

# 2017 Annual Report



## Town of Edgartown

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING CO.

# Annual Town Meeting

## February 5, 1917

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 fifth 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 one year (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 repairing its concrete walks.
- 21st. To see what action the town will take in relation to employing night watchmen.

- 22d. To see what action the town will take in regard to supporting the poor for the current year.
- 23d. 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.
- 24th. 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.
- 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 the town will do concerning the Gloucester Fish Company's use of Osborns Wharf and the nuisance thereby caused. (On petition of Antone Prada, Jr.)
- 29th. To see what action the town will take to concrete North Water Street from Daggett Street eastward at least as far as the farther side of Morse Street, said work to be done by contract and include necessary surveys for grades to carry off surface water and for raising sidewalks. (On petition of Francis A. Foster.)
- 30th. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant on the Katama Road, about seven hundred feet more or less from the junction of South Water Street and said Katama Road. (By request of the Finance Committee.)
- 31st. To see if the town will vote to install water from the Edgartown Water Co. in the Howard Ray house. (By request of the Finance Committee.)

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.

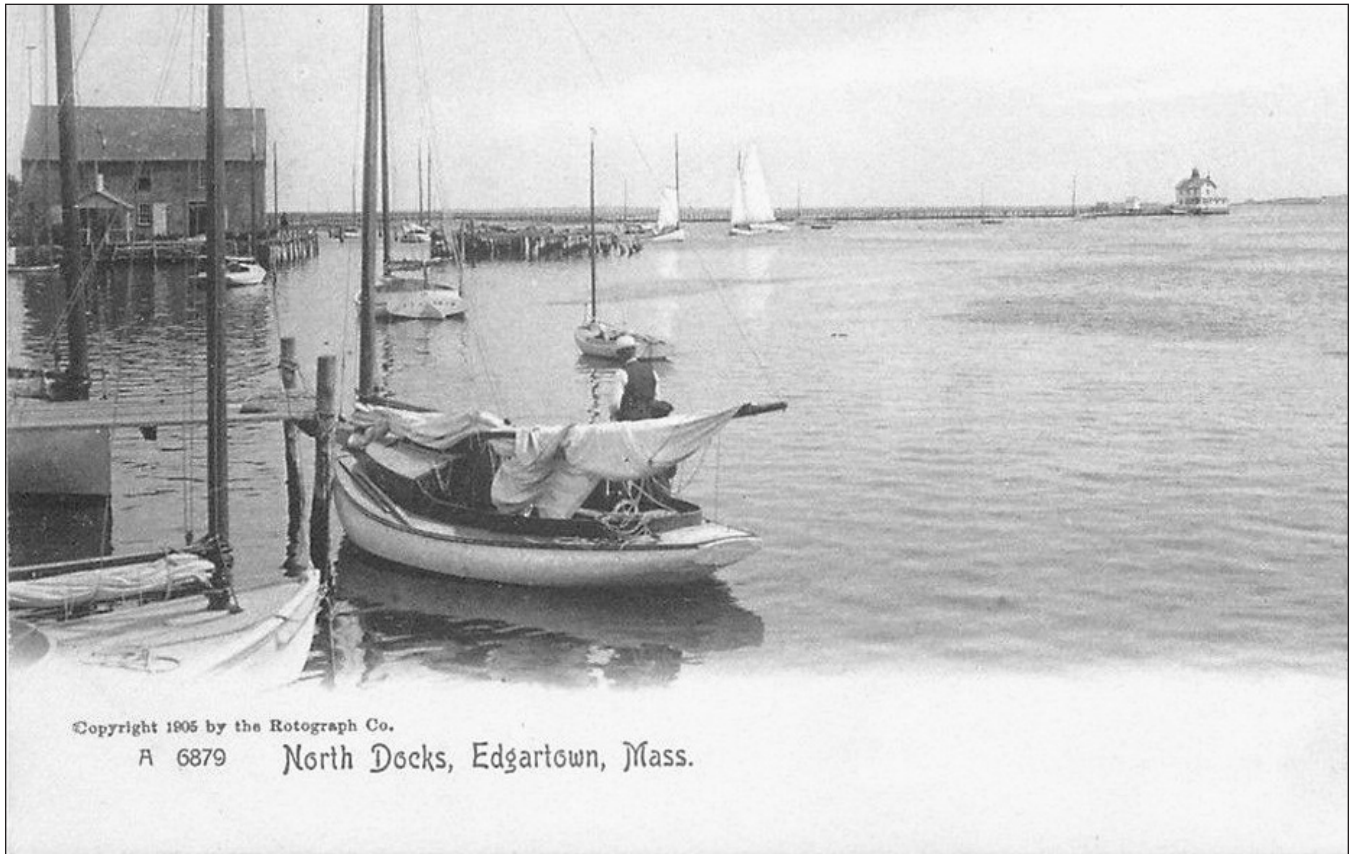
Given under our hands and the seal of the town of Edgartown this twenty-third day of January A.D. 1917.

EDWIN COFFIN  
THEODORE S. WIMPENNEY  
ALFRED A. AVERILL  
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.

## **Scott Amaral**

Martha's Vineyard Refuse District

## **Louise Bernard**

Town Hall Receptionist  
1989 - 2014

## **Kathryn Bettencourt**

Resident Homesite Committee  
1997-2006

## **William C. Bishop III**

Historic District Committee  
2003-2014

## **H. Glenn Carpenter, Jr.**

Council on Aging  
2014-2017  
Library Trustee  
2010-2011

## Angel

### *I see Gerry*

now  
blue hooded sweatshirt  
ball cap  
blue pants  
Rockafella  
he calls me  
(and everybody else)  
I call back  
our old joke  
as he walks off the ferry  
towards his  
town car  
a ride in both his ports  
He's school bus bound  
to haul all those  
Chappy kids  
back home

We'll always stop to talk  
a day  
a week  
a month  
it's all the same  
We pick up  
where we left off  
First the touchstone banter  
the give and take  
rounded up  
in real respect of grace  
for our lives  
He's died before  
I'm reminded  
and how  
now  
is all we really have  
We often hug  
sometimes I've kissed him  
Our connection  
is  
like that

We go back  
a bit  
Gerry on Chappy  
and the ferry  
me working  
on the harbor  
Our lives were bound  
to overlap  
We called each other names  
Rocky always stuck  
If I had your money  
cracked us up  
He'd yell

hey Ewen  
and say  
they call me Angel  
always out of love

Other talks drift  
back in time  
of simple older  
Chappy days  
He was the main  
mechanic man  
who kept that  
little island running  
Fixed the cars  
then tucked them  
in his yard as junk  
The year round  
tow truck man  
trolling East Beach  
in his A frame rig  
a landmark  
at the Point  
Deftly hauling  
stranded hulks  
free from  
hungry waves  
Angel of the Shore

I do recall  
those younger days with  
wife and kids  
The husband, father  
gentle man  
Now  
reaching back  
a little more  
his mother, grandma  
and his aunt  
in aprons  
at their restaurant  
cooking old time  
island meals  
Somehow my family  
ate there once  
I recall the  
big stuffed chairs  
while waiting for  
their second seating  
Then the steaming  
farm house feed  
the Jeffers' spread  
Riced potatoes  
a first for me  
with fresh butter  
and ham with peas

some sweet dessert  
still sticks to me

We will remember  
all of them  
the Jeffers women  
the Jeffers men  
Milton, Lowell  
Gerry too  
For like these islands  
that they shared  
the natural beauty  
of their souls  
surrounds us with  
a separate  
kind of peace  
The love that  
never dies

And like the  
swirling harbor tide  
the Chappy Ferry  
will still run  
on time  
The ready ramp  
will surely thump  
solid  
on the gently swinging deck  
as it squares into  
the waiting slip  
The chain will fall  
while as the first car  
babumps ashore  
quietly  
now  
off to the side  
the man will stand  
and watch  
the crowd will cram on by  
heading for town  
or that summer  
beach club bus  
Slightly smiling  
twinkling eyes  
all in blue  
ball cap and hood  
forever  
and all time

Steve Ewing  
Poet Laureate  
Edgartown  
October 25, 2017





# 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.

## **Gerald Jeffers**

School Bus Driver  
1987-2017

Fire Department  
1970-1985

## **John S. Lovewell**

Water Commissioner  
1992-2016

Wastewater Treatment Commissioner  
1986-1994

## **Francis V. Resendes**

Election Clerk  
1984-2011



## 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!

.....

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_  
BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### LIST ORDER OF PREFERENCE

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airfield Commission               | <input type="checkbox"/> Edgartown Ponds Advisory Committee    |
| <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    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission               | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Board                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shellfish Committee                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Advisory Committee               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals               |

# TOWN OFFICERS

## ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

### Moderator

PHILIP J. NORTON, JR.

Term Expires 2018

### Board of Selectmen

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

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

### Town Administrator

PAMELA M. DOLBY

### Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen

KRISTY ROSE  
KAREN FULLER  
GAIL F. AVAKIAN

### Board of Assessors

LAURENCE A. MERCIER  
DONNA GOODALE  
ALAN GOWELL, Chairman

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

### Assessor/Appraiser

JO-ANN RESENDES, Principal Assessor

### Administrative Assistant to Assessors

CYNTHIA E. BONNELL  
EDWARD PIERCE, Data Collector

### Board of Health

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

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

### Health Agent

MATTHEW E. POOLE

### Town Collector

MELISSA A. KUEHNE

Term Expires 2018

### Assistant Collector

DEBORAH WILLOUGHBY  
HEIDI S. BOYD

### Planning Board

ROBERT M. CAVALLO, Chairman  
SAM SHERMAN  
JAMES CISEK, Alternate  
FRED D. MASCALO  
MICHAEL MCCOURT  
LUCY MORRISON  
GEORGIANA GREENOUGH, Administrative Assistant  
DOUG FINN, Part-time Clerk

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2022

**School Committee**

MEGAN ANDERSON, Chairman  
KELLY MCCRACKEN  
KIMBERLY S. KIRK

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

**Edgartown Library Trustees**

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

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

**Library**

LISA HORTON SHERMAN, Director  
ELYCE BONNELL, Children’s Librarian  
EMMY SHARKEY, Circulation Supervisor  
ALISON LESLIE, Technical Services Librarian  
ERIC J. ALEXANDER, Department Assistant  
NIS KILDEGAARD, Reference Librarian  
VIRGINIA MUNRO, Programs Coordinator /Library Assistant II  
TOM IGNACIO, Library Assistant II  
MORGAN STANLEY KOMINERS, Library Assistant II  
JELISA DIFO, Library Assistant II  
NEUSETH CLEARY, Custodian  
\* DEBORAH MACINNIS, Children’s Librarian/ Assistant Director

**Park Commissioners**

KEVIN SEARLE  
GLEN SEARLE  
JANE M. VARKONDA, Chairman  
JESSICA MCGROARTY, Administrator

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2017

**Wastewater Treatment Commission**

SEAN MURPHY  
GLEN SEARLE, Chairman  
SCOTT ELLIS

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

**Wastewater Treatment Facility**

DAVID THOMPSON, Chief Operator  
THEODORE M. VANGERVEN, Plant Operator  
DALE R. MORGAN, Plant Operator  
JOSEPH ROCK, Plant Operator  
PATRICK HICKEY, Junior Operator  
WILLIAM MEADER, Junior Operator  
MARISA BONIFACE, Department Assistant  
PIA WEBSTER, Administrative Assistant

**Water Commissioners**

JIM KELLEHER  
SCOTT ELLIS  
DAVID BURKE, Chairman

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2020

**Edgartown Water Department**

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

**Constables**

SCOTT ELLIS  
WILLIAM C. BISHOP IV

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019

**Financial Advisory Committee**

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

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

**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  
TRUDY CARTER

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS**

**Accountant**

KIMBERLY G. KANE

**Accountant's Assistant**

LAURI MATHER

**Affordable Housing Committee**

MELISSA NORTON VINCENT  
CHRISTINE WHITE  
JOSEPH ROBERTS  
MARK HESS, Chairman  
CHRISTINA BROWN  
TIMOTHY RUSH, Vice-Chair  
ARIELLE HAYES, Administrator

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

**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

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

**Airfield Commission**

MICHAEL NAGLE  
HARALD FINLEY, Chairman

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2018

JAMES CRAIG	Term Expires 2019
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Representative for the Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2019
PATRICK BRADLEY	Term Expires 2020

**Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator**

LEONARD JASON, JR.

