difficult decisions ahead for

leaders, and for home and business owners. As planning professionals, it is the responsibility of the MVC staff to provide materials for thoughtful solutions to encourage responsible and clear-headed decision making. Current projects include:

- Climate Change Adaptation
- Hazard Management
- Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation
- Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan
- Martha's Vineyard Wind Energy Area

### **Transportation:**

The MVC performs 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
- Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Complete Streets Policies
- Trails Planning
- Transportation Managers Group

### **Water Quality:**

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

- Massachusetts Estuaries Project
- Water Testing
- Water Alliance and Associations
- Groundwater monitoring
- Water Quality Policy
- Island Blue Pages
- SNEP (Southeast New England Program) grant

### **Collaboration and Education:**

The MVC facilitates and participates in many joint meetings of Town boards and organizations to foster the exchange of information. Among these are the Joint Affordable Housing Task Force, All-Island Boards of Selectmen, Island Conservation Commissions, and the MV Water Alliance.

- **Rural Policy Advisory Commission:** The MVC is one of eight regional planning agencies represented on a 15-member Governor's Commission within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. For more information: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac>.

## **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR EDGARTOWN**

In addition to the efforts described above, the MVC undertook the following activities in Edgartown.

### Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning

- **Edgartown Harbor Plan:** MVC Staff serves as the Edgartown Harbor Planning Representative to the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. MVC Staff continued to communicate with EOEA to seek approval of the updated Edgartown Harbor Plan.
- **MEPA REVIEW:** MVC staff participated in MEPA review of a proposed 34 lot subdivision on Meetinghouse Way. MVC staff participated in MEPA review of the proposed Vineyard Wind transmission line through Edgartown waters.
- **Felix Neck Saltmarsh Elevation Monitoring:** MVC staff maintains an elevation monitoring station in the Felix Neck saltmarsh. This will help to plan for sea level rise impacts affecting Edgartown's marshes. Enough measurements have been made for a preliminary observation that the marsh is keeping up with sea level rise.
- **MVP Program:** MVC staff assisted the Town in securing a grant for participation in the MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) Program.

### Economic Development and Affordable Housing

- MVC staff worked with the Edgartown's consultant to provide supplemental materials and coordinated Public Hearing for FY 2019 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$1.1 million dollars, which was awarded in July 2018.
- MVC Staff will continue to assist Edgartown with the FY 2019 CDBG Application.
- MVC Staff worked with The Resource Inc. (TRI), which received funding for an Island-wide Community Preservation Act Application, to create an Island-wide Interest Free Housing Loan Program. TRI received CPA funding for a second year in 2018, and has applied for a third year of CPA funding for 2019 ATM.
- MVC Staff offered assistance to the Affordable Housing Committee to help plan the future of the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

### Geographic Information Systems

- The MVC mapping office prepared maps for Edgartown's Open Space & Recreation Plan. Anticipated submission of this plan in 2019 will make the Town, once approved, eligible for certain funding through the State's grant programs.
- The MVC created custom electronic surveys for the **Historic District Commission**. These forms will be used for a preliminary survey of historic buildings. The information from the completed forms will then go into an inter-active online map which the Town can then use to search for historic properties.

### Open Space

- Commission staff continued to provide technical assistance to the Edgartown Conservation Commission in updating their open space plan. MVC staff developed a

mapping and graphic inventory of all open space lands and recreational facilities in the Town. This will be used as a basis in considering and updating open space plans and policies.

### Transportation

- **Developments of Regional Impact:** The Transportation Planner provided traffic impact analyses for the Meeting House Place Subdivision, the Division Road subdivision, the MVRRD redesign, the Clarion/Shiretown Conversion, the MV Airport Business Park, 284 Upper Main Street, the Edgartown Stop & Shop and 19 Raw.
- **Data Collection:** The MVC issued an RFP for a traffic engineering consultant to implement six permanent traffic counters across the island. These traffic volumes will provide comprehensive traffic counts for each site, 365 days/year. With this data, island planners can better understand seasonal fluctuations in vehicle volume and infer some circulation patterns. A firm has been chosen and the MVC is presently working with MassDOT District 5 to draft a maintenance agreement for the infrastructure once this TIP project funding lapses. Installation is expected to take place in late spring 2019.
- **Local Technical Assistance:** The MVC is working with Edgartown's Highway Superintendent and Conservation Commission, along with Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) to scope a project that will better utilize the right of way width along Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road for a demonstration of roughly ½ mile. A concept schematic and designs will account for a widened shared use path buffer alongside the road, more established bus stops and tree plantings, as well as improved storm water drainage. Funding for this work will be covered through a Community Compact grant awarded to the MVC.

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

- **Water Sampling:** In cooperation with the Edgartown Shellfish Warden and the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, water quality samples and on-station field data were collected from Sengekontacket Pond, Katama Bay, Cape Pogue, Pocha Pond and Edgartown Great Pond. These data form a baseline understanding of the ponds and help determine whether the water quality goals from the Massachusetts Estuaries Project's study are achieved. The Water Resource Planner collaborates and shares sampling data with Great Pond Foundation. Staff also collaborated with Sheriff's Meadow Foundation in testing Sheriff's Pond.
- **Coastal Ponds:** MVC Staff is assisting the Planning Board and the Edgartown Ponds Advisory Committee to identify and evaluate options to achieve the nitrogen reduction called for by the MEP for the Great Ponds.

The Water Resources Planner participates in the Friends of Sengekontacket, Chappaquiddick Island Association, Edgartown Shellfish Committee, Water Alliance, and the Vineyard Golf Club Review Committee. Water Resource Planner meets with and collaborates with staff from the Edgartown Great Pond foundation.

**Developments of Regional Impact**

In 2018, 40 projects in Edgartown were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows:

- 4 were full DRI’s reviewed with a public hearing that were approved with conditions; 1 of which was referred as a concurrence review and accepted as a DRI.
- 5 were minor modifications of existing DRI’s that were approved and remanded back to the town without DRI public hearing review;

- 5 were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence review that were sent back to the town without DRI public hearing review;
- 3 were approved DRI’s returning to LUPC for approval of their landscape/lighting plan;
- 2 previously approved DRI’s were granted an extension;
- 4 projects are on hold at the applicant’s request;
- 1 Discretionary Referral is on hold at the Applicant’s request;
- 1 project was referred and withdrawn by the Applicant;
- 5 previously approved DRI’s were reviewed for compliance with DRI conditions;
- 2 projects received a pre-application review;
- 2 MVC DRI Decisions were appealed.

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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) was passed in Edgartown in 2005 establishing a funding source to create/preserve/support affordable housing, open space and historic preservation in Edgartown.

In 2006 a 3% surcharge was added to taxes assessed on real property. The Commonwealth has matched the money raised locally each year starting at 100% but declining to 24.82% received for April 2019 articles.

The CPA committee (CPC) is composed of members recommended by various town boards and appointed by the Selectmen. The committee requests applications in the fall and meets to consider them for the following April Town Meeting. All meetings are public and one advertised public hearing in early December to seek input before the committee votes to place the articles before the voters.

The April 2018 Town Meeting approved the following articles:

- \$880,000 appropriated and set aside for further expenditures.
- \$96,000 for Dukes County Regional Housing Authority rental assistance for Edgartown residents.
- \$123,900 for PALS program through The Resource, Inc. to provide interest free loans for emergency structural loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% of county median income.
- \$250,000 for ongoing development and site work on the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

- \$55,421 for restoration and preservation of Church Street side of Whaling Church.
- \$11,873 to replace the Dukes County Courthouse handicap ramp.
- \$100,000 for any additional costs related to purchase of Yellow House
- \$340,000 for rehabilitation and capital improvements to town tennis courts.
- \$35,000 to Conservation Commission for removal of invasive plants from Lighthouse beach and park area.
- \$200,000 toward restoration of North Wharf bulkhead

The townspeople and visitors are able to enjoy these projects accomplished with the Community Preservation funds through the tax assessment and the state contribution for many years to come.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their input and participation at the meetings. I also thank our assistant Kristy Rose for her work with this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman  
GLEN SEARLE, Vice Chairman  
MORTON FEAREY, JR.  
TIMOTHY RUSH  
EDITH BLAKE  
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.  
MICHAEL MCCOURT



## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

In 2018, property ownership transfers and building permit applications within the recently expanded boundaries of the Edgartown Historic District continued at a significant pace. The Historic District Commission received a total of 107 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. Of this total, 34 were granted expedited approvals and 70 applications were reviewed by the Commission and approved and 3 were withdrawn. Many of the approvals were the end result of detailed discussions between the Commission and property owners, which strike a balance between preserving the Town's architectural heritage for the common good with individual owners' desire to make alterations to their properties.

At Annual Town Meeting last year, the voters of Edgartown strongly supported two proposed amendments which strengthen the Historic District By-Laws, making exterior lighting and on-grade materials such as terraces, driveways and walkways subject to Commission review. The Commission again thanks our community for their support and vote of confidence.

During the past year, the HDC continued its participation in the effort to revitalize the Yellow House, a key landmark in the center of the commercial district, now owned by the Town. The Commission reviewed the recommended development proposal submitted to a Town-appointed committee and ensured that the planned rehabilitation complies with the Secretary of Interior's Standards

for historic preservation. Renovation work is planned to commence in the fall of 2019 - we look forward to this structure once again contributing to the economic viability of our downtown.

While the Commission is a regulatory board, our approach is collaborative. We appreciate the significant private investment in the on-going maintenance of properties within the District - it is an impressive commitment to preserving our shared cultural heritage. Our goal is to assist in maintaining these historic resources which make Edgartown a viable community and a nationally prominent destination, for years to come.

The Commission meets in the Selectman's Meeting Room as posted, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. All HDC meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Chairman  
SUSAN CATLING, Vice Chairman  
EDITH BLAKE  
CASSIE BRADLEY  
JULIA CELESTE  
KEN MAGNUSON  
PETER ROSBECK,  
Alternates:  
MOLLY COSTELLO  
CARI WILLIAMSON  
MINAH WORLEY

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The goal of the Affordable Housing Committee is to facilitate affordable homes at less than market price, for people who are unable to establish homes in Edgartown due to the high real estate prices. The program is intended to lessen situations of hardship, and to retain a stable and diversified year-round community and workforce in Edgartown.

In 2018, The Affordable Housing Committee continued to plan and design a development of affordable and community rental and ownership opportunities on a town-owned parcel located off Meshacket Road. The Committee has recently acquired title insurance for this parcel and plan to have the RFP ready for submission in the early parts of 2019. The Committee is in the process of acquiring two small lots which will be presented as articles

in the next town meeting in addition to other possible land acquisitions in the line-up for affordable housing purposes in 2019.

This Committee continues to work to create unique opportunities for affordable housing in Edgartown. As your appointed committee, we wish to thank the townspeople of Edgartown for their consistent support of all our affordable housing efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK HESS, Chairman  
TIM RUSH, Vice-Chair  
CHRISTINA BROWN  
MARIA VENTURA  
NANCY TRIMPER  
MELISSA VINCENT  
CHRISTINE WHITE

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust was established as the financial arm of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee. The Trust has an active board, who carefully manage and appropriate funds for the purpose of developing affordable and community housing within the Town of Edgartown. As new affordable and community housing plans are created, the board of the Housing Trust will continue to diligently oversee and monitor the funds that are used to fulfill the town's affordable and community housing goals.

As your appointed Board, we wish to thank the townspeople of Edgartown for their consistent support of the Town's affordable and community housing efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

TIM RUSH, Chairman  
MARK HESS  
JOSEPH ROBERTS  
MARGARET SERPA  
CHRISTINE WHITE  
MARIA VENTURA, Alternate

## DUKES COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

The six towns of Martha's Vineyard established the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority through State Public Charter in 1986, in response to the Island's growing need for stable year-round community housing. The Island-wide Housing Forum of 2000 resulted in several significant housing efforts, including the six-town agreement to proportionately share the administrative costs of the Housing Authority. Fully funded by the towns since 2005, the staff of the Housing Authority collaborates with town, state, and island-wide efforts to provide year-round rentals, rental assistance and homelessness prevention; homebuyer training, lottery support and affordability monitoring; and advocacy and planning for future housing program development, management and support.

In 2018 the Housing Authority helped oversee the rent-up of nine new rentals developed at Scotts Grove by the Island Housing Trust and the Town of West Tisbury. This brings the total number of apartments managed by the DCRHA up to ninety-five year-round apartments, consisting of fifteen properties in five towns. Each rental effort includes an initial and annual income and tenant certifications, apartment inspections and compliance with multiple funding source requirements and Fair Housing strictures. The Scotts Grove offer generated over two hundred inquiries and ninety applications, which is a testimony to the continued displacement of year-round renters, at all incomes, due to increased demand for seasonal rentals and second home sales. Much needed development of new rentals at Kuen's Way in Tisbury and Meshacket Road in Edgartown continues, with Chilmark also beginning planning for a year-round housing development at Peaked Hill and West Tisbury considering a two-unit effort on Old Courthouse Road.

Island towns dedicate Community Preservation Act funding to the Rental Assistance program, administered by the Housing Authority, which helps stabilize an annual average of sixty-five working Island households who can afford at least half the cost of a market rental. Since 2002, the Housing Authority has worked with over three hundred tenant households who have utilized Rental Assistance, for an average of just under three years, with two hundred and sixty landlords across the Island's six towns. The Housing Authority provides each town's housing and Community Preservation Committee figures of usage, need, cost and landlord availability necessary for thorough deliberation before Town meeting funding votes.

Island-wide, the Housing Authority provides income certifications and administrative assistance for town programs such as accessory apartments, resident homesite subdivisions and the Town of Tisbury's new multi-family density allowance; maintains a rental housing waitlist numbering over two hundred households; and partners with the Housing Assistance Corporation, The Resource Inc, the County Manager's office and other organizations that offer assistance with rent, utilities, emergency support or apartment rehabilitation to Island tenants and their landlords. A note of additional thanks to the Tower Foundation whose support allows several island households to weather financial transitions in preservation of their year-round rental situations.

The Housing Authority's work on homeownership in 2018 included a lottery for sale of two homes developed by the Island Housing Trust for the Town of Aquinnah, including Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing, homebuyer training, applicant certification and lottery agency; preparation with the Town of Edgartown for development and lottery of a community ownership opportunity on Chappaquiddick in 2019; service as affordability monitor for properties in six towns including five affordable home re-finance and re-sale efforts this past year; twenty-two referrals through Edgartown's Demolition Delay by-law; and maintenance of the Homebuyer Clearinghouse used to publicize homebuyer opportunities, which currently is just under four hundred island households.

The staff of the Housing Authority is available to work on individual and community housing needs and opportunities at its office at 21 Mechanic St. off State Road in Vineyard Haven, which is also home to the Island Housing Trust. For more information please stop by, call (508) 693-4419 or check our website at <https://housingauthoritymarthasvineyard.org>

The DCRHA Board of Directors and Staff:

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ANN WALLACE: Chilmark  
MELISSA NORTON VINCENT; Edgartown  
RICHARD SKIDMORE: Aquinnah  
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KARIN KUGEL: Administrative Assistant

## CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

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

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

### POWER SUPPLY

During 2018, the Compact's power supplier for all residential, commercial, and industrial customers was NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra). The Compact is pleased that our residential price in 2018 was lower than Eversource's basic service residential, while also being 100% renewable.

The Compact has been a green aggregation since January 2017, meaning 100% of Compact's power supply customers' annual electricity usage is met with renewable energy certificates (RECs). Each REC represents the generation of 1 megawatt hour (1,000 kilowatt hours) of electricity produced by a renewable resource, such as wind or solar. By retiring RECs to match the Compact's customers' usage, Compact customers are financially supporting renewable energy resources, including resources located on Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts. In addition, NextEra pledged to deposit all premiums paid for voluntary RECs, plus their supplier and retail fees (expected to total over \$3 million per year), into a trust fund to be used solely for the development of new renewable energy resources. In December 2018, the Compact also announced that it had entered in to a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) for both energy and RECs from a solar facility under development in Farmington, Maine, which is scheduled to begin delivering energy to Compact customers in 2021. Now, by purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change.

At a regional level, New England continues to face electricity pricing challenges during the winter months.

Over the last fifteen years, New England has greatly increased its reliance on natural gas for electricity production, and now over fifty (50) percent of New England's electricity is generated with natural gas. However, natural gas pipeline capacity has not substantially increased during that same period. As a result, during winter cold snaps, demand for natural gas to generate electricity competes with natural gas demand for heating purposes. Allocation of natural gas for heating has priority over natural gas for generating electricity. This creates a supply shortage of natural gas for electricity production, and therefore increases prices for electric generators, which is passed on to all New England power supply customers. Massachusetts has taken a major step to address this issue through the execution of long-term contracts for off-shore wind energy, and continues to negotiate contracts for additional renewable energy resources; however, until such time as this issue is fully resolved, 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 will continue to seek ways to help customers reduce their electricity costs through innovative energy efficiency programs to mitigate the impacts of higher winter electricity pricing.