**Beautification Advisory Committee**

CAROL FLIGOR	Term Expires 2018
GERRET C. CONOVER	Term Expires 2018
CAMMIE NAYLOR	Term Expires 2018
RENEE CLERMONT	Term Expires 2018
GERI SMITH	Term Expires 2018
DORRIS WARD	Term Expires 2018

**Board of Fire Engineers**

PETER SHEMETH, Chief Engineer	
ALEX SCHAEFFER, Deputy Fire Chief	
ANDREW KELLY, Assistant Chief	Term Expires 2018
RICHARD J. KELLY, Retired Captain	Term Expires 2018
GEOFFREY FREEMAN, Captain	Term Expires 2018
SCOTT ELLIS, Retired Assistant Chief	Term Expires 2018
TREVOR SCANLAN, EMS Representative	Term Expires 2018
HAROLD ZADEH	Term Expires 2018

**Fire Department Ambulance Service**

ALEX SCHAEFFER, EMT-Paramedic, Ambulance Coordinator  
 KATE FOSTER, EMT-Paramedic  
 JOSHUA BAKER, EMT-Paramedic  
 BRENDAN COONEY, EMT-Paramedic  
 MIKE KLIMEK, EMT-Paramedic  
 BRIAN FOSTER, EMT-Paramedic  
 ANITA BILLINGS, Assistant

**Edgartown Ambulance Advisory Committee**

PETER SHEMETH, Fire Chief	
SUSAN BETTENCOURT	Term Expires 2018
TREVOR SCANLON, EMT Representative	Term Expires 2018
SEAN MURPHY	Term Expires 2019
DEANNA AHEARN-LAIRD	Term Expires 2019

**Board of Registrars**

JO-ANN RESENDES	Term Expires 2018
PHYLLIS E. LOOK	Term Expires 2019
IRENE RESENDES	Term Expires 2020

**Building Inspector**

LEONARD JASON, JR.

**Local Building Inspector**

REED K. MILNE

**Building Inspector's Assistant**

AKEYAH NUNES

**By-Ways Committee**

ROBERT M. GREEN, JR.	Term Expires 2018
ELLEN BLODGETT	Term Expires 2018
LINDA DEWITT	Term Expires 2018
DOUG JONES	Term Expires 2018
POLLY BASSETT	Term Expires 2018
KARA SHEMETH	Term Expires 2018

**Capital Programs Committee**

NANCY SHEMETH  
JANE BARBINI  
JONATHAN LAIRD  
ROBERT M. CAVALLO

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

**Cemetery Commissioners**

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

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

**Cemetery Superintendent**

JESSICA MCGROARTY

**Local Census Director**

WANDA M. WILLIAMS

**Christmas Decorations Committee**

GLEN SEARLE  
GAIL F. AVAKIAN  
JEAN G. HATHAWAY  
PRISCILLA BETTENCOURT

**Community Preservation Committee**

TIMOTHY RUSH, Affordable Housing Committee Representative  
MORTON FEAREY, JR., Vice-Chairman, Financial Advisory Representative  
MICHAEL MCCOURT, Planning Board Representative  
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  
KRISTY ROSE, Administrator

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

**Computer Advisory Committee**

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

**Computer Systems Manager**

ADAM DARACK

**Conservation Commission**

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

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

**Council on Aging**

KEVIN RYAN, Chairman  
OLGA CHURCH  
MARVENE O'ROURKE  
JAY SIGLER  
HEIDI BOYD  
\*\*\*GLEN CARPENTER  
PAUL MOHAIR, Administrator  
WENDY BENEDETTO, Director of Senior Services

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

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 2018  
J. HOWELL KELLY, Chairman, Member at Large Term Expires 2018  
ED HANDY, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee Term Expires 2019  
DUDLEY LEVICK, Member at Large Term Expires 2020  
LES BAYNES, Representative for the Shellfish Committee Term Expires 2020  
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator

**Dukes County Regional Housing Authority Representative**

MELISSA NORTON VINCENT Term Expires 2019

**Dukes County Cable Advisory Committee Representative**

PAMELA M. DOLBY

**Emergency Management/Civil Defense**

PETER SHEMETH, Director  
RITA BROWN

**Edgartown Ponds Area Advisory Committee**

TIMOTHY CONNELLY Term Expires 2018  
DONALD BENEFIT Term Expires 2018  
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  
PAUL LINDERSON  
JOHN CASEY  
JAMIE ANN GREENE  
JOHN CLARKE, MVRD Board of Health Representative  
TOM PIERCE, MVRD Board of Health Representative

**Fire Department Inspectors**

PETER SHEMETH  
ALEX SCHAEFFER

**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, Deputy Assistant  
WILLIAM MACCLARENCE, Assistant  
LUCAS DEBETTENCOURT, Assistant



TALBOT HILDNER, Assistant  
GREGORY FLIGOR, Assistant  
MAREN MELLEN, Assistant  
LOUISE LYNN, Assistant  
BYRON LYNN, Assistant

**Harbormaster's Clerk/Wharfingers**

DANIEL GAINES  
WILLIAM DAVIS  
RILEY BESAW  
TAYLOR BLAIR  
JACKSON CROCKER  
EMILY EAGLETON  
WILLIAM GRESHAM  
ERIN HEGARTY  
SEAN HEGARTY  
CHADWICK HILDNER  
AUGUSTE PIZZANO  
JACK SIERPUTOSKI

**Harbormaster's Special Assistants**

WARREN GAINES  
PAUL BAGNALL  
WILLIAM ROMAN  
CRAIG A. EDWARDS  
EDWIN B. GENTLE, JR.  
JONATHAN SEARLE

**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**

CAROLE BERGER  
SUSAN CATLING, Vice Chairman  
EDITH BLAKE  
PETER ROSBECK, Alternate  
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT, Chairman  
CARI WILLIAMSON, Alternate  
JULIA CELESTE  
CASSIE BRADLEY  
KEN MAGNUSON  
MINAH WORLEY, Alternate  
BRICQUE GARBER, Administrative Assistant

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

**Independence Day Committee**

JOSEPH SOLLITTO, Chairman  
JAMES CRAIG  
RICHARD KRAUSS  
ALFRED NOYES  
WANDA WILLIAMS

**Inspector of Animals**

BARBARA PRADA  
CATHERINE BUCK, VMD

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2018

**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  
WILLIAM ERICKSON, Water Commissioners Representative

**Marine Advisory Committee**

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

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

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

JAMES JOYCE

Term Expires 2018

**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

**Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council**

CLAIRE CHALFOUR  
LORI STONE

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2019

**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.

**Parking Ticket Clerk**

DONNA MICHALKSKI

**Personnel Board**

MAUREEN HILL  
PAUL D. MOREAU  
ELYCE BONNELL, Employee Representative  
SUZANNE CIOFFI, Chairman  
MARCEL LAFLAMME  
KIM LUCAS, Human Resource Coordinator

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

**Police Officers**

DAVID ROSSI  
CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY  
CRAIG A. EDWARDS  
THOMAS L. SMITH

Chief  
Lieutenant  
Sergeant  
Sergeant

MICHAEL D. GAZAILLE	Sergeant
JOEL M. DEROCHE	Sergeant
JONATHAN M. SEARLE	Sergeant
MICHAEL SNOWDEN, II	Detective
DAYCE MOORE	Detective
JAMES S. CRAIG	Officer
WILLIAM D. OTERI	Officer
STEPHANIE IMMELT	Officer
WILLIAM C. BISHOP, IV	Officer
NICHOLAS PHELPS	Officer
RYAN RULEY	Officer
JEFFREY TRUDEL & K9 BUSTER	Officer
ZACHARY TOWNES	Officer
CURTIS CHANDLER	Officer
JAKE SYLVIA	Officer
KYLE ALTIERI	Special Officer
ALEX GUEST	Special Officer
JAMES BISHOP	Special Officer
TRACY A. GIACOMINI	Administrative Assistant
MARIA WILLIAMS	Department Assistant
R. NEAL CONDLIN	Summer Traffic Officer
LUKE MCCRAKEN	Summer Traffic Officer
PAUL JEFFERS MAYHEW	Summer Traffic Officer
WILLIAM JACOB	Summer Traffic Officer
ALEX GEORGE	Summer Traffic Officer
ZACH MOREIS	Summer Traffic Officer
JULIA LEVESQUE	Summer Traffic Officer
BRAD FIELDLER	Summer Traffic Officer
CORY MEDERIOS	Summer Traffic Officer

**Plumbing Inspectors**

GEORGE APOSTOLIDES  
CHARLES DAY

**Procurement Officer**

JULIET MULINARE

**Shellfish Committee**

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

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

**Shellfish Constable**

PAUL L. BAGNALL

**Shellfish Wardens (Deputies)**

WARREN GAINES  
ROBERT D. MORRISON  
PETER JACKSON, JR.  
PAUL SCHULTZ, Summer Deputy  
RALPH PECKHAM, Summer Deputy  
RALPH SAVORY, Summer Deputy

**Shellfish Wardens (Unpaid Deputies)**

ROBERT OCY CZ  
WILLIAM BASSETT  
FLOYD NORTON  
PAUL SCHULTZ  
PETER WELLS

Term Expires 2017  
Term Expires 2017  
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Term Expires 2017

**Sick Leave Bank**

PAMELA M. DOLBY, Secretary  
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Employee Representative  
WANDA WILLIAMS

Term Expires 2019  
Term Expires 2019

**Sign Advisory Committee**

HARRIET HOAR  
COURTNEY BRADY  
GERRET C. CONOVER  
JULIA CELESTE  
MARTIN V. TOMASSIAN, JR.

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020

**Town Clerk**

WANDA M. WILLIAMS

**Assistant Town Clerk**

KAREN R. MEDEIROS

**Town Counsel**

RONALD H. RAPPAPORT

**Town Treasurer**

PAMELA AMARAL

**Treasurer's Assistant**

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**

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

Term Expires 2018  
Term Expires 2018  
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Term Expires 2019  
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Term Expires 2017  
Term Expires 2017  
Term Expires 2020

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

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

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

## *Faces in the Crowd*

I've tried to march in step  
since '95 I've  
hailed the bright  
red and rampant  
Scottish Lion  
fierce fangs and claws all  
snarling from his flapping  
yellow stage  
I've heard the brave heart  
cheers of pride  
swelling in the  
snappy harbor breeze  
as we pass  
Followed by the  
pounding drums and squealing bags  
curling round these  
summer streets  
crammed  
with raucous crowds

The steps I follow  
are my dad's  
Since he died  
I took up his kilted call  
and staff in hand  
we lead the band  
beating close behind  
Kids and candy  
line the  
festive screaming route  
The same parade  
I saluted as a boy  
small flag in hand  
from our old time  
Main Street yard  
Then on my rough  
but festooned bike  
baseball cards pinned  
and ticking  
on the spokes  
Later with a rifle and  
the Boys' Club  
Drum and Bugle Corps  
all geared up  
helmet and white bucks  
Steely eyed so  
young and proud

Small town boy and  
small town man  
have meshed  
to march  
in independent step  
somehow  
Now I'm grown  
just past my prime  
I see more clearly  
broad faces  
in the looming  
waving crowd  
Familiar quiet smiles  
snag me  
from chosen spots  
As we pass each year  
I come to search  
them out  
and as we lock  
our eyes  
in knowing moments  
time stalls and stops  
It's clear they see  
my dad in me  
and I wave back  
unabashed  
soaking up this  
special scene  
Year to year we share  
these silent stares  
amidst the cheers  
of happy tourists  
jostling kids  
the pipe band pounding  
in our ears

Until the day  
an empty chair appears  
and frames  
that somber space  
where Bob or Dick  
had been  
Where Rosalie  
once stood  
or sat and Walter  
Herb or Bailey  
Nelson, Anne and

all the rest  
should wave back  
In the summer breeze  
I hesitate and almost sense  
their breath  
on my neck

While close friends and family  
stand there still  
guarding in respect  
the loss the space declares  
Our smiles hide  
the tears  
the knowing and  
the love  
the shared communal grief  
and as we pass  
and wave  
goodbye  
my sight drifts forward  
slowly towards  
a stroller  
The small baby  
tentative and curious  
at her very first parade  
stares bright eyed and  
oh so  
very much alive

STEVE EWING  
Edgartown Poet Laureate  
Town Meeting, April 2017



# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

2017 was a busy year in our Town. The Memorial Wharf project replaced the stairs, decking, shingles, and railings. The repairs also fixed the leaking roof and installed new lighting.