As of December 2018, the Compact had approximately 4,493 electric accounts in the Town of Edgartown on its power supply.

### CONSUMER ADVOCACY

Since 1997, Cape Light Compact has advocated for the ratepayers of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard at the local and state level. In 2018, the Compact continued its focus on grid modernization, reviewing the plans submitted by the utilities in August 2015. The Compact held community and stakeholder meetings about what is being proposed and the implications for the energy future of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. There were several key areas of concern that the Compact and engaged stakeholders identified, mainly centered around the fact that Eversource's grid modernization plan was mostly grid-facing and did not offer many opportunities to engage customers with a modernized grid. The Compact was an active participant in the DPU docket and retained experts to analyze Eversource's plan and present expert witness testimony, submitted information requests to Eversource, and submitted briefs. The DPU issued their grid modernization orders in May 2018, approving some of the utilities' requests but deferring decisions on customer-facing technologies (such as advanced metering infrastructure) to future proceedings. The Compact will seek to participate in future grid modernization proceedings at the DPU to advocate for the interests of Cape and Vineyard customers.

In December 2017, the DPU issued an order on Eversource's rate case, which was filed in January 2017. This was Eversource's first fully-litigated rate case since the 1980's. Rate case proceedings determine the charges that Eversource is allowed to impose on the distribution side of the electric bill, which affect all residents and businesses on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact was an active participant in this proceeding as well. The Compact's concerns with the proposal were: (1) the proposal to increase customer charges and impose new demand charges, which decrease customers' ability to manage their bills; (2) the 10.5% return on equity sought by the company, which is higher than the national average for a regulated utility; (3) the proposal to shift approximately \$30 million per year of costs from Western MA customers (and Eastern MA commercial customers) on to Eastern MA residential customers, which includes the Cape and Vineyard. Unfortunately, the DPU approved increased customer charges and demand charges, a 10% rate of return, and the cost shift from Western MA and Eastern MA commercial customers on to Eastern MA

residential customers. However, the participation of the Compact and other intervenors resulted in a lower approved customer charge than Eversource proposed, a rejection of consolidated Transition charges (saving Cape & Vineyard customers approx. \$8M/year), and rejection of the consolidation of commercial and industrial rate classes which would have had steep bill impacts for some Cape & Vineyard customers. Since the December 2017 Order, the Department has opened two related proceedings that the Compact is participating in regarding performance metrics and the Monthly Minimum Reliability Charge (MMRC) outreach and education plan. Additionally, the Compact filed an amicus brief with the MA Supreme Judicial Court (SJC), supporting other parties' appeals of the approved return on equity rate and MMRC. The SJC has not ruled on the appeals as of December 2018.

The Compact also participated in regulatory proceedings at the DPU related to the retail electric market, pushing for policies that promote a competitive power supply market while ensuring common-sense protections for consumers.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Jan - Dec 2018	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	11	\$2,823.95	14,119.76	\$16,256.26
Residential	517	\$72,767.72	363,838.60	\$374,810.00
Commercial	38	\$57,345.02	286,725.08	\$70,607.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>\$132,936.69</b>	<b>664,683.44</b>	<b>\$461,674.01</b>

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy assessments for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from the monthly customer "energy conservation" charge on each customers' electric bill, which is multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month (\$0.02109 for residential customers and \$0.0078 for commercial and industrial customers).

### 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 inclusive all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held in early June at the Boys and Girls Club in Edgartown. The program is organized by our lead teacher, Kara Gelinas, science teacher at the Edgartown School. Students learn about the science behind solar energy and then apply it with the culminating Solar Car Race event which has been sponsored by the Compact since 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL PIMENTEL  
Edgartown Representative

# NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

## SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The 2018 Wild Commercial Shellfish catch was worth \$677,700 in the following categories:

Bay Scallops 3,260 Bushels .....	\$489,000
Clams.(Steamers) 387 Bushels .....	\$58,050
Oysters 0 Bushels.....	\$0.00
Quahogs 871 Bushels.....	\$130,650
<b>Total wholesale value of wild commercial shellfisheries.....</b>	<b>\$677,700</b>

Oyster Farmers in Edgartown harvested 12,000 bushels of Oysters that sold for an average of 60 cents a piece. The Oyster Aquaculture area outside Eel Pond in an area of Nantucket Sound called Middle Flats was utilized again this summer. Oyster farmers also donated 250,000 one year old oysters to the Town's Shellfish Propagation Program.

Total Wholesale value of Farm Raised Oysters .....	<b>\$2,600,000</b>
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The following are the landings for Recreational Shellfishing Permit holders and the Retail value of the shellfish landed:

Bay Scallops .....	466 Bushels .....	\$102,520
Clams (Steamers).....	161 Bushels .....	\$28,175
Oysters .....	390 Bushels .....	\$74,000
Quahogs .....	943 Bushels .....	\$188,000
<b>Total Retail Value of Recreational Shellfish Caught 2018.....</b>		<b>\$393,295</b>

Here is a breakdown by area and species of shellfish harvested both recreational and commercial Area:

Area	Bay Scallop	Clams	Oysters	Quahogs
Cape Pogue .....	3,520.....	48 .....	0 .....	672
Calebs Pond .....	6.....	22 .....	29 .....	57
Edg. Harbor.....	41.....	15 .....	0 .....	19
Edg. Great Pond.....	0.....	12 .....	72 .....	0
Eel Pond.....	12.....	19 .....	52 .....	38
Katama Bay.....	87.....	283 .....	97 .....	853
Oyster Pond.....	0.....	27 .....	0 .....	0
Poucha Pond .....	3.....	20 .....	14 .....	78
Sengekontacket .....	57.....	102 .....	126 .....	07
Trapps Pond (Closed) 0.....	0.....	0 .....	0 .....	0

\*All reporting is in U.S. 8 gallon Bushels.

\*Edgartown Harbor includes both inner and outer harbor areas.

2018 started out with 15-30 boats a day harvesting bay scallops primarily from Cape Pogue. Cape Pogue was closed a month early on February 28, 2017. This proved to be a wise move, with a good amount of scallops in Cape Pogue it was decided to open a week early on October 23, 2017 and close two weeks late on April 15, 2018. This was fortunate for the commercial fishermen, this was because other towns in New England had bay scallops. There was no commercial oyster season. During the spring and summer most of the commercial quahogging was done in Sengekontacket, Cape Pogue and Katama with the recreational fishers going to the family areas in Katama and Sengekontacket. Steamer clams were found to be a little more abundant than in years past, especially in Katama

The Oyster farms in Katama Bay & Middle Flats had a good season with good growth and survival. No cases of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, Vp for short, were reported and as a result no closures in 2018. The Shellfish Department's Oyster farm on Majors cove was productive another 600,000 oysters were purchased from Musgungis Bay Aquafarms to give us an early start on the growing season. Last years' oysters were planted in Sengekontacket, Calebs Pond and Poucha Pond, primarily for recreational harvest, with the exception of Sengekontacket, where a limited commercial harvest was permitted in December 2018 to aid in the Nitrogen removal for that pond.

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group had another extremely productive year and the seed was cared for in the usual fashion. The quahog seed was placed in 20 nursery rafts, located in Sengekontacket, for grow out. After the first summer they are planted in Katama, Sengekontacket, Calebs' Pond and Cape Pogue. These rafts had excellent growth and survival and approximately 3 million 10mm seed were planted this year. The bay scallop seed we received were placed in spat bags in Katama Bay and Cape Pogue these spat bags were thinned and moved to larger mesh shellfish grow out bags and then planted in Cape Pogue in the Fall. Additionally, with the help of interns from the Friends of Sengekontacket, bay scallops were spawned on Chappy and fertilized eggs released into Sengekontacket and Cape Pogue. Oyster propagation on Edgartown Great Pond was continued in 2018. The MVSG provided eyed oyster larvae for a remote set at Great Pond again this year at the property of John O'Keefe and Toni Shute.

The Department continues to monitor Cape Pogue's bay scallop populations with Clyde Mackenzie of the

NMFS we found that there are some seed available for next years harvest but it will be no banner year. The Rusty Tide appeared briefly in the fall but was not as prolific as in years past. We also had a near closure in the spring because Psedo-nitzschia, which causes amnesiac shellfish poisoning, was found on Narragansett Bay but subsided before closure was necessary. Cape Pogue continued to be one of the top bay scalloping areas in the Commonwealth.

The Department continued its' work with Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. All shell-fishing areas of the Town are tested at least five times annually to insure public health. Under this program Trapps Pond remained closed as well as summer closure for parts of Sengekontacket and Eel Pond. Sengekontacket was closed periodically due to excessive rain. In Sengekontacket 0.2 inches of rain in July and 1 inch in August through October closes the pond for 5 days. With this protocol Sengekontacket was closed sporadically. MDMF continued the Vibrio monitoring program again this year looking at Vp levels in the water and in the oysters. Middle Flats aquaculture area was added to the program as well. With this type of testing we hope to develop a Vp monitoring program that is similar to the fecal bacteria monitoring program in that it is a predictive closure rather than a reactionary closure that occurs now with Vp.

The Great Pond Foundation continued it's water quality monitoring program and used their dredge Nessie to clean out the channel by the opening at Edgartown Great Pond. There were no Commercial soft-shelled clams harvested this summer but we are hopeful that we can have a harvest next year.

Edgartown Great Pond was opened, to the ocean, on the following dates in 2018:

- March 11 through May 9 Salinity raised from 8 to 28 parts per thousand (o/oo).
- August. 15 Failed attempt closed overnight.
- November 18 2018 to December 11, 2018. Salinity was raised from 15 o/oo to 30 o/oo

The Town participated in the MDMF quahog depuration program on September 19, 20 & 21 2017. 300 bushels of quahogs were transplanted from Mount Hope Bay to Sengekontacket to purge and then spawn. This area was opened for recreational harvest September of 2018.

The Department continues to work with the Edgartown Dredge Committee on various projects. Eel Grass monitoring for the Fuller street project as well as permit expansion and renewal for the Towns Comprehensive Dredging permit were two main areas of effort.

Personnel in 2018 Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall Year round Deputies Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison. Peter Jackson Jr. resigned and was replaced by Jason Mallory in October 2018. Summer Deputies were Ralph Peckham and Ralph Savery. I would like to thank the Shellfish Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Edgartown Taxpayers for their guidance and support in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL L. BAGNALL  
Shellfish Constable  
Marine Biologist  
Herring Warden

## SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Shellfish Committee meets at the Edgartown Library at 4:30PM on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The Committee's goal is to monitor and improve the shellfish resources in the Edgartown Town waters for all citizens to enjoy. All are welcome to attend the meetings.

The Shellfish Committee is currently represented by commercial shellfishermen, aquaculturists and family shellfish license holders. It is a rotating term and any town citizen is welcome to join the committee.

Efforts to expand the Chappaquiddick Nursery continued this year with important maintenance and repair work. The Nursery is instrumental in the successful spawning of millions of bay scallops and the prolongations of steamers and quahogs. The Committee expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank and the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group for use of the property.

2018 has proved to be a banner year in aquaculture with 12 active oyster farms in Katama Bay. The Katama Bay oyster farms are closely monitored by Local and State authorities in response to Vibrio concerns. 2018 had zero confirmed cases of Vibrio and as a result no precautionary closures were necessary. The Shellfish Department has been working with State officials to address these concerns and to be pro-active for the future of public consumption and oyster farmers during the summer months. Edgartown continues to be a national model for aquaculture.

Members of the Shellfish Committee have heard a very positive response from family license holders both new and old over the abundance of shellfish in our town waters.

This has proven possible by the the extraordinary efforts of the Edgartown Shellfish Department in both propagation and enforcement. With efforts by the Shellfish Department, aquaculture provides for this community both commercially and recreationally with millions and millions of scallops, quahogs and oysters raised by the department each year.

In the fifth year of the Major's Cove Oyster Project, the Shellfish Departments' tireless work has proven successful with a 90% survival rate of oyster seed. The deputies reported that oyster seed from 2017 were now 3 to 4 inches in size and approximately 600,000 oysters were planted along Beach Road and Eel Pond for the family license holders. This program has proven successful beyond any measure in both oyster propagation and nitrogen remediation. An additional 600,000 oyster seeds are currently being cultivated for planting in 2019.

Compared to the past few years, the 2018 fall commercial bay scallop season in Cape Pogue has been only moderately successful with lower yields but high market value. Due to a drop off in commercial scalloping, the committee voted to open Sengekontacket to commercial harvesting of wild oysters.

The Committee continues their priority commitment to the strict enforcement of daily limits and the protection and growth of future shellfish harvests and the aquaculture.

Respectfully submitted,

RYAN SMITH  
NICHOLAS TURNER  
MADELINE FISHER  
LES BAYNES  
CHRISTIAN THORNTON,  
Chairman



## MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG), Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. In 2018, our program received funding from the six Island towns, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Edey Foundation, the Permanent Endowment Fund for Martha's Vineyard, the Friends of Sengekontacket, the Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship and many private donors. Highlights of our 2018 program are as follows:

Seed Shellfish Production for Municipal Enhancement: In 2018, thanks to ideal environmental factors and a diligent staff, we exceeded our 2016 record of 12.7 million and grew over 17 million seed quahogs. We also remotely set 15.4 million eyed oyster larvae in both Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds, and produced nearly 24 million seed scallops. Over 75 million oyster eggs and early larvae were also released in both Great Ponds and over 17 million scallop eggs and early larvae were released in Menemsha Pond and Lagoon Pond. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, the seed shellfish were held in nursery systems, floating cages, floating bags and rafts until the end of the summer season and planted in the Island's ponds.

The Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery: We are happy to report that the hatchery dock has 13 new pilings and that the upper half of the public stairs which lead down to the building were finally repaired at the end of 2018. Both jobs were made possible through funding from the Community Preservation Act, granted through the Town of Tisbury. The building itself also has new shingles and new trim. With those major maintenance projects finally completed, we are excited to accommodate more visiting shellfish enthusiasts next season.

John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station: In 2018, we continued a cooperative venture with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries at the John T. Hughes Hatchery (former State Lobster Hatchery) in Oak Bluffs. In the spring of 2018, with the support of the Permanent Endowment Fund, the new green house was successfully outfitted with a new work table and custom wood table supports, significantly increasing the functionality of the space and making back breaking larval work a lot less painful. Funds were also put towards replacing the upper office door, which had been damaged for years, letting cold and rain in and causing further damage to the building. The staff also acquired and installed a fourth larval tank

officially increasing the larval capacity at HH (2,000 L) beyond the larval capacity at the solar hatchery in Vineyard Haven (1,600 L). With the extra capacity, more oyster larvae were grown this year than in the past seasons allowing us to increase our remote set numbers for both great ponds and producing extra spat on shell oysters that were experimentally planted in Lagoon pond.

Oyster Restoration: This 2018 season we continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds. This year the Tisbury Great Pond program welcomed newcomer Johnny Hoy who partnered up with Chilmark Shellfish Constable Isaiah Scheffer to lend a hand and learn the ropes. The wild set was unfortunately not significant in the pond which made the 10 million remote set spat on shell oysters we produced, that much more valuable to the overall health of the pond. This was the most oysters we have ever produced for West Tisbury.

Edgartown Great Pond on the other hand had a spectacular wild set this season, which had not happened in several years. The 2.2 million oysters we remotely set for Edgartown also did very well. We continued to observe expanding eelgrass habitat in Edgartown Great Pond again this year.

EPA-funded Study on Using Phragmites to Remove Nitrogen: Nitrogen overloads are recognized as one of the greatest threats to estuarine water quality and shellfish resources. Under a grant from the EPA we concluded a 3-year investigation into the potential of nitrogen removal through Phragmites harvest. Our research showed that an acre of Phragmites could contain up to 100 pounds of harvestable nitrogen in the leaves and stems. It can also deactivate many harmful compounds such as ibuprofen, PCBs and DDT. In 2018, with help from the Lagoon Pond Association and Sheriff's Meadow Foundation we continued a native plant survey and a very small harvest. We are discussing the next steps with Conservation Commissions, Pond groups and landscape engineers.