Thanks to the generosity of an Edgartown resident, our police station got a facelift which included new landscaping.

At our Annual Town Meeting, the Town authorized the acquisition of what is affectionately known as the "Yellow House". The requests for proposals will be examined by the committee early in 2018 and a decision will be made then on the next step. Visitors this summer have been enjoying the benches that were put out front along Main Street.

The project to pave Meeting House Way began this fall with an eye towards having it completed by next spring. Stuart Fuller and our Highway Department have undertaken much of the work themselves saving the Town a substantial amount of money.

On Chappaquiddick, a new temporary cell tower was installed that brought cell service to much of the island. The Martha's Vineyard Commission has recently paved the way to replace the temporary tower with a permanent one bringing new levels of convenience and safety to the residents of, and visitors to Chappy.

The Martha's Vineyard Commission has also approved an expansion to the Stop and Shop grocery store on Upper Main Street. The increased parking and wider aisles should improve the shopping experience for both visitors and residents.

The Town Hall got a new HVAC system and other improvements that go with the upkeep of our historic building.

Our old dredge, that we bought in 1996, was replaced this year with a new one. The great job our dredge crew does will continue forward. Fuller Street Beach has been receiving sand from our various dredge projects and has responded well to the efforts.

In the affordable housing area, we completed the lottery for three lots on Sixth Street. Our Meshacket Road project has been moving forward. The next steps will be to refine our RFP process and find a developer for the project. The Affordable Housing Committee will be working on that during 2018.

Our Town was very busy welcoming visitors and celebrating holidays. The Fourth of July fireworks were fabulous, 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 almost two and a half million dollars.

I would like to acknowledge with sadness, the passing this year of Louise Bernard, who everyone knew as the "shellfish lady", John Lovewell, a man of great humor, fierce dedication, and deep love of Edgartown, and Coo Cavallo, our old and dear friend who served our Town in so many ways.

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 to acknowledge the work of our Town Administrator, Pam Dolby, and her able assistants Kristy Rose, Karen Fuller, and Gail Avakian.

Finally, many thanks to my fellow Board members Margaret Serpa and Michael Donaroma. It is indeed a pleasure to serve with such respected and knowledgeable people.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SMADBECK  
Chairman

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

2017 - After the Presidential Election cycle it is usually an easier year in the Clerk's Office. It is a year free of State and Federal elections. We are given a little time to look into any problems that might have occurred at any of the election events.

In January we started with the routine events of the Town Census to be mailed and dog owners arriving to get their dogs licensed before they get on the Animal Control Officer's bad list. Candidates then come in to take out nomination papers for open elected positions. The month of April started our Special and Annual Town Meetings and Election. Everything went smoothly. As always our Moderator Jeff Norton kept things moving right along for both meetings. The Election had a rather small turnout, with only 568 voters casting ballots.

By the end of April, the usual flow of couples wanting to file their intentions for June weddings began. We were kept very busy with couples wanting to get married on the Island. As the summer moved along the couples just kept coming. On one very busy day there were six couples in the Office doing the required paper work at once. Our total for the year for filing requests was one hundred thirty-three.

In November we held a Special Town Meeting for an important matter they could not wait until our scheduled meeting in April. It is usually hard to get a quorum during the late months, as so many of our voters go south for the winter. We did reach the required number and the meeting

began. There were nine Articles on the Warrant; two of the Articles had to do with marijuana laws and public consumption. The Articles both passed and are under review by our Attorney General's Office.

Many thanks go to Phyllis Look, Irene Resendes and JoAnn Resendes who make up our Board of Registrars and assist with the Town Meetings and Elections.

Many, many thanks go to Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk. She works well with our voters and general public who come to the Office for many reasons. She is respectful and polite to everyone and works well with each situation large or small. She is an asset to the Clerk's Office and the Town.

The following is a list of the events held during 2017 and a report of the licenses sold for the Year:

Special Town Meeting	April 11, 2017
Annual Town Meeting	April 11, 2017
Annual Town Election	April 14, 2017
Special Town Meeting	November 14, 2017
Dog Licenses	971
Marriages Licenses	133

The following is a complete report of minutes for all Town Meetings and Elections held in 2017.

Included are the Marriages and Death reports for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk



**REPORT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON  
APRIL 11, 2017**

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 11, Two Thousand and Seventeen, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, having attained a quorum of one hundred eighty (180) as required by Town By-Law, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05P. M. The Moderator read the preamble to the Warrant the Constable's return.

**ARTICLE 1.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from "Sale of Lots" the sum of \$30,000.00 to pay the cost of utilities to the so-called 6th Street Lots.

**Moved and seconded; after discussion about deed restrictions a voter requested "move the question." The Article was thereafter voted by a STANDING VOTE YES 129 NO 68 the ARTICLE CARRIED.**

**ARTICLE 2.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2017, share of the health insurance budget line.

**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 \$59,082.00, to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2017 Fire, Liability, and Worker's Compensation insurance budget line.

**Moved 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 \$10,000.00 to be added to the Medicare line for Fiscal Year 2017.

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

**ARTICLE 5.** Moved that the Town vote to amend the Personnel By-Law, Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as follows, effective immediately.

Change Deputy Building Inspector to Local Building Inspector  
Add the position of Food Inspector to Grade 6

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

**ARTICLE 6.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Salaries & Wages – Vacation (Employee Benefits Buyback) Account to cover the cost of employees buying back unused vacation time.

**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 \$2,181.60 to fund the position of Local Building Inspector for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017.

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

**ARTICLE 8.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Inspectors Salaries & Wages Account to cover the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. This money comes back to the Town through the inspector's fees.

**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 \$12,056.00 as matching funds of an awarded federal grant to replace expired bullet proof vests.

**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 \$7,826.00 for the development of a comprehensive emergency safety and security plan for the Edgartown School.

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

**ARTICLE 11.** Moved that the town vote to transfer the sum of \$34,421.84 from Library –Salaries/Custodian to Library-Expenses/Custodial Services Contract to cover payment of custodial services invoices and contract through June 30, 2017.

**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 \$3,720.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2015 unpaid bill:

Seimens Company \$3,720.00 Highway Department .

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

The Special Town Meeting was declared closed by the Moderator at 7:35 P.M.

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON  
APRIL 11, 2017**

The Moderator began the Annual Town Meeting at 7:37 P.M. The quorum of One hundred eighty (180) was 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 (six) Ballot Questions, Article 2 was taken up at this time.

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon. Adam Darack, I T Manager explained the efforts that were made it insure better cell phone service on Chappaquiddick and all the help from the committer. A cell tower has made better service to the Island. An additions comment on the whale that drifted onto the beach at Norton Point on July 4th weekend. Wind blowing a spray of water that left a smell that he could not get rid of fast enough.

Lisa Sherman, Library Director spoke next, two honor Debbie Mac Innis Children's Librarian who has worked in that position for forty-four (44) year. A round of applause for services well done.

**SURVEYORS OF LUMBER**

Robert Avakian                      Fred B. Morgan, Jr.

**A motion was made to appoint the above named persons as Surveyors and Lumber. 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 Cole. Moved and seconder thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Paul Bagnall                      James Joyce                      M. J. Rodgers

**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.** Move that the Town vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 1.5% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2017.

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

**ARTICLE 5.** Move that the Town vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2018 and to make appropriations.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**MODERATOR**

1. Salary Elected		\$	300.00
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**SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT-  
ADMINISTRATOR**

2. Selectmen's Salaries (3) Elected		13,500.00
3. Other Salaries (2FT, 2PT)		228,774.08
4. Expense		7,115.00

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

5. Salary (1PT)		5,663.84
6. Expense		4,867.73
7. Reserve Fund		40,000.00

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT.**

8. Salaries (2FT)		140,375.74
9. Expense		13,955.00

**ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT**

10. Assessors' Salaries (3) – Elected		3,300.00
11. Other Salaries (3FT)		193,624.30
12. Expense		28,645.00

**TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT**

13. Salaries (2FT)		125,900.14
14. Expense		25,075.00

**TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT**

15. Collector's Salary – Elected		70,643.94
16. Salaries (2FT)		100,934.42
17. Expense		12,220.00

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

18. Salary (1FT)		54,917.10
19. Expense		7,250.00

**TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

20. Salaries (2 FT)		136,419.23
21. Expense		3,260.00

**ELECTION & REGISTRATION**

22. Salaries (3PT)		10,000.00
23. Expense		7,127.00

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

24. Salaries (2FT)		118,190.77
25. Expense		36,700.00

**PLANNING BOARD**

26. Salary (1FT,1PT)		72,388.03
27. Expense		7,950.00

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

28. Salary (1 PT)		23,628.40
29. Expense		1,000.00

**TOWN HALL AND**

**VISITOR'S CENTER MAINTENANCE**

30. Salary (1S)		8,260.60
31. Town Hall and Visitor's Center Maintenance		133,000.00

**COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER**

32. Computer System Administrator (1FT)		104,254.02
33. Computer System Expense		102,745.22

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

34. Salaries (5FT. 1PT)		295,036.59
35. Expense		38,240.00

<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>		
36. Salaries (1PT)	32,081.18	
37. Expense	1,000.00	
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
38. Expense	50,000.00	
<b>BY-WAYS COMMITTEE</b>		
39. Expense	1,100.00	
40. LEGAL EXPENSE	147,500.00	
41. Tax Title/Foreclosure	10,000.00	
<b>Total for General Government</b>	<b>\$2,416,942.33</b>	

Line 41 was passed by Voter Peter Look in error

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>		
42. Salaries (21FT 2PT 5S)	2,952,406.42	
43. Expense	310,602.00	
<i>Voter Peter Look wanted to pass on Line Item 43 instead of Line 41. He was allowed to talk and try to make an amendment which was not moved or seconded. Voter Look returned to his seat and the meeting continued.</i>		
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>		
44. Salaries (1FT, 3 Chiefs & 46 Firefighters)	342,807.00	
45. Expense	210,500.00	

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE</b>		
46. Salaries (5FT, 26 EMTs)	646,640.89	
47. Expense	92,113.00	

<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT</b>		
48. Salaries (2 FT, 1 PT)	152,915.96	
49. Expense	8,000.00	

<b>INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE &amp; FIRE)</b>		
50. Salaries (5PT)	140,000.00	
51. Expense	950.00	

<b>CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
52. Salaries	500.00	
53. Expense	7,563.00	

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT</b>		
54. Salaries (1FT, 2 PT)	95,858.57	
55. Expense	8,100.00	

<b>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT</b>		
56. Forest Fire Control/Emergency Service	23,000.00	
57. Control Dutch Elm Disease	4,100.00	
58. Care of Shade Trees	20,500.00	
59. Planting Shade Trees	8,000.00	

<b>SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT</b>		
60. Salaries (3FT, 2S)	258,385.62	
61. Expense	27,100.00	

**Total Protection of Persons and Property 5,310,042.46**  
 Lines 1 thru 61 with Line 41 were moved and seconded, thereafter voted in favor with the Moderator declaring that Lines 1 thru 61, CARRIED.