Sengekontacket oyster project: In 2018, under funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket, we investigated the potential of establishing a small oyster population in the upper reaches of Major's Cove. The waters in these areas are very nutrient rich, and oysters could potentially remediate some of the extra nitrogen by filtering the dense algae blooms which thrive in these conditions. 3 million oyster larvae were set on large shell at the Hughes Hatchery for this project and later planted in the pond. Survival will be assessed in the spring of 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GREEN-BEACH  
AMANDINE SURIER HALL

**2018 Production Figures**

<u>Quahogs</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Quahogs</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Seed</b>	Aquinnah	3,334,000	<b>Seed</b>	Aquinnah	4,723,700
	Chilmark	3,334,000		Chilmark	4,723,700
	Edgartown	3,334,000		Edgartown	4,723,700
	Oak Bluffs	3,334,000		Oak Bluffs	4,723,700
	Tisbury	3,334,000		Tisbury	4,723,700
	Wampanoag Tribe*	200,000		Wampanoag Tribe*	160,000
	Gosnold**	300,000		Gosnold**	200,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,170,000</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>23,978,500</b>

<b>Eggs</b>	Menemsha Pond	14,190,000
<b>Larvae</b>	Lagoon Pond	3,220,000

<u>Oysters</u>	Tisbury Great Pond	Edgartown Great Pond***	Sengekontacket***	<b>Total</b>
Eggs	33,000,000	19,200,000		<b>52,200,000</b>
Larvae	14,994,000	8,130,000		<b>23,124,000</b>
Remote set	10,133,000	2,200,000	3,080,000	<b>15,413,000</b>
Singles	<b>167,252</b>	87,500		<b>254,752</b>

\*Provided under contract

\*\*Provided under County Propagation funding

\*\*\*Provided under private funding

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

In its primary capacity as administrator and enforcer of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Edgartown Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the Conservation Commission reviewed 43 notices of intent and 15 requests for determinations in 2018. These applications covered a wide variety of projects under the Commission's jurisdiction including: dredging and beach nourishment, vegetation management plans, and all construction and landscaping activities within 200 feet (300 in the Great Ponds District) of a resource district. Due to the severity of this past spring's coastal storms and consequent erosion, the Commission has seen a flurry of applications for coastal engineering structures comparable to the aftermath of Hurricane Bob.

The Commission's Agent, Jane Varkonda, issued a number of enforcement and restoration orders for violations of the bylaw and the act over the course of the year. These included unauthorized activities at North Water Street, Orr Lane, and Chappaquiddick Road.

The Town, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, and the Vineyard Golf Club planned and coordinated a burn in the club's frost bottom. This is the first time that a summer burn in the frost bottom has been attempted. The Commission would like to thank the Edgartown Fire Department and the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the loan of personnel and equipment that helped make the burn safe and effective.

Ms. Varkonda secured a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant from the Commonwealth to hold an all-day workshop on December 6th that began the process of identifying community vulnerabilities and strengths in line with new climate change data. The workshop was well attended by Town Departments and members of the public. The Woods Hole Group will be compiling a summary of the findings and will schedule a planning session in the spring of 2019. Once the process is complete, the Town will be eligible for additional grants. The Commission would like to thank all those who attended and helped to make the workshop successful.

Surprisingly, a pair of piping plovers fledged three chicks at the Edgartown Lighthouse this past summer. Their presence slightly complicated the annual 4th of July fireworks and necessitated a relocation of the fireworks barge and an increase in monitoring personnel both before and after the fireworks display to help with crowd control and clean-up. The Commission contracts with Biodiversity Works to monitor the nesting birds and to assist with management activities. The Commission would like to thank Liz Baldwin, Luanne Johnson, and their staff for their continued assistance.

Jane Varkonda has been busy working with local committees, including the Dredge Committee, which has applied for a \$750,000 grant from the Commonwealth to fund a local 'sand bank.'

2018 marked the 14th year of the Farm Institute at Town-owned Katama Farm, now in its third year under the umbrella of the Trustees of Reservations. Site Manager Lindsay Brown reports that the farm continued with its farm-based programming including the farm camp, homesteading workshops, farm-to-table dinners, Meals in the Meadow, Sheepalooza, Fall on the Farm and BBQ & Bluegrass. The farm also hosted, for the third time, the Local Wild Food Challenge. Close to 400 students visited the farm for field trips or for in-depth residential programs.

In addition, the institute continued hosting its weekly cooking demonstrations for both children and adults and construction on the long-awaited new and improved teaching kitchen has begun.

Ms. Brown reports that forty lambs were born on the farm in 2018, as well as countless chickens and turkeys. Thousands of eggs were sold.

The Conservation Commission has had a remarkably stable roster since its inception 1967. 2018 marked Peter Vincent's forty-second year as a Commissioner – the majority of those years as chairman. Christina Brown has been a member since 1983 – thirty-five years. Lisa Morrison and Jane Varkonda have both worked for the Commission since 1987 – (thirty-one years). Bob Avakian has been a member since 1988 (thirty years). Lil Province began as a member in 1999 (nineteen years). Stuart Lollis has been a member since 2000 (eighteen years). Relative newcomers Jeff Carlson (2010) and Geoffrey Kontje (2014) have volunteered for a total of eight and four years, respectively.

The Commission would like to thank Ian Peach and the Land Bank staff for their continued assistance in maintaining the walking paths at Katama Farm and for maintenance of the town-owned Gardner and North Neck properties.

The Commission would also like to thank Stuart Fuller and the Highway Department for help maintaining property under the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission would like to wish Mr. Fuller success in his new position as project manager for White Brothers-Lynch.

The Commission meets twice monthly on Wednesdays on the second floor of the Town Hall. The public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT AVAKIAN  
CHRISTINA BROWN  
JEFF CARLSON  
GEOGGREY KONTJE  
STUART LOLLIS  
LIL PROVINCE  
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Chairman  
LISA MORRISON, Administrator  
JANE VARKONDA, Agent

## DREDGE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Dredge Department has had another very active year. The new dredge, which is about to complete its second season of dredging, has been running flawlessly. The dredge crew continues to maximize the efficiency of the operation by performing routine maintenance and working hard to ensure the dredge will maintain a high level of production for years to come.

To start the season, the dredge took a field trip over to Tashmoo. After months of negotiations with the Town of Tisbury, the two Towns were able to come to a mutually beneficial agreement that utilized the Edgartown dredge for badly needed maintenance dredging in the Tashmoo channel. The dredge, which made its way to Tisbury at the end of September via barge, was able to complete the project in 16 days, digging approximately 14,000 cubic yards of material from the channel and placing it on the adjacent Tashmoo beach for nourishment. The collaboration generated \$149,000 in revenue for Edgartown, and alleviated the concerns of many boaters whose access to the popular area was jeopardized by a channel depth of only 3.5 feet.

After the successful stint in Tisbury, the dredge made its way back to Edgartown to spend the remainder of the season in Eel Pond, pumping sand to nourish nearby Fuller St. Beach. In addition to the nourishment of Fuller St. Beach, the Committee and Crew have nourished Collins Beach for the second year in a row.

The Committee has also been working towards the completion of several on-going projects:

- The plans for the Katama Landing improvement and expansion project have been completed and submitted to the State; the Town is currently awaiting approval of the permits and plans before it can begin construction. The project will be funded mostly (75%) by the State, as it is a State-owned ramp, however, the Committee requested that the plans be drawn to allow for the dredge to be launched by trailer, which will significantly decrease mobilization and demobilization fees each year. In order for the ramp to accommodate the launch of the dredge, it has to be built longer, wider and able to bear more weight than a recreational launch ramp typically would. This increased the construction cost, so the Town, subject to voter approval, has committed to paying for the additional infrastructure. The added width will allow two boats to be launched simultaneously, once the ramp is completed. The project will also include the reconstruction of the paved area. Plans are posted on the Town website and available for viewing anytime.
- The efforts to permit dredging the channel and entrance to the Harbor are still underway. Complications with nearby nesting habitats have stalled the project slightly,

but the Town has been in touch with the Army Corps and continues to work with State officials to get the area permitted for dredging to maintain access to the Harbor.

- The update of the Dredge Master Plan has been completed, thanks to the hard work of Adam Turner and his assistant, Lucy Morrison, at the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The update includes details of all the projects performed since 2006, organized by the different locations in which those projects took place. It is a comprehensive account of the work that has taken place over the past 12 years and will be a major asset for securing state funding in the years to come. The Committee would like to thank all those involved at the MVC for their efforts in this undertaking. The updated Master Plan is also available on the Town website.

The Committee said goodbye to two members this past year: Chairman Howell Kelly, member at large, who served since 2012, and Shellfish Committee representative Leslie Baynes, who served since 2013. The Committee and the program have benefitted greatly over the years from the input of these two dedicated citizens and we would like to thank them for their service. The Committee would also like to announce and welcome its two new members: Richard Hamilton, member at large, and Ryan Smith, representative from the Shellfish Committee.

The Dredge Program would not be possible without the expertise and assistance of many others; this includes Harbormaster Charlie Blair, Town Shellfish Warden and Marine Biologist Paul Bagnall, Town Administrator James Hagerty, and the Board of Selectmen. The Committee would also like to extend its gratitude to Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda, whose contributions to the program have been unparalleled.

The Committee would like to thank the Dredge Crew: Foreman Greg Bettencourt, Leverman Donnie Benefit, and Anchorman Peter Jackson. These men have worked effectively together over the years to maintain the waterways and beaches of Edgartown. Without their hard work, access to areas we enjoy every day would be threatened. The Committee would also like to thank Dredge Administrator Juliet Mulinare for keeping the committee on track and organized.

Finally, a big thank you to the citizens of Edgartown, your continued support makes this program possible and we would not be here without you.

Respectfully submitted,

ED HANDY, Chairman  
DUDLEY LEVICK  
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.  
RICHARD HAMILTON  
RYAN SMITH

## PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Park Commissioners were pleased with another great year at South Beach, Bend in the Road Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, Cannonball Park and Wilson's landing.

This summer we were pleased to welcome both a new Head Lifeguard as well as a new Assistant Head Lifeguard. Brian Jordan, a guard for the past five summers and one of the most dedicated lifeguards to ever serve at South Beach took the helm as the Head Lifeguard. When Brian is not leading the guards at the beach, he is a full time student at Norwich Academy. Alexandra Mazza was our assistant Head Lifeguard after six years as a guard at South Beach. With her extensive emergency medical training, Alexandra is a true asset to the beach as its busiest time. The waters were calm for the most part with no beach closures due to tropical storms or extremely high tides. This summer, we did encounter an unusually high number of deceased seals wash up on South Beach. Later in the season, it was revealed many seals were unfortunately affected by a virus which caused a large scale die off from Maine down to the Vineyard. Attendance was high with the closure of Norton Point for all of June, July and the beginning of August. In July, the Highway Department and Fire Department assisted with a hole collapse drill in which we buried rescue mannequins in a six-foot hole as well as an eight-foot hole. This was an excellent drill to demonstrate the danger deep holes pose on the beach to our guards. We would like to thank our lifeguard staff: Brain Jordan, Head Lifeguard; Alex Mazza, Asst. Head Lifeguard; Alex Vasilidias, Amelia Durawa, Austin Chandler, Austin Reid, Olivia Myrick, Brooks Jordan, Caroline Gazaille, Colin Henke, Dan Costello, Eamonn Flaherty, Flynn Coffey, Jessica Sonia, John Henry O'Shaughnessey, Kate Hansen, Nevin Wallis, Salyn Yancy, Alana Morris, Emily Miner, John Norton, P.J.Joel, Paulo Perriera, Tristian Scheller, and

Sarah Alexander for another great year. Gene Townes took the helm of the Park Patrol this summer and lead his team to another great year. He was joined again by Dan Townes and Donald Herman, and we welcomed Brian Usher and David DaSilva for their first year as park patrol employees.

With the calmer waters of a North facing beach, the Bend in the Road was again a very popular spot for families this summer. The guards all participated in a training day at the Bend this year, familiarizing themselves with the beach as well as performing mock rescues from the Big Bridge.

The Robinson Road Recreation Area was busy again this past summer. 2018 marked the first year the summer tennis lessons and swimming lessons programs were opened to residents and visitors island wide. We would like to thank our Recreation Directors Lynn Silvia & Celia Mercier, and the staff: Cody McCarron, Chase Sylvia, Sarah Strem and Allison Daigle. Spencer Pogue and Paige Pogue were again the tennis instructors this summer. The Park Department was also elated to be able to offer swim lessons at the Bend for the first time in a few years by hiring Galya Walt to be the instructor for the summer months.

The Commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department, the Edgartown Police Department; Edgartown Fire & EMS Department; the Harbormaster; our Administrator Jessica McGroarty, the Selectmen and the citizens of Edgartown.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN SEARLE  
KEVIN SEARLE  
JANE VARKONDA, Chairman  
JESSICA MCGROARTY,  
Park Administrator

## BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Edgartown Beautification Committee strives to enhance the beauty of our town. The annual budget is used for plant materials, maintenance of the Triangle's Welcome to Edgartown area, the Main Street hanging baskets and the whiskey barrels.

Our Committee is continuing to install engraved bricks at the Whale's Tail park, Edgartown Wharf. These bricks are a beautiful and affordable way to honor a friend or family member.

Benches and lampposts in downtown Edgartown have plaques honoring someone special. Please inquire about availability.

The Town of Edgartown web site is [www.edgartown-ma.us](http://www.edgartown-ma.us) which contains information to order bricks, plaques and lamp posts.

The Beautification Committee welcomes your suggestions and your participation in these projects.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL FLIGOR  
RENEE CLERMONT  
GERRET CONOVER  
CAMMIE NAYLOR  
DORIS WARD  
ALYSSA STARZYK

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The members of the Christmas Decorations Committee would like to thank the many individuals who help each year to make our town look so festive for the Christmas season. We hope all the visitors and residents enjoy the decorations.

The expanded season has worked well with the Board of Trade's Christmas in Edgartown festivities. The lights and trees are up and shining right after Thanksgiving, in time for the early weekend events for the busy Christmas in Edgartown weekend. We think it is very helpful to have the town lights up early for the businesses that stay open during the winter months.

The Highway Department once again did their magic and had the stands and trees in place for Tom Bassett Electric and Donaroma's crew to begin the lighting and decorating. They all work very hard to make sure the Town looks its best for our visitors and the parade. Bob Hagerty always makes sure the tall trees in Memorial Park are a welcome sight driving into town. Memorial Wharf is a bright beacon in a dark corner in the winter time and the "buoy Christmas tree" erected by Sandy Fisher is very popular.

Sadly, our committee saw the loss of one of its longest serving members in 2018. Jean G. Hathaway, former selectmen and town treasurer passed away in November. She served for many years and was vigilant in keeping the tree stands that we have come to love a fixture. They are

unique to Edgartown and we hope they remain in use for many more years to come. Priscilla Bettencourt and I have decided that now is the time for some new ideas on the committee and this will be our last season. Les Baynes and Juliet Mulinare will serve as new members along with veteran Glen Searle. The decorations committee is in good hands.

We are sorry to report that serious vandalism to our North Water Street lampposts and lighting occurred late in December. The efforts of Tom Bassett and his crew and Donaroma's saved the day. They worked over the weekend to restore and replace the broken lights and quickly had the street bright once again. We hope this isolated incident on the part of a few thoughtless young adults doesn't occur again. We are very grateful to our community for their continued support. It is very appreciated.

The Committee welcomes input and ideas from our citizens. Please send us your thoughts at our email: [christmas@edgartown-ma.us](mailto:christmas@edgartown-ma.us).

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL AVAKIAN  
PRISCILLA BETTENCOURT  
GLEN SEARLE  
GAIL AVAKIAN  
LES BAYNES  
JULIET MULINARE  
**JEAN G. HATHAWAY,**  
***Honorary Chairm***

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

3446 acres, representing 6% 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

Proven again: the Land Bank apothegm about perseverance. In 2018 two properties that were first prioritized and sought as far back as 1990 were at last purchased, both because they were now available at prices that the Land Bank was willing to pay.

The first is a 22.4-acre property — rolling fields at its northern end, reached via a long pine allée — on the State Road in West Tisbury. The seller was Sheila Murphy and the price was \$3,000,000. It bridges the Nip 'n Tuck Farm and **John Presbury Norton Farm** and the Land Bank, for management purposes, appended it to the latter.

The second is the 4.7 acres abutting the town/county beach at the Mouth of Tashmoo, in Tisbury. In acquiring it, from Virginia Ursin and at a price of \$1,900,000, the Land Bank tripled the length of the public beach on the sound there. Its two cottages will be removed and this undevelopment may then someday extend to the land's riprap and groins; the Land Bank will hire a coastal engineer to determine if the beach-armoring can be removed without detriment to the property or to neighboring properties. "Re-naturalization" of the dune is a worthy goal at **Tashmoo Beach**.

Generosity underlay part of a series of significant additions to the **Gay Head Moraine** reservation in Aquinnah. Arnold Zack informed the Land Bank that he was willing to sell his 24 acres at assessed value — \$602,900, which, in computing out at \$25,000 per acre, is leagues below the Land Bank's current average per-acre price of \$94,000. The Land Bank then pursued and acquired an abutting 13.7 acres owned by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which had been donated to the college by Hannah Malkin to be liquidated and converted to an endowment; the price was \$800,000.

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

### Land Management

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Beech Tree Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Tashmoo Beach, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The Commonwealth's Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary approved management plans for the Middle Line Woods Preserve and Peaked Hill Reservation.

The bottomland at the Middle Line Woods Preserve, overgrown with shrubs and trees, was returned to grassland; the soil profile may prove hospitable to its ultimately evolving to a wet-meadow. The Land Bank's standard farm fence — open woven wire — was installed at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve but for a non-agricultural purpose: to protect its sandplain grassland. Staff widened and leveled perimeter trails there, affording expansive views of the preserve's unique habitat. Filings, before and after, were submitted to the Massachusetts natural heritage office in order to coordinate local and commonwealth protection efforts.