<b><u>HARBORMASTER'S DEPARTMENT</u></b>		
62. Salaries (4 FT, 6-8S)	334,632.16	
63. Expense	105,850.00	
64. Marine Advisory Committee Expense	2,100.00	
<b>Total for Harbor Department</b>	<b>442,582.16</b>	

<b><u>DREDGE</u></b>		
65. Salaries (4-6S)	123,766.20	
66. Expense	136,000.00	
<b>Total for Dredge</b>	<b>259,766.20</b>	

<b><u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u></b>		
67. Salaries (7FT)	685,877.87	
<i>Line 67 Passed</i>		
68. Street Lights	20,500.00	
69. Snow & Ice	58,200.00	
70. Expense	212,550.00	
<b>Total for Highway Department</b>	<b>977,127.87</b>	

<b><u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u></b>		
<b>TRANSFER STATION &amp; SITE MAINTENANCE</b>		
71. MV Refuse District Assessment	510,371.35	
<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT</b>		
72. Salaries (7FT)	560,249.31	
73. Expense	483,658.60	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>		
74. Salaries (2FT)	149,265.47	
75. Expense	120,909.51	
<b>Total for Health &amp; Sanitation</b>	<b>1,814,454.24</b>	

<b><u>VETERANS SERVICES</u></b>		
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76. Expense	30,000.00	
<b>Total for Veterans</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	

Lines 62 to 76 without Line 67 were moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that 62 to 76 without Line 67 passed by a **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.  
 Line 67 was passed for discussion, Voter M J Look wanted to know why the salaries had increased for the Highway Department and the number of employees had not changes. The Highway Department is getting two additional employees one to work in the Cemetery and another for the Highway Department. Line 67 was moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that Line 67 passed by a **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>		
<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT</b>		
77. Salaries	5,713,644.78	
78. Expense	915,353.00	
79. Superintendent's Office	1,352,665.60	

<b>M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT</b>		
80. Assessment	4,354,588.83	
<b>Total for Education</b>	<b>12,336,252.21</b>	
Line 78. Passed for an amendment, from \$844,153.00 to an increased amount of \$915,353.00.		

<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>		
<b>EDGARTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT</b>		
81. Salaries (6FR, 4 PT)	494,229.44	
82. Expense	325,972.00	
<b>Total for Library</b>	<b>820,201.44</b>	

**PARK AND BEACHES**

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83. Salaries (1PT, 25-30S)	311,372.26
84. Expense	60,000.00
<b>Total for Parks &amp; Beaches</b>	<b>371,372.26</b>

**CEMETERY**

**Cemetery Department**

85. Salary (1FT, 2S)	28,876.00
86. Expense	1,825.00
<b>Total for Cemeteries</b>	<b>30,701.00</b>

**UNCLASSIFIED**

87. Insurance-Fire, Liability, Workers' Compensation	375,000.00
88. Unemployment Compensation Insurance	15,000.00
89. Care of Town Clock	6,000.00
90. Annual Town Reports	9,000.00
91. Holidays Expense	15,250.00
92. Ponds Area Advisory Committee Expense	2,750.00
93. Care of Town Flags	3,000.00
94. Internal & External Audit Town Accounts	63,000.00
95. Airfield Commission Expense	20,400.00
96. Christmas Decorations Expense	34,542.50
97. M.V. Commission Assessment	401,336.00
98. M.V. Cultural Council	2,500.00
99. Dukes County Regional Housing	95,823.00
100. Beautification Committee	25,000.00

Lines 76 to 100 without line 78 were moved and seconded thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring Lines 76 to 100 without 78 passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. Line 78 was amended from \$844,153.00.00 to \$915,353.00 moved and seconded with the Moderator declaring the Line 87 passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

101. Pension Fund	1,377,977.44
102. Other Post Employment Benefits	250,000.00

**GROUP INSURANCE**

103. Health – Town Share	3,419,117.18
104. Medicare – Town Share	200,000.00
105. Life Insurance – Town Share	2,000.00
<b>Total for Unclassified</b>	<b>6,318,196.12</b>

**INTEREST AND DEBT**

**PRINCIPAL**

106. GOB 2008	88,000.00
107. GOB 2010	100,000.00
108. MPF 2010 Series B	27,000.00
109. Wastewater 2011	11,411.00
110. MPL 2015 Series A	506,900.00
111. MPL 2015 Series B	600,000.00
112. MPL 2016	250,000.00
113. M. V. Senior Center Building (County)	49,312.00

**INTEREST**

114. GOB 2008	18,680.50
115. GOB 2010	15,125.00
116. MLP 2010 Series B	5,265.00
117. Wastewater 2011	12,237.35

118. MPL 2015 Series A	119,915.00
119. MLP 2015 Series B	125,225.00
120. MLP 2016	99,325.00
121. M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	12,081.44
122. Interest Temporary Loans	10,000.00
<b>Totals for Interest and Debt</b>	<b>2,050,477.29</b>

**WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND 024)**

123. Salaries (FT8)	519,033.87
124. Expense	590,153.00
125. Principal	254,617.12
126. Interest	220,696.03
<b>Total for Water Department</b>	<b>1,584,500.02</b>

**Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee \$ 34,772,261.60**

Lines 101 to 126 were moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**All Line Items 1 thru 126 were voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 6.** 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 2018 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 voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 7.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$90,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown families for Fiscal Year 2018.

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

**ARTICLE 8.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$75,490.00 and from the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$7,110.00 for a total of \$82,600.00 to fund the Preserving Affordability through Loan Support (PALS) program through The Resource, Inc.(TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% of county median income to fund emergency needed structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

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

**ARTICLE 9.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$40,000.00 to further implement the recommendations for the restoration of historic gravestones in Edgartown from the study funded in Fiscal Year 2014 for the Cemetery Commission.

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

**ARTICLE 10.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$39,250.00 for the conservation and restoration of the 19th Century Undertaker's Wagon owned by the Martha's Vineyard Museum. The wagon has been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic District Commission.

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

**ARTICLE 11.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 for the restoration and protective display of fire fighting artifacts at the Edgartown Fire Museum. The artifacts have been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic District Commission.

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

**ARTICLE 12.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$5,750.00 and from the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$4,250.00 for a total of \$10,000.00 to restore and preserve the permanent collection at the Old Sculpin Gallery. The collection has been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic District Commission.

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

**ARTICLE 13.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$20,000.00 for capital improvements to the main building at the Robinson Road Recreation Area.

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

**ARTICLE 14.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$125,000.00 to pay for 50% of extreme repairs and capital improvements to the bulkhead at the finger piers.

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

**ARTICLE 15.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$30,000.00 for a comprehensive engineering study of the bulkhead at North Wharf.

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

**ARTICLE 16.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 for the engineering portion of restoration and capital improvements to the Katama Boat Ramp.

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

**ARTICLE 17.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate no more than the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to purchase or take by Eminent Domain, and other related expenses, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 79, and any other enabling authority, including M.G.L. c. 44B, § 5(e), a parcel of land, and all improvements thereon, located at 66 Main Street, consisting of approximately 0.26 acres, and identified on Edgartown Assessor's Map 20D as Lot 125, for open space, for recreational use, for the acquisition and rehabilitation of historical resources, and for other municipal purposes (the "Property"); and, further, that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$1,000,000.00 is to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund; the sum of \$488,640.00 is to be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve; and the sum of \$11,360.00 is to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Unreserve Fund Balance to pay for those portions of the Property exclusively devoted to community preservation purposes; and, further, to raise and appropriate \$1,500,000.00 by taxation provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap by such amount, or take any other action thereto.

**Moved and seconded; After much discussion on the Article pros and cons an amendment was placed on the floor by Benjamin Hall, Jr. To allow the Town to enter into a \$30,000.00 lease for twenty-five (25) plus inflation and taxes. The amendment did not pass, as discussion with the Moderator and Town Counsel found the amendment was not in line with the Article. Moderator Norton, said the Article would be voted by Australian Ballot. An Australian Ballot was held with the following vote count. YES 217 AND NO 34. The Article passed by the required two-thirds majority.**

**BALLOT QUESTION #1**

**YES 399 NO 152 BLANKS 17**

**ARTICLE 18.** Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") to lease a portion of the parcel of land, located at 66 Main Street, and identified on Edgartown Assessor's Map 20D as Lot 125, and the historic structure commonly known as the "Yellow House" located thereon, to an entity, selected by the Board, based on criteria developed by the Board in conjunction with the

Community Preservation Committee and Historic District Committee, for the purpose of rehabilitating and restoring the Yellow House and managing its operation as a mixed use commercial property and/or office space. Both the lease and the management of the restored Yellow House will be on such terms and conditions as the Board, with the input from the Community Preservation Committee, determines are in the best interest of the Town and consistent with all governing law.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted by as standing vote YES 171 and NO 1.**

**The Article carried by the required two-thirds majority.**

**ARTICLE 19.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$6,500.00 for the rental and maintenance of portable toilets at the Upper Main Street Park & Ride, off the Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road.

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

**ARTICLE 20.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, 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.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, 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.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2018, the sum of \$16,197.00 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 and accept the 50/50 formula.

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

**ARTICLE 23.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$26,584.00, as the Town's proportionate share (30.56%), of the Fiscal Year 2018 adjusted cost of \$86,990.00 to fund 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 voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 24.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$141,948.00, as the Town's proportionate share (30.56%) of the Fiscal year 2018 adjusted cost of \$464,491.00 to fund the Martha's

Vineyard Senior Services (provided through a contract with M.V. Center for Living).

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

**ARTICLE 25.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,811.00 as the Town's proportionate share (30.56%) of the net cost of the Vineyard Health Care Access Program for Fiscal Year 2018 (\$316,789.00), based on a formula agreed to by the Advisory Board on County Expenditures.

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

**ARTICLE 26.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, 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 27.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,125.00 to fund the lightning protection for the Edgartown School. This protection would cover the exterior of the school building as well as interior communications and electrical circuitry and related components.

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

**ARTICLE 28.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$60,000.00 to be added to the sum of \$100,000.00 raised in Article 33 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 14, 2015, for the purchase of a generator.

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

**ARTICLE 29.** Move 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 2018.

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

**ARTICLE 30.** Move that the Town approve up to \$2,500,000.00 borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements toward the restructuring of traffic flow and residential Drop-Off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or to take any action relative thereto.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a STANDING VOTE YES 114 and NO 38.**

**ARTICLE 31.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the

sum of \$84,000.00 to purchase and equip two new police cruisers and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Board of Selectmen to dispose of two cruisers in the best interest(s) of the Town.

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

**ARTICLE 32.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 to shingle and make repairs to the exterior of the Police Station.

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

**ARTICLE 33.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,000.00 to purchase and equip a Class "A" Pumper, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap and further, to authorize the Fire Chief and Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing pumper in the best interest(s) of the Town.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the amount to \$575,000.00. The amendment was moved and seconded, thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

#### **BALLOT QUESTION #2**

#### **YES 420 NO 127 BLANKS 21**

**ARTICLE 34.** Move that the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$21,000.00 to purchase a skid mounted tank, pump and reel assembly to be installed in the back of a pickup truck and used for remote fire locations.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to INDEFINITELY POSTPONED the Article. The motion passed by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 35.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, to purchase two intravenous pumps for the ambulances. These pumps are newly required equipment and need to be in service by 2018..

**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 2018, the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase personal protective equipment to allow emergency medical technicians to provide specialized care in hazardous conditions.

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

**ARTICLE 37.** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$28,000.00 to purchase a medical oxygen generator and tank fill station. In addition to reducing risk of injury to ambulance staff by not having to lift and transport oxygen tanks, it will also allow the production of our own oxygen and no longer have to purchase it from a vendor.

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

**ARTICLE 38.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, 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 \$43,200.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2018 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter an amendment was made to reduce the sum required to \$37,000.00. The amendment was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. The main Article as amended was thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 40.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2018, the sum of \$23,000.00 to be used for maintenance of the Mattakesett Herring Creek.

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

**ARTICLE 41.** Move 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 2018.

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

**ARTICLE 42.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, 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 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 2018, the sum of \$11,100.00 to purchase and rig a replacement outboard motor for the harbor work vessel "Pointer" and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing motor in the best interest(s) of the towns.

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

**ARTICLE 44.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 to purchase a new Patrol/Collection vessel with trailer. Provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

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

**BALLOT QUESTION #3  
YES 407 NO 142 BLANKS 19**

**ARTICLE 45.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000.00 to purchase a new dredge, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #4) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap and further, to authorize the Dredge Committee and the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the old dredge in the best interest(s) of the Town.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voter in favor with the Moderator declaring that the Article CARRIES.**

**BALLOT QUESTION # 4  
YES 401 NO 149 BLANKS 18**

**ARTICLE 46.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Overlay Surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$400,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

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

**ARTICLE 47.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, and storm water drainage systems.

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

**ARTICLE 48.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$20,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

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

**ARTICLE 49.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$22,000.00 to purchase a brine production system to use for snow and ice removal.

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

**ARTICLE 50.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase and equip, with a snow plow, a 2-yard 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 51.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase and equip, with a snow plow, a 2-yard dump truck and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 2001 Chevrolet pick-up truck with a dump body in the best interest(s) of the Town.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to Indefinitely Postpone this Article. The motion was**

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

**ARTICLE 52.** 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 a motion was made to amend the to \$239,560.20.**

**The amendment was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 53.** Move that the Town vote to install street lights on pole #210/7 at the intersection of 18th Street South and Arbutus Park and further to install street lights on pole #9285/31 and 186/1 at the intersection of Barnes Road and West Tisbury Road.

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

**ARTICLE 54.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000.00 to pay the costs of constructing bike lanes on Meshacket Road, between the West Tisbury Road and Marsh Hawk Circle, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #5) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

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

**BALLOT QUESTION #5  
YES 433 NO 114 BLANKS 21**

**ARTICLE 55.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$35,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach 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 in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 56.** 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 57.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Land Acquisition.

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

**ARTICLE 58.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the Wastewater



Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance.

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

**ARTICLE 59.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$105,000.00 to be used for an inflow and infiltration study of the Town's wastewater collection system. This is a requirement of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

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

**ARTICLE 60.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$6,500.00 for audit expenses associated with the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE this Article. The motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE was voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 61.** Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$221,000.00 to purchase and install a new ultraviolet disinfection treatment system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

**ARTICLE 62.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$103,000.00 to replace the fire alarm system components at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

**ARTICLE 63.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal year 2018, the sum of \$42,000.00 to replace the roofing on the treatment facility lab building.

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

**ARTICLE 64.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$24,000.00 to replace the aerator motors on the treatment facilities process aeration.

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

**ARTICLE 65.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$49,000.00 to replace the existing wastewater pumping station alarms with a uniform integrated notification system.

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

**ARTICLE 66.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$165,000.00 to replace outdated influent, effluent,

process flow, dewatering and septage receiving flow monitoring and recording devices at the treatment facility.

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

**ARTICLE 67.** Move that the Town 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 2018. 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 68.** Move that the Town authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$15,000.00 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 voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 69.** Move that the Town vote to request the Selectmen to authorize law enforcement and all Town officials to refrain from using Town funds and/or resources to enforce federal immigration laws, in keeping with current practice, unless presented with a criminal warrant or other evidence of probable cause, as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

**Moved and seconded; thereafter Voter Peter Look came forward to read the following remarks regarding Article 69.**

My remarks will be brief. I beg the various learned council in the room for their attention, because I am in need, as a member of the "we the people" class, to understand, It is a fact that we are in this deliberation, this effort, by the work of well meaning people. The local government we have created is on a precipice and our collective response tonight will send a message. These are Constitutional issues and I wonder if voters here tonight are aware of the complexities of what we are being asked. It is difficult for this voter to understand exactly what the result of a positive vote is. What does it mean, if a judge looked at our official decision in the Constitutional sense of this question, "We the People said so"? The Tenth Amendment states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved or the States respectively, or to the people."

For "the people" here tonight, it is important to understand the Constitution because otherwise, it will be difficult to understand how the constitution binds our state and local enforcement authorities in regard to certain "persons".

The Constitution has two terms it is necessary to differentiate. They are ... a "people" and a "person", You see, a "people" is obliged to obey the laws of the land and a "person", may or may not be equally obliged. A "people" person must abide by the laws direct from the Constitution, then also the Commonwealth, down the very pipeline to these very seats "a people" person sits, hopefully to agree with their government. tonight.

There is another human in this discussion whom "we the people) are informed by this petition needs reassurance from us to alleviate fears and concerns about tomorrow and their individual decisions to enter America illegally. This "person)) does not speak tonight in our chamber, the moniker worn is "undocumented" and they are neighbors, some our friends, even others "the lucky ones," part of our own families. The Constitution speaks about this "person". "... nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law;" Section 1, 14th Amendment (in pa,1).

Welcome to all those who seek citizenship and naturalization in our great land and here in Edgartown especially. Congratulations to those who have become Americans' and those now on that path. My mother's father traveled that route direct from Sweden, entered at Ellis Island and took his oath and was naturalized in the Courthouse across the street.

Issues now before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts will have bearing on the questions of law being raised at this Town Meeting tonight. Local law enforcement officials are not permitted by the separation doctrines of the Constitution to enforce any federal immigration law. Congress created the Federal Code and only federal officials are empowered to enforce the Immigration and Naturalization Act. They are not allowed to impose this code on the States (local) by the Constitution, the states don't have any immigration laws because the feds have that power and Our local officials derive their authority from the state - but also "we the people" have some authority and even maybe some responsibility to do our part to uphold and direct our government, tonight.

I have made an effort to understand. The people are offered much power by our citizen petitioner's request. The person, in this case the "undocumented" amongst us here in Edgartown, has none.

Equal justice under the law is achieved when the law is applied equally to all. It currently is not. Undocumented humans are slaves and employers of undocumented workers their masters. This debate is about those issues for me.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a

more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity", did ordain and establish the Constitution for the United States of America,

These 50+ words are the guiding principles for all the subsequent governing laws in the Constitution, cannot help but bring it down to a simple yes or no vote on this complex question by reciting the word where I am able to find my support and guidance. We are no doubt united in our concerns for the unity of our collective duty to preserve, protect and defend the union, the Constitution and in it those laws "the People" have in time created.

My undocumented friends do not pay income taxes. Their employers do not pay into the relevant insurance accounts. Undocumented persons receive 'free care' status, yet make substantially more income than I, and they are not part of the mandatory insurance scheme I'm obliged to participate in. My undocumented friends live in deplorable conditions paying exorbitant rents to work 80-hour weeks with no overtime and no pay pursuant to law, an IOU for their labor. They do not participate in driver education classes or provide the necessary requirements (facial recognition photos, biometric descriptors, residence address controls) for the privilege of driving motor vehicles. My undocumented friends and most acquaintances are not enrolled in naturalization programs nor are they able to seek citizenship. This transient population is not committed to American values, and unfortunately are here solely to take from us. This list is not at all complete.

Corruptness and inhumanity permeate the abused lives our undocumented neighbors endure at the hands of their masters. We are not safer here on M.V. by the continued status quo and we should do our darnedest at this juncture to give that signal to our leaders and law enforcement officials. Workers absent documentation are modern day slaves on Martha's Vineyard and we condone these abuses to humanity by approving this article. Trafficking human beings is a disgusting and treacherous alliance filled with corruption and death on both sides of the border.

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; ... nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Section 1, 14th Amendment (in part). I ask you, does "current practice" "deny" the "citizens," "the people" of Edgartown "equal protection of the laws"?

I will not support human trafficking, slavery, indentured servitude, money laundering and the corruption of our laws nor the dysfunction of our politics.

"Unremunerated Rights. The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Ninth

Amendment, U.S. Constitution.

I have a right that my government will function and the laws will be equally enforced. Neither goal is achieved for me if we approve this article. My vote is no. I hope you will join me. /s/ PL Look, 11 April 2017.

The Article having been moved and seconded; the vote was taken with the Moderator declaring that the Article CARRIED.

That being the final Article requiring action Moderator Norton dismissed the meeting with a reminder to vote on Thursday, April 13, 2107, Polls opening at 10:00 A.M.

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HELD ON  
APRIL 13, 2017**

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

Jean Andrews, William C Bishop, IV, Constable, Cindy Bonnell, Scott Ellis, Constable, Audrey Harding, Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerks, Ursula Prada, JoAnn Resendes, Irene Resendes, Kevin Searle and Ann Tyra were sworn in as Warden, Tellers, Checkers, Ballot Clerk, and Officer of the Day.

The Polls were declared opened at 9:55 A.M. by Wanda M Williams, Town Clerk. It was unanimously voted to waive the reading of Article One on the Warrant.

At 8:35 P. M. all ballots having been accounted for and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the results of the Election.

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Margaret E. Serpa	433
Blanks	120
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	15
	<u>568</u>

<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Alan C. Gowell	477
Blanks	88
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	3
	<u>568</u>

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Kathleen M. Case	464
Blanks	102
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	2
	<u>568</u>

<b>FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>VOTE FOR TWO</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
Leslie Baynes	452
Donna Lowell-Bettencourt	432
Blanks	249
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	3
	<u>1136</u>

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR TWO</b>	
David Allen Faber	441
S. Christopher Scott	445
Blanks	245
Miscellaneous	5
	<u>1136</u>

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Jane M. Varkonda	471
Blanks	94
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	3
	<u>568</u>

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>FOR FIVE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Alan O. Wilson	219
Lucy Chedzoy Morrison	286
Blanks	62
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<u>568</u>

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>FOR TWO YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Samuel W. Sherman	440
Blanks	125
Write-ins	3
	<u>568</u>

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>FOR THREE YEARS</b>
<b>VOTE FOR ONE</b>	
Kimberly S. Kirk	419
Blanks	147
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	2
	<u>568</u>

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER  
FOR THREE YEARS**

**VOTE FOR ONE**

Scott Ellis	5
Blanks	363
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	19
	<u>387</u>

**WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS  
VOTE FOR ONE**

David M. Burke	413
Blanks	151
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	4
	<u>568</u>

**BALLOT QUESTION #1**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess and additional \$1,500,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing or taking by eminent domain the so-called "yellow house", the underlying approximately .26 acres of land, and the accessory building-located at 66 Main Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

YES	399
NO	152
BLANKS	17
	<u>568</u>

**BALLOT QUESTION #2**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to access an additional \$750,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase and equip a Class "A" pumper for the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand seventeen?

YES	420
NO	127
BLANKS	21
	<u>568</u>

**BALLOT QUESTION #3**

Shall the town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$160,000,.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a Patrol /Collection vessel with trailer for

the Harbormaster, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

YES	407
NO	142
BLANKS	19
	<u>568</u>

**BALLOT QUESTION #4**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new dredge, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

YES	401
NO	149
BLANKS	18
	<u>568</u>

**BALLOT QUESTION #5**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess and additional F\$255,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to construct a bike lane on Meshacket Road, between the West Tisbury Road and Marsh Hawk Circle, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand seventeen?

YES	433
NO	114
BLANKS	21
	<u>568</u>

**BALLOT QUESTION #6**

**THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Are you in favor of elimination rental mopeds from Martha's Vineyard?

YES	497
NO	46
BLANKS	25
	<u>568</u>

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

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, November 14, Two Thousand and Seventeen, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening having attained a quorum of one hundred eighty-one (181) as required by Town By-Law, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The Moderator read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

**ARTICLE 1.** 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, November 14, Two Thousand and Seventeen, at 7:00 P.M. in the evening having attained a quorum of one hundred eighty-one (181) as required by Town By-Law, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The Moderator read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

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

**ARTICLE 2.** Move that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-laws by adding the following:

**Article II. Definitions**

**Marijuana Establishments** shall mean a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, all as defined in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 1, but not to include a medical marijuana treatment center.

**Article XI. General Regulations.**

**11.25 Marijuana Establishments Temporary Moratorium**

**A. Purposes:** This section is intended to establish a temporary restriction on Marijuana Establishments in order to allow the Town adequate time to consider whether to allow marijuana establishments associated with recreational use of marijuana, to the extent those establishments are permitted under state law and regulations, and if so, in which areas of the Town and under what conditions the establishments should be allowed. The regulation of recreational marijuana establishments raises novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Marijuana Establishments.

**B. Exclusion of Other Marijuana Uses:** This section does not apply to registered marijuana dispensaries for medical marijuana uses.

**C. Interim Restriction/Temporary Moratorium:** Marijuana Establishments shall not be permitted in any zoning district

while this Section 11.25 is in effect, as set forth in Section 11.25E. Use of variances for Marijuana Establishments is prohibited.

**E. Expiration:** This Section 11.25 shall be effective through December 31, 2018, or until such time as the Town enacts superseding zoning amendments governing Marijuana Establishments and any requirements applicable to recreational marijuana uses.

**The Article was moved and seconded; thereafter the Moderator opened the Article for discussion. Many voters asked question that were answered by various Departments and Boards. A motion was made by Voter Bruce Nevin to amend Section E by adding the following after uses in the last line "which ever shall first occur." The amendment was moved and seconded thereafter voted in favor by a Unanimous vote. The Article as amended was thereafter approved by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ARTICLE 3.** Moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws by adding the following:

**PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL.**

**A. Prohibited Activity.** No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

**B. Identification Required.** Any person smoking, ingesting or otherwise using or consuming marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol in violation of Section A of this bylaw shall provide to an enforcement officer so requesting personal identifying information, including their full legal name, and address. Failure to provide such identifying information upon request, or provision of false, incorrect or otherwise invalid identifying information, shall be considered a separate violation of this bylaw.

**C. Violations and Penalties.** This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, as modified by G.L. c. 94C, § 32N, by the Edgartown Police Department. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense. The enforcement officer shall provide the offender with a written notice to appear within twenty -one (21) days before the Clerk Magistrate for the Edgartown District Court, and upon a timely written request, the offender may request a hearing to contest the alleged violation.

The Article was moved and seconded; thereafter opened for discussion from the voters in attendance. After many voters asking questions and making comments on the Article a voter asked to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE the ARTICLE. A standing vote count was taken 62 Voters for and 100 Voters against the Postponement. Discussion began again on the Article, another voter Fergus Henderson moved to amend the Article by adding the word "open" in Section A line seven between any and area, making it read "any open area". The amendment was thereafter voted in FAVOR. More discussion on the Article began until someone call to move the question. A standing vote was taken as follows 144 FOR and 10 AGAINST the Article. Moderator Norton declared that the article CARRIED AS AMENDED.

**ARTICLE 4.** Move the Town vote to accept the recommendations made by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management in a compensation and classification study conducted over the past year and further to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0, Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan to reflect said changes as follows:

- Update titles to reflect responsibilities of similar market related positions
- Re-classification of all positions on the new classification scale.
- Salary grade assignments based on re-classification of positions reviewed in the market study.
- Review existing Personnel By-laws for the purpose of updating and creating an employment policies book to meet state and federal requirements.

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

**ARTICLE 5.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$217,698.39 to fund the recommendations made by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center For Public Management in the Compensation and Classification Study.

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

*This article should have appeared on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of April 11, 2017 but it was not completed at the time the warrant was printed.*

**ARTICLE 6.** Move the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$6,000.00 to be added to the Park Department Expense Account.

**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 \$11,000.00 to replace three decks on the Edgartown Police Station.

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

**ARTICLE 8.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000.00 to reimburse the Reserve Fund for monies spent to purchase a new server for the Town Hall.

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

**ARTICLE 9.** Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$18,066.87 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2017 unpaid bills:

Mass Dept of Unemployment	\$17,000.00
Selectmen's Department	
M.V. Times	\$ 252.16
Personnel Board	
daRosas	\$ 44.16
Personnel Board	
Brunos	\$ 19.00
Wastewater Commissioners	
Exxon Mobil	\$ 60.02
Wastewater Commissioners	
Perry Hicks LLC	\$ 528.00
Planning Board	
Comcast	\$ 163.53
Water Department	

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

The Special Town Meeting was declared closed by Moderator Norton at 7:55 P.M.

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS  
Town Clerk

## BIRTHS 2017

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 2017 was 46.

## MARRIAGES - DEATHS

### MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2017

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
<b>JANUARY</b>		
17	Jonathan P.S. Johnson Tilma Zyl	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>MARCH</b>		
06	Marcos Uinicois de Castro Cleida Ribeiro Valentin	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
13	Rachid Degachi Gordana Mladovic	North Oxford, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
17	Wesley Fenner Doyle Anne Francis Sullivan	Tisbury, MA Tisbury, MA
23	Alexander S. Karalekas Alexandra Stiopa-Stier	West Tisbury, MA Edgartown, MA
31	Anderson Barbosa Oliveira Kristina Lee Crossland	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>APRIL</b>		
08	Matthew Levi Jackson Andrea Iftene	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
09	Nicholas Alexander Hathaway Camilla Anahi Rios	Edgartown, MA Argentina
15	Maria Anne MacKenty Rodney Brookfield Speight	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
18	Bruna Cardoso Andrade Gabriel Dangelo Ramos	Palm Bay, FL Oak Bluffs, MA
18	Xuelin Jin Chunyeon Ko	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
25	Chantel Antoinette Cuthbert Preston George McNeil	Westbury, NY Edgartown, MA
<b>MAY</b>		
02	Sheri Virginia Talbot Savo Bozovic	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
11	Kyle James Yost Milica Simic	West Palm Beach, FL Vineyard Haven, MA

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
21	Kristina Petruityte Maik Kerr De Souza	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
21	Lucas Edward Donald Ramsey Camila Brum Fonseca de Carvalho	Edgartown, MA West Tisbury, MA
28	Rebecca Elizabeth Benedict Brandon Raynor Thompson	Tampa, FL Tampa, FL
<b>JUNE</b>		
03	Joseph James Rogers Phoenix Howland Russell	Oak Bluffs, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
03	Scott Andrew Allshouse Suzanne Virginia Bell	Potomac, MD Austin, TX
04	Sonia Poltoratski Timothy James Huth	Nashville, TN Nashville, TN
10	Jung Hwa Song Edmund Hyun Jin Choo	Washington, DC New York, NY
10	Adele Nancyanne Wilson Federico Zanatta	New York, NY New York, NY
10	Elizabeth Anne Weiss Jordan Strong Wilson	Washington, DC Washington, DC
10	Audrey Frances Furlong Mark Andrew Mooradian	Portsmouth, NH Portsmouth, NH
10	William Joseph Cronin Susanne Marie Shand	Beacon, NY Beacon, NY
12	Robert Joseph Younger Sonya Lee Burch	Jacksonville, FL Jacksonville, FL
14	Gail Anne LaCross Keith Joseph Pereira	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
16	Dusica Petrov James George Lawson	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
16	Donna Marie Allen Kurt Wilson Trammell	Gonzales, TX Gonzales, TX
17	Nathaniel Cross Reeve Caroline Robbins Barnett	Concord, MA Dallas, TX
18	Jose Alejandro Cardona Milica Smiljanic	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
19	Tiffany Elizabeth Conklin Scott Justin Lichtig	Sacramento, CA Sacramento, CA



**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>JUNE</b>		
20	Michael George Thirsk Harriet Eve Proudfoot	North Shields, England Newcastle Upon Tyne, England
21	Michael John Mero Jr. Jennifer Dee Egizi	Lititz, PA Lititz, PA
22	Amy Grace Laflamme Matthew Peter Thomsen	Dedham, MA Wilbraham, MA
23	Ranata Campos Dinez Alecio Rovani Jr.	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Glenda Jo Ann Findlay Rose Kevin Cecil Greenidge	St. Petersburg, FL St. Petersburg, FL
24	Samantha Moira Freeman Todd Anthony Palo	New York, NY New York, NY
24	Nina Kathryn Ryan William Sol Warden	Chicago, IL Chicago, IL
24	Dudley McGee Cannada Robert Russell Bridges	Washington, DC Washington, DC
26	Janeli Itzel Crisostomo Marko Maletic	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
27	Bradley Maurice Hammen Kristen Devan DeCato	Milwaukee, WI Milwaukee, WI
29	Nicholas Kurt Allison Melissa Jacqueline Linder	Akron, OH Akron, OH
30	Joel Jay Kellner Paulette Renee Painter	Portland, OR Portland, OR
<b>JULY</b>		
10	Randy Alan Kates Christine Elizabeth Walker	Scottsdale, AR Scottsdale, AR
15	Dana VanTassel Grohskopf James Brett Ruchness	New York, NY New York, NY
15	Tiffany Marie Ellis Stephen James O'Neill	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
29	Robert Fredric Mac Leod Yvette Bernadette Scherpenborg	Malibu, CA Malibu, CA
<b>AUGUST</b>		
02	Jodi Irene Howard Mladen --- Milosevic	Forestdale, MA Edgartown, MA

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>		
03	Neemis Francisco DeSa' Carlos Jessica Cristina Dos Santos Medeiros	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
04	Martin John Galasso Denise Marie Dennis	New Canaan, CT New Canaan, CT
05	Jenna Elisabeth Dannis Peter Duncan Macartney	New York, NY New York, NY
05	Jonathan Henry Jamieson Rebecca Anne Townes	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
07	Marijana Rakovic Zachary Donald Osborn	Wakefield, MA Wakefield, MA
08	Sherica Judd Cruz Seno Matthew Raymond Larham	Edgartown, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
12	Samantha Grace Currie Daniel Norman Miller	Santa Monica, CA Santa Monica, CA
12	Margaret Montgomery Bryan Eric Adam Hoffman	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
14	Erica Susan Bartlett Damian Bozic	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
14	Milos Milinkovic Cathleen Elizabeth Garcia	Vineyard Haven, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
19	James Ward Sinclair II Sherry Meminger Kubanyi	Atlanta, GA Atlanta, GA
19	Ryan Patrick Kent Rosalyne Genette Day	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
21	Alejandro Torres Zorana Nestic	Edgartown, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
26	Jeffrey Austin Gunsel Lindsay Byrnes Connors	New York, NY New York, NY
26	Megan Ann Fanning John Christopher Rapone	South Boston, MA South Boston, MA
27	Mary Siobhan Cronin Zachary Meloy Kingston	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
01	Kelly Rae Marolf Katarina Krstic	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
02	Carey Ellice Baldin Charles William Barber	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
02	Abigail Lauren Anderson Matthew Jeffrey Lucier	Hendersonville, TN Hendersonville, TN
03	Austin Daniel Jones Logan Marie Antill	Plano, TX Plano, TX
03	Hunter London Brous Leah Kendal Gibson	Dallas, TX Dallas, TX
05	Dale Fenner Crovetto Maria Lucia Alves De Matos	Hammond, LA Oak Bluffs, MA
09	Clayton James Flanders Tracy Shan Shan Ma	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
09	Alexandra Hannigan Fox Thomas Ashby Rogers	New York, NY New York, NY
09	Michael John Lynch Jana Halirova	St. Petersburg, PA St. Petersburg, PA
09	Hollyn Sloan Rosen Steven Francis Sabato	Short Hills, NJ Short Hills, NJ
10	Lucas Vieira Do Camo Camila Marques Souza	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10	Maria Lienne Littlefield Martin James O'Day	New York, NY New York, NY
12	Catherine Robinson Meaney Vukasin Jaric	Vineyard Haven, MA Edgartown, MA
13	Joseph Anthony Licitra III Terence Ryan Greenawalt	Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles, CA
15	Rajul Parimal Patel Robyn Erin Twomey	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
16	Melissa Kerrick Murphy David Benjamin Lue	Santa Monica, CA Santa Monica, CA
16	Alexander Amory Neuhoff Deborah Dawn Abe	Kihei, HI Des Moines, WA
16	Ian Tucker Peach Lillian Rose Walter	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
16	Annie Tcheng Rosen Harry Alex Savinar	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
22	Craig Robert Willett Monica Andressa Varaschin	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Thomas Zachary Lauck Ashley Elizabeth Culliton	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
23	Zulfikar Asif Wafai Sara Emily Rappaport	Colorado Springs, CO Springs, CO
23	Nicole Marie Gazaille Robert George Graves	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Maureen Ruth Gerity Evan McKinley Hurd	New York, NY New York, NY
24	Dyego Mendonca Motta Sarah Fay Berninger	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Zachary Louis Townes Sara Kathleen Leandro	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
25	Jonas Dias de Jesus Luana Estevan da Silva	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
30	Meghan Katharine Getsinger Joseph Michael Codega Jr.	Providence, RI Providence, RI
30	Lily Ann Poduska Brian Ross Flatley	Boston, MA Boston, MA
30	Brian William Schlager Melissa Irene Kidd	Boston, MA Boston, MA
30	Stephen Victor Myers Amanda Erin Hines	Jamaica Plain, MA Jamaica Plain, MA
30	Lila Merrily Fischer Nicholas Harris Turner	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
02	Jeffrey Ryan Wilson Jovana Nesic	Edgartown, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
04	Benjamin Vernon Wyatt Martina Bogdanovska	Little Compton, RI Vineyard Haven, MA
05	Jacob Tilton Lewis Lexus Mary Pate	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA

**MARRIAGES- Continued**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
06	Joshua Jay Trott Sidney Lynn Neuenfeldt	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
07	Kelly Ann Spencer Kenneth John Magnuson	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
07	Jason Christopher Kelly Casey Shannon Mazer	Columbia, CT Mendon, MA
13	Barry Lee Chapman Tracy Anne Waltz	Medina, OH Medina, OH
14	Daniel Joseph Pagano Kaitlin Bridget Driscoll	Jamaica Plain, MA Jamaica Plain, MA
14	Andrea Terese DelloRusso Peter Mathew Campbell	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
19	Dayana Rodrigues Dos Santos Reahnon Monique Silva-Locke	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
20	Michael Luis Mendonca Elena Najdovska	Bristol, RI Republic of Macedonia
21	Ashish Kumar Mitra Kelly Patricia Hayes	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
24	Dyego Mendonca Motta Sarah Fay Berninger	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
04	Douglas Alan LaCroix, Jr. Ana Kolic	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
04	Elliott Galvin Tholen Mary Elizabeth Sharkey	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
09	Jordan Zotti Boldrin Ludmyla Ontoni Monteiro	Edgartown, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
18	Danielle Marie Crum Brandon James Stekle	Hartville, OH Hartville, OH
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
14	Luiz Felipe de Souza Alves Joshua Cory Bass	Vineyard Haven, MA Herkimer, NY
18	Eliel Zotti Helany DeSousa	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
27	Kelly Lynn Chara Thomas Anthony O'Dowd	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA

**DEATHS RECORDED IN 2017**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>JULY</b>		
	Frances V. Resendes	97		Timothy D. S. Catling	84
	John Zachary Morgan	30		Ann Bernard Smith	91
	Robert Bruce Maxwell	62		Mari B. Harman	95
				Scott Joseph Amaral	48
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			<b>AUGUST</b>		
	John Tenney Mead	88		Kathryn Mary Bettencourt	73
	Susan Louise Jackson	66			
<b>MARCH</b>			<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
	Nannette Mary Lynch	69		Michael Josph Vicalvi	67
	Claire Nickerson Hall	82		Martin E. Ridge	94
	William Charles Bishop III	57			
<b>APRIL</b>			<b>OCTOBER</b>		
	Nelson Crosby Smith	92		James Albert Riley	90
	Peter Thomas Bettencourt	65		Harvey M. Hinds	85
	Louise May Bernard	89		Amanda B. Morison	29
	Anne Heywood	75		Wendy Griswold Reily	81
				Gerald Jeffers	84
<b>MAY</b>			<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
	Langdon Payne Clarke	66		John Erik Aldeborgh	91
	Harry Glenn Carpenter Jr.	78		John Sherman Lovewell	96
	Lucille E. Cazeault	82			
	Charlotte F. Walpole	93		<b>DECEMBER</b>	
	Brian Pervais	52		Anthony Joseph Lombardi	59
	Diane Read Haeselbarth	85		Alden Besse	93
				Claire F. Mercier	86
<b>JUNE</b>					
	Robert Gray Potter Jr.	91			
	William Joseph Delorey	65			
	Richard D. Hathaway	90			

## PERSONNEL BOARD

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

2017 saw a year of transition for the Town and its Personnel Board. In 2016 we began an overall review of the Town Classification and Compensation Bylaws. This review included but was not limited to recommended job title updates and revised job descriptions as well as a market study relating to salaries. With guidance and an independent analysis from the Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management located at UMass Boston, we completed the process and presented at Special Town Meeting in November. At Special Town Meeting the finalized product was voted and unanimously passed with a

retroactive effective date of July 1, 2017. As we address other recommendations made by the Center, we will continue to update Town policies, by-laws and procedures all in accordance with recent changes in human resource management and federal and state regulation.

In the Fall of 2017 we saw the retirement of one of the Personnel Board's longest serving members, Mrs. Dianne Durawa. We would like to acknowledge Mrs. Durawa and her dedication of service to the Personnel Board. We wish her a fond farewell and many happy years.

Respectfully submitted,

SUZANNE CIOFFI, Chairman

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

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

Another year flew by faster than seemingly possible. It was a typically busy year for your IT Department and Public Information Officer, but enjoyable.

The summer started out with a bang (fairly literally). Multiple internal components of our main server at Town Hall failed and ceased working in early July. As is often the case, the symptoms of the problem did not point to the cause. First some of our desk phones began dropping calls and spontaneously rebooting. Half of the computers in the building dropped their network and internet connections, then floor by floor all of the computers and phones stopped working. The symptoms had me bouncing from one part of the building to the other to check networking equipment. When I physically checked the server and ran diagnostics, it was apparent that it had failed and given its age was better to replace rather than spend a considerable amount to replace multiple components, hoping those were the only issues with it. We were able to use our backup server to limp along, but ordered a replacement and got back up to full speed fairly quickly.

The Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall had its first full year using our new 70" touchscreen device. This

replaced our projector and is used during our many meetings that take place in that room. Plans, images, documents, and presentations can be displayed, zoomed, and even annotated. If you're ever in Town Hall and want to see it in action, just stop in and find me - I'll be happy to show it to you.

Edgartown's text messaging system was used to send 30 messages to the 1700 subscribers. Messages were sent about everything from runoff induced shellfish area closures to storm related school delays. As a reminder, to sign up for our text notification system, text the word Edgartown to 99000.

The IT department continues to evaluate in house versus cloud services to best maximize value and the town currently utilizes an effective combination of both options.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2018.

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:

The Assessors' office is responsible for keeping accurate data on all real estate and personal property in town and assessing both at market value as set forth in the Massachusetts General Laws. Our work includes maintaining ownership records, conducting the required amount of property reinspections, handling abatement and exemption requests and the senior tax work-off credit, and processing all aspects of motor vehicle and boat excise. We also respond to an increasing amount of information requests by the general public.

We provide taxpayers with 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.

Property values are adjusted annually based on property sales during the calendar year prior to the assessment date. Fiscal Year 2018 (assessment date 1/1/2017) was a revaluation and recertification year as required by the Department of Revenue. Following the change in the law in late 2016, the recertification schedule is now every five years, meaning the next recertification by the DOR will be Fiscal Year 2023 (assessment date 1/1/2022). That doesn't mean that nothing changes in the non-recertification years. The DOR requires towns to annually adjust values to ensure that values are supported with current market evidence, so interim changes in value will occur in those years.

Our experience with the number of abatements filed and cases taken to the Appellate Tax Board continues to be very good. In FY15, a revaluation and recertification year, we received 40 applications, granting 20 and abating only .06% of taxable value (\$4,430,444). For FY2016 we received 28 applications, granting 19 and abating only .07% of taxable value (\$5,122,200). For FY2017 we received 48 applications, granting 27 and abating .41% of taxable value (\$31,835,300).

There has been only one case filed at the ATB for the last two fiscal years.

Cyclical reinspection is an ongoing program to reinspect improved properties which have not been visited for several years. 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 nine-year cyclical reinspection program for FY2015 and are working on the next cycle. Those property visits will be in addition to the regular field work of inspecting parcels with new building permits or those under construction.

For a historical perspective, please note the change in total town taxable value for the last several 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, followed by increases in FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018 when total taxable value topped \$8 billion.

FY2008	\$7,009,320,115	
FY2009	\$6,878,503,105	-1.87%
FY2010	\$6,748,455,465	-1.89%
FY2011	\$6,563,959,740	-2.73%
FY2012	\$6,666,537,995	+1.56%
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	+7.23%
FY2018	\$8,252,255,423	+5.73%

The FY2018 tax rate is \$3.87, an increase from the FY2017 rate of \$3.55. Please review the comparison of the tax recap sheets below for more information.

We continue the regular work of measuring and listing new construction and updating our assessment database for those changes as well as adding parcels created by subdivision. The increase in value from construction for FY2018 is from building permits issued in 2016 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 \$431,089 for FY2018, an increase of \$19,673 from the FY2017 amount of \$411,415. The average over the last five years is \$347,492.

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.

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; Cynthia Bonnell, 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 GOODALE  
ALAN GOWELL  
LAURENCE A. MERCIER

### TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARIES

	<b>FY2017</b> (7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017)	<b>FY2018</b> (7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018)
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Raise & Appropriate	\$34,642,661	\$38,791,552
Free Cash	\$1,475,861	\$1,625,385
Available Funds	\$851,386	\$754,560
Other-Community Preservation Fund	\$2,432,800	\$2,891,850
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>\$39,402,707</u>	<u>\$44,063,347</u>
<b>Other Amounts to be Raised:</b>		
Cherry Sheet Offset	\$68,442	\$81,179
Overlay Deficits/Snow Removal Deficits/Other	\$26	-
State/County Charges (Cherry Sheet)	\$1,522,555	\$1,642,278
Overlay	\$242,234	\$286,928
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<u>\$41,235,964</u>	<u>\$46,073,732</u>
<b>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE</b>		
State Reimbursements (Cherry Sheet)	\$2,165,759	\$2,175,707
Estimated Local Receipts	\$6,603,409	\$6,690,001
Community Preservation Funds	\$2,432,800	\$2,891,850
Appropriations From Free Cash	\$1,475,861	\$1,625,385
Appropriations From Other Available Funds	\$851,386	\$754,560
Free Cash Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate	-	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE</b>	<u>\$13,529,215</u>	<u>\$14,137,503</u>
<b>NET TAX LEVY &amp; TAX RATE</b>		
Total To Be Raised	\$41,235,964	\$46,073,732
Less Total Estimated Receipts/Other Revenue	\$13,529,215	\$14,137,503
<b>TAX LEVY</b>	<u>\$27,706,749</u>	<u>\$31,936,229</u>
<b>TAXABLE VALUE</b>		
Real Property	\$7,668,781,970	\$8,103,178,600
Personal Property	\$135,936,167	\$149,076,823
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE</b>	<u>\$7,804,718,137</u>	<u>\$8,252,255,423</u>
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$3.55</b>	<b>\$3.87</b>

**ABATEMENTS & STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN FY2017**

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2010	\$353.66
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2016	\$26,944.49
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2017	\$5,979.03

**Total Real Estate & Personal Property Abatements Granted in FY2017** **\$33,277.18**

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS

Clause 41 C (Elderly)	Against Levy of FY	2017	\$8,666.66
Clause 18 (Hardship)	Against Levy of FY	2017	\$12,637.66
Clause 22 (Veteran)	Against Levy of FY	2017	\$14,600.00
Clause 37 (Blind)	Against Levy of FY	2017	\$500.00

**Total Statutory Exemptions Granted in FY2017** **\$36,404.32**

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURTAX ABATED OR EXEMPTED

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2016	\$748.83
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2017	\$1,684.71

**Total CPA abated or exempted in FY2017** **\$2,433.54**

**Total All Abatements & Exemptions Granted In FY2017** **\$72,115.04**

**BOAT EXCISE FISCAL YEAR 2017**

Boat Excise Commitments	No. of Boats	
FY 2017 Boat Excise	651	\$30,453.00
<b>Total Boat Excise Issued</b>		<b>\$30,453.00</b>

Boat Excise Abatements		
Against Levy of FY	2016	\$160.00
Against Levy of FY	2017	\$1,854.50
<b>Total Boat Excise Abatements Granted in FY2017</b>		<b>\$2,014.50</b>

**MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

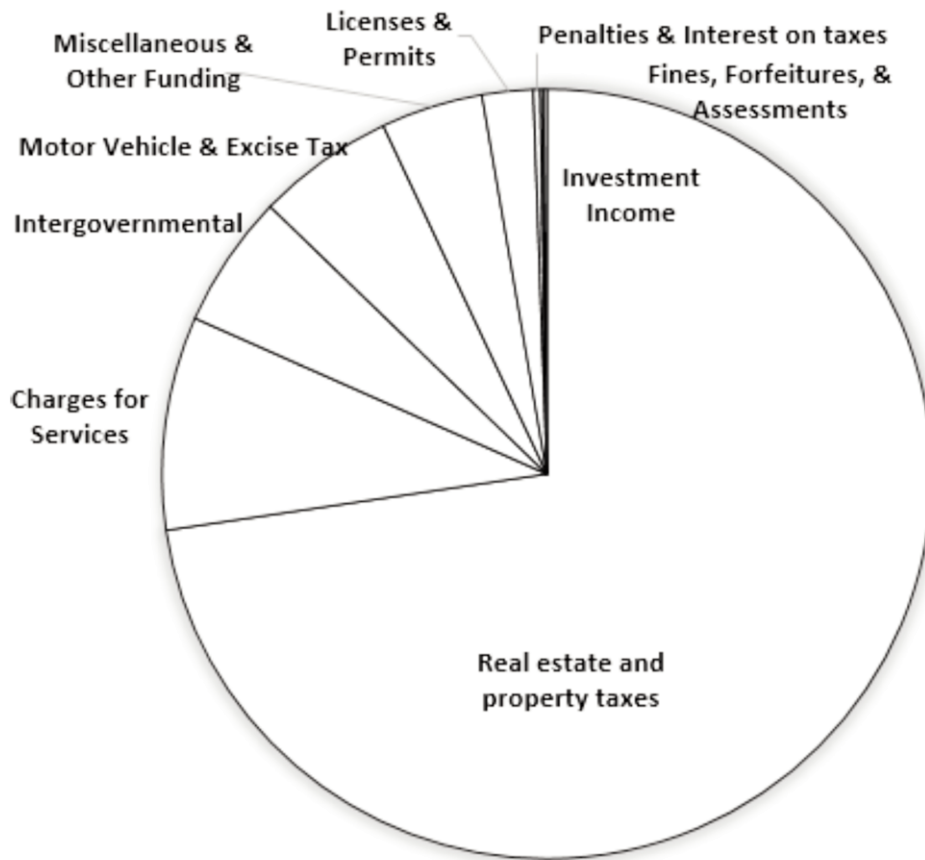
Issued in Calendar	2017	No. of Vehicles	
2016 Excise		163	\$5,523.49
2017 Excise		8804	\$1,193,052.07
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Excise Issued</b>			<b>\$1,198,575.56</b>

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2017

Against Levy of	2006	\$198.75
Against Levy of	2008	\$73.75
Against Levy of	2009	\$25.00
Against Levy of	2010	\$25.00
Against Levy of	2011	\$25.00
Against Levy of	2012	\$430.00
Against Levy of	2014	\$41.25
Against Levy of	2015	\$448.34
Against Levy of	2016	\$2,825.70
Against Levy of	2017	\$43,737.21

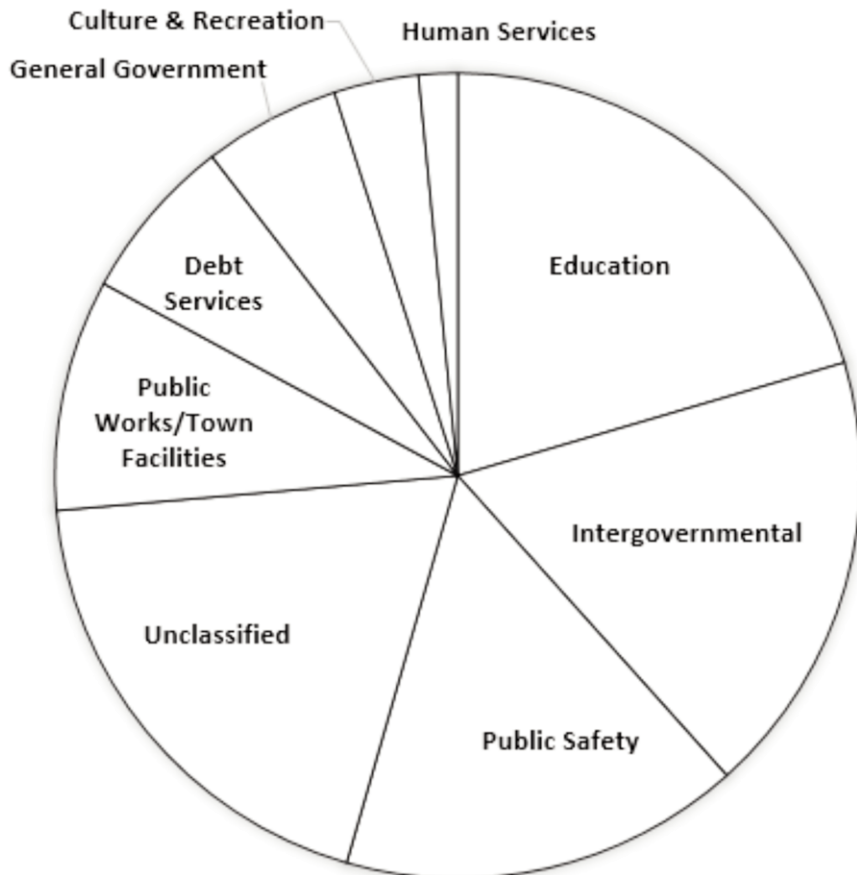
**Total Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2017** **\$47,830.00**

## FY17 REVENUES



Real estate and property taxes	\$27,545,810.02
Charges for Sewer & Water Services	\$ 3,399,913.97
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,122,757.90
Motor Vehicle & Excise Tax	\$ 2,190,465.96
Miscellaneous & Other Funding	\$ 1,624,348.88
Licenses & Permits	\$ 810,263.04
Penalties & Interest on taxes	\$ 109,278.48
Fines, Forfeitures, & Assessments	\$ 46,300.83
Investment Income	<u>\$ 59,139.21</u>
Totals	\$37,908,278.29

**FY17 EXPENSES**



Education	\$ 7,663,693.55
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,704,745.57
Public Safety	\$ 6,024,331.23
Unclassified	\$ 7,179,765.52
Public Works/Town Facilities	\$ 3,481,576.37
Debt Services	\$ 2,488,238.60
General Government	\$ 2,053,998.52
Culture & Recreation	\$ 1,273,957.27
Human Services	<u>\$ 582,132.12</u>
Totals	\$37,452,438.75



## NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

## General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

## EDGARTOWN

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

Chapter 70	703,049
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursements	35,398
Smart Growth	0

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

School Choice Receiving Tuition	76,774
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**Sub-Total, All Education Items**

<b>815,221</b>
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**B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:****Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Unrestricted General Government Aid	66,544
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans' Benefits	16,986
Exempt: VBS and Elderly	14,968
State Owned Land	1,257,583

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

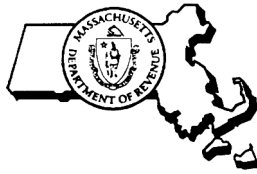
Public Libraries	4,405
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**Sub-Total, All General Government**

<b>1,360,486</b>
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**C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:**

<b>\$2,175,707</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	8,560
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	13,740
<b>Sub-Total, State Assessments</b>	<b>22,300</b>

**C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:**

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	230,615
<b>Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments</b>	<b>230,615</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	256,991
Charter School Sending Tuition	937,765
<b>Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments</b>	<b>1,194,756</b>

**F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES**

<b>1,642,278</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  
2017 for the Town Collector.

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

### Total Collections Fiscal 2017

	<b>Real Estate &amp; CPA Betterments &amp; Liens</b>	<b>Personal Property</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle</b>
2013		40.70	719.07
2014		136.27	1,609.40
2015		203.61	12,873.32
2016	237,275.34	4,746.27	274,321.51
2017	26,827,642.93	471,722.67	929,052.99
 <b>Sewer User Charges</b>			
2016	8,366.87		
2017	1,197,804.19		
 <b>Boat Excise Tax</b>			
2017	22,796.42		
<b>Pilot</b>	26,000.00		
<b>MCL's</b>	10,025.00		
<b>Late Fees</b>	30,828.00		
<b>Interest</b>	105,873.09		



**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, 2017:

**GENERAL ACCOUNTS**

Rockland Trust	\$15,389,099.79
MV Savings Bank	20,548.30
Unibank for Savings	391,738.90
Morgan Stanley	2,618,920.50
Bristol County Savings Bank	1,167,845.02

**TRUST/AGENCY ACCOUNTS**

Rockland Trust	\$607,304.93
MV Savings Bank	165,939.01
Bristol County Savings Bank	778,887.91

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS** **\$ 21,140,284.36**

For fiscal year 2017 \$3,346,713.00 in debt was issued and \$5,519,728.00 was retired. This includes short term borrowing for the Library and Water Standpipe projects. The only new long- term debt issued was the \$665,571.00 Water Bond for the Standpipe project, which is included in the debt issued figure. The total outstanding debt as of June 30, 2017 was \$17,612,804.00.

I would like to thank the Selectmen, employees and residents of Edgartown for their continued support. I would also like to thank Assistant Treasurer, Cindy Sherman for her loyalty and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA J. AMARAL  
Treasurer

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

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

I herewith submit the 98th Annual Report of the Accounting Department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The town is in good financial health. Local receipts were strong for FY17. Federal revenue received was in excess of \$1.7 million requiring a single federal audit. The Town will start FY17 with \$2,277,345 in Free Cash. My assistant and I continue to attend seminars and continuing educational courses to maintain certifications and keep up on new legislation.

I would like to thank my Assistant, Lauri Mather for her continued professionalism and dedicated service to this office. I would also like to thank the Selectmen, Town Administrator and all department personnel for their cooperation during this fiscal year.

The following is the consolidated balance sheet for the year ending June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

KIMBERLY G. KANE  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 2017**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>WATER FUND</u>	<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>	<u>GLTDAG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CASH	7,594,411.05	4,103,535.61	3,419,533.30	1,046,237.42	4,937,591.63	47,671.73		21,148,980.74
RECEIVABLES								
PPT	19,360.72							19,360.72
RE	440,534.18							440,534.18
TAX TITLE	163,386.01							163,386.01
MVE	212,402.76							212,402.76
BOAT	3,896.00							3,896.00
SEWER USER CHG