As usual, the Land Bank field crew continued ongoing general maintenance on various Land Bank properties across the island. In particular, beach-access stairs and boardwalks were upgraded at the Hillmans Point, North Neck Highlands and Ramble Trail Preserves.

### Cross Island Hike

The Land Bank's twenty-sixth annual Cross-Island Hike celebrating National Trails Day — the first Saturday in June — extended from Menemsha Beach to Blackwater Pond Reservation, touching 15 conservation lands. A record 110+ hikers started in the morning and nearly 50 people finished at the end. Thirty-eight hikers completed the entire 17.2-mile hike — another record number. All told, about 125 people participated in all or part of the hike, including at least 25 people who had never been on a previous Cross-Island Hike.



**Budget and Related Matters**

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 year 2018 budgeted cash amount and % of total	fiscal year 2018 actual cash amount and % of total	fiscal year 2019 budgeted cash amount and % of total
Revenues	\$10,075,000	\$13,505,392	\$10,075,000 *
Administrative expenses	(\$ 544,201) 5%	(\$ 504,382) 4%	(\$ 576,051) 6%
Land Management Expenses	(\$ 1,112,886) 11%	(\$ 1,118,197) 8%	(\$ 1,387,499) 14%
Debt Service Expenses	(\$ 5,140,046) 51%	(\$ 7,858,961) 58%	(\$ 4,926,173) 49%
Reserve Expenses	(\$ 55,000) 1%		(\$ 55,000) 1%
Unencumbered New Receipts	\$ 3,222,867 32%	\$ 4,023,852 30%	\$ 3,130,277 30%

As of December 1, 2018 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$11.2 million in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties. The asterisk (\*) indicates the Land Bank’s revenue projection.

**Gifts**

The Land Bank gratefully accepted a gift of \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman.

**Transfer fee revenues**

Fiscal Year 2018 transfer fee revenues were: See chart This represented a 1% decrease over the previous year.

	Received 7/1/17-6/30/18	% of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$ 117,054	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$ 962,234	7 %
Edgartown Fund	\$ 3,163,577	23 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$ 931,978	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$ 952,374	7 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$ 625,479	5 %
Central fund	\$ 6,752,696	50%
	\$13,505,392	100%

**Commissioners and Staff**

Long-time Land Bank commissioner (2014 - 2018) and Tisbury town advisory board member (1999 - 2014) John “Tony” Nevin died during 2018, a significant loss for the institution; his wife Nora was appointed by the Tisbury selectmen to hold the seat until the next town election. The Land Bank commission currently comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; Nora Nevin, Tisbury; Mary Robin Ravitch, West Tisbury; Priscilla Sylvia, Oak Bluffs; Sarah Thulin, Aquinnah; and Edward Vincent, Jr., Edgartown. The year-round Land Bank staff comprises the following individuals: Jean-Marc Dupon, conservation land assistant; Maureen Hill, administrative assistant; Harrison Kisiel, crew manager; Antone Lima, conservation land assistant; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; Ian Peach, land superintendent; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
JAMES LENGYEL  
Executive Director

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD TRANSIT AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Edgartown

The Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) provides fixed-route bus and ADA demand-responsive van service to the six towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. The VTA was created by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 161B and is funded through local, state, and federal sources.

### **Mission**

We believe that public transportation is essential to the economic vitality, environmental stability and quality of life on the Island of Martha's Vineyard. We provide safe and secure environment for our customers, community and employees through consistent training, enforcement and allocation of resources. We continuously strive to improve the cost efficiency of our services and approach our financial relationships with integrity and transparency.

### **Description of Services**

The VTA operates twelve year-round routes, plus two additional summer peak season routes and paratransit service in accordance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA). The fixed routes are organized into a hub and spoke system around four hubs, which are located in the Vineyard's largest communities (Vineyard Haven, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and West Tisbury). With one exception, all VTA routes serve at least one hub. Connecting to and between hubs allows passengers to transfer between routes and increases accessibility to the Island's major services and destinations. The VTA also interlines buses to offer one-seat rides between key destinations. The VTA's annual operating budget is \$5.77 million, plus \$3.0 million in capital. This investment supports 1.35 million riders and 1.2 million miles of service.

### **Service Modifications**

Historically, the VTA has operated two major time periods for schedules (In-Season and Off-Season). The split between In-Season and Off-Season was equal, six months for each with multiple service variations built in for the transitional "shoulder" seasons. With a fairly large disparity between In-Season and Off-Season trips, the greatest opportunity for savings was to shift the season dates. In reaction to evolving trends in Island activity and travel delays due to increasing congestion during the shoulder seasons, the VTA has divided the Off-Season into three periods.

The VTA has fully implemented a performance-based analysis for its entire route service offering. Using performance-based metrics, the VTA has identified areas in its service offering that could use more investment and other areas that were underperforming. While underperforming trips were swiftly eliminated, budget cuts required

service to be cut even in areas that needed more service. After careful review of the ridership data, the VTA trimmed three weeks from the beginning and two weeks from the end of the In-Season, reducing service by an average of 97 hours per day during the 29 day period.

### **Pilot Programs**

The VTA secured funding to pilot a one-year Cape Medical Van to provide weekly trips from Martha's Vineyard to Cape Cod Area medical facilities. The service is set to begin in October 2018 and will run in addition to the Boston Medivan. Priority is for seniors and people with disabilities; others will be accommodated as space permits. The cost of the service will be \$10.00 one way per person, which includes the cost of the ferry ticket.

### **Efficiencies**

In 2017, the VTA commenced an ambitious project to electrify its transit fleet and fuel the fleet with renewable solar energy and integrated energy storage. This system of locally generated renewables, storage and vehicle charging will create a first-of-its-kind fully integrated, clean, resilient, and flexible public transportation system.

To date, the VTA has made great strides in its electrification project. The VTA received six all electric battery buses in June 2018 with six more are slated to arrive in summer 2019. The VTA has also upgraded its operations and maintenance facility to support the electric buses. Work on these upgrades has commenced and when completed, the VTA's facility will have collectors. Designs also include a central control system that will manage vehicle charging, reduce peak demand by ESS discharge, and supply emergency power through a micro-grid.

The VTA has secured funding to install high capacity in-route inductive chargers at two locations, one in Edgartown and the other in West Tisbury, as the buses don't have enough range to make it through the transit day. Due to the historic nature and narrow roads of Edgartown and West Tisbury, over-head conductive in-route chargers cannot be installed. By the end of fiscal year 2020 the VTA expects to have half of the fleet converted to electric buses and half of the inductive charging sites constructed and in use.

### **Partnerships & Community Outreach**

The VTA continues to partner with the Island's councils on aging, elderly and disabled housing authorities, and schools to provide reduced fare annual passes for the Island's elderly, disabled and youth. Reduced fare passes are available for purchase through the councils on aging and all Island schools. The VTA also offers a Military reduced fare.

For the past 13 years, the VTA has maintained the Island's school bus fleet, saving the school district money

and the complications of getting vehicles to the mainland for repair services, as viable and affordable alternatives do not exist in the private sector on the Island.

The VTA leases office space within their building to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) to operate a local branch for the Island. Every two years, the VTA hosts a boat and recreational vehicle registration event, a joint event sponsored by the RMV and Mass Energy and Environmental Affairs. This event is designed so members of the community can easily obtain proper registration for recreational boats and vehicles without having to travel to the mainland.

The VTA maintains its own fuel island on the property, with above-ground diesel and unleaded fuel tanks. We are the largest consumer of fuel on the Island. We allow other public agencies to fuel at our facility which, with the pooling of our fuel purchases saves tens of thousands of dollars annually for these public agencies: the Martha's Vineyard School District, the Airport, Dukes County Sheriff's Department, several Towns police, fire and highway departments, Island Elderly Housing, the Land Bank and the County. A computerized fuel authorization system allows access for these agencies to fuel twenty-four hours a day.

The VTA property is host to training exercises for MV Tactical Response Team and fire department drills. The VTA has provided vehicles and drivers, as needed, to the

Airport so they can coordinate their MCI Drills, as required by FAA. We are a member of the County and all Island Towns' Emergency Management plans for evacuations, transportation and cooling/warming rehabilitation vehicles in the event of an emergency.

The VTA is home to the only Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course. The VTA allows private, as well as other public agencies, to train on and use the course for licensing.

**Leadership**

Per MGL Chapter 161B, the VTA is managed by an Administrator, who is appointed by an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is composed of one representative from each member community, one Rider Community Representative and one Disabled Community Representative:

Oak Bluffs	ALICE BUTLER, Chairman
West Tisbury	JOHN ALLEY
Aquinnah	JUNE MANNING
Tisbury	ELAINE MILLER
Chilmark	LEONARD JASON
Edgartown	LOUIS PACIELLO
Rider Community Representative	Vacant
Disabled Community Representative	Vacant
Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority	ANGELA E. GRANT, Administrator

## Operational Facts and Figures

### Fixed Route

<b>Facts:</b>	<b>FY18</b>	<b>FY17</b>
Annual Ridership	1,347,337	1,358,867
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	1,683,544	\$1,718,372
Annual Cost of Operations	4,425,849	\$4,311,729
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	38.04%	39.85%
Fleet Size	33	32

### Fixed Route:

Number of Fixed Routes	14	14
Annual Passenger Trips	1,347,337	1,358,867
Annual Revenue Hours	68,528	65,847
Annual Revenue Miles	1,087,337	1,150,493
Annual Vehicle Hours	72,905	68,597
Annual Vehicle Miles	1,156,742	1,211,045

### Performance Measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$3.28	\$3.17
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$64.58	\$65.48
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$4.07	\$3.75
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	19.66	20.64
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	1.24	1.18
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$2.04	\$1.91

### Fare Information:

#### Fixed Routes Fares:

Adult Base	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Elderly Fare	\$0.75/zone	\$0.75
Disabled Fare	\$0.75/zone	\$0.75
Under 12	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Under 6	Free	free
	Reduced	1/2 adult
Student Pass	Fare	base pass
Incremental Zone Fare	\$1.25/zone	\$1.25/zone
Free Fare - describe	6 and under	6 and under

### ADA - Demand Response

<b>Facts:</b>	<b>FY 18</b>	<b>FY 17</b>
Annual Ridership	13,160	14,404
Annual Farebox & Other Revenue	\$30,787	\$33,503
Annual Cost of Operations	\$584,893	\$588,836
% of Fare Box Recovery of Operating Costs	5.26%	5.69%
Fleet Size	6	6

### Demand Response Statistics:

Annual Passenger Trips	13,160	14,404
Annual Revenue Hours	6,776	6,975
Annual Revenue Miles	85,966	102,101
Annual Vehicle Hours	7,209	7,592
Annual Vehicle Miles	91,451	108,060

### Performance measures:

Operating Expense Per Passenger Trip	\$44.44	\$40.88
Operating Expense Per Revenue Hour	\$86.32	\$84.42
Operating Expense Per Revenue Mile	\$6.80	\$5.77

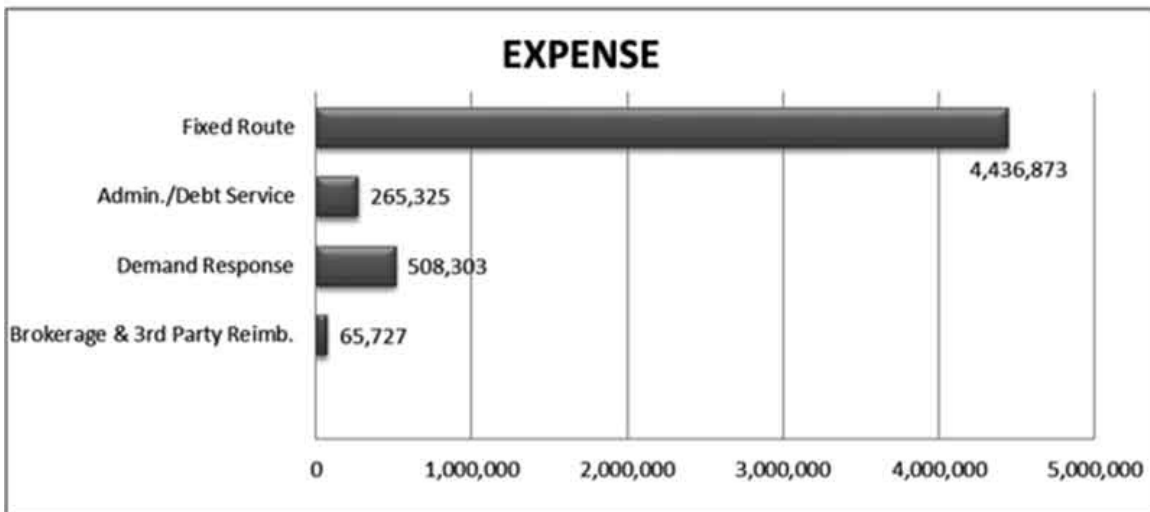
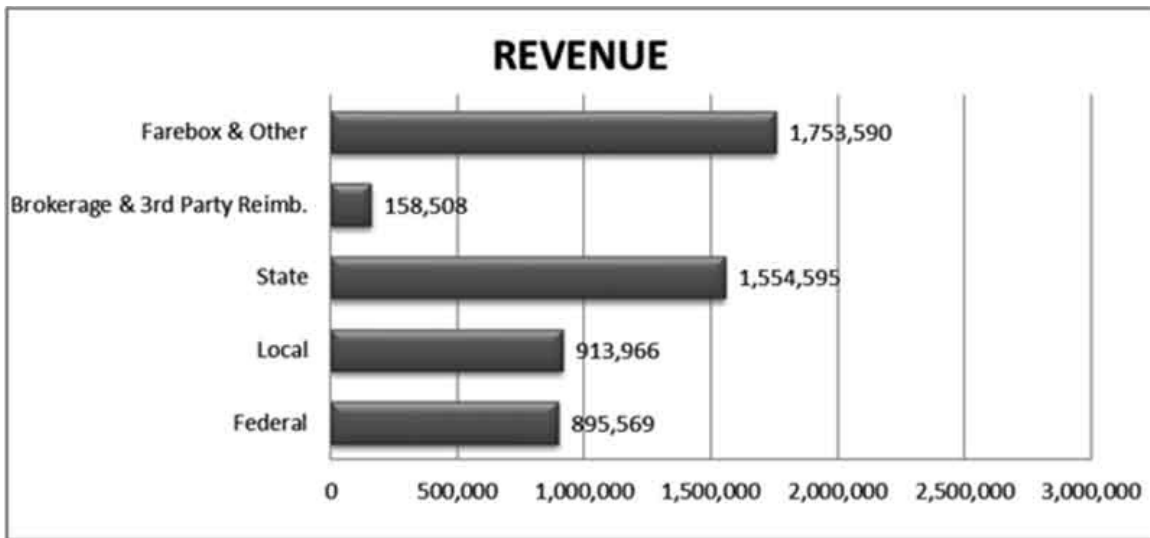
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Hour	1.94	2.07
Passenger Trips Per Revenue Mile	0.15	0.14
Required Subsidy Per Passenger Trip	\$42.11	\$38.55

**Fare Information:**

Paratransit:		
Elderly	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Disabled	\$2.00/town	\$2.00/town
Pass Program	N/A	N/A
Ticket Program	N/A	N/A

**Finance**

**Revenue and Expenses**



### Statement of Net Position

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 645,431	\$ 899,588
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,869,833	\$ 1,903,787
Other current assets	\$ 534,830	\$ 568,263
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ -	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 3,050,094	\$ 3,371,638
<b>Restricted &amp; Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 221,136	\$ 194,386
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 4,361,861	\$ 2,224,684
Total restricted assets	\$ 4,582,997	\$ 2,419,070
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 438,784	\$ 333,117
Capital assets, net	\$ 14,696,379	\$ 12,118,141
Net OPEB asset	\$ 348,950	\$ -
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$ 20,067,110	\$ 14,870,328
Total assets	\$ 23,117,204	\$ 18,241,966
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 53,888	\$ 87,849
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	\$ 39,104	
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$ 23,210,196	\$ 18,329,815
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 231,670	\$ 308,983
Total current liabilities	\$ 231,670	\$ 308,983
<b>Restricted and noncurrent liabilities</b>		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 4,036,516	\$ 1,979,117
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 4,036,516	\$ 1,979,117
Other post-employment benefits	\$ -	\$ 39,104
Net pension liability	\$ 226,827	\$ 314,025
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,500,284	\$ 1,504,027
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 5,763,627	\$ 3,836,273
Total liabilities	\$ 5,995,297	\$ 4,145,256
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ 58,003	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 6,053,300	\$ 4,145,256
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 14,696,379	\$ 12,118,141
Restricted	\$ 546,481	\$ 439,953
Other current assets	\$ 1,914,036	\$ 1,626,465
Total net position	\$ 17,156,896	\$ 14,184,559

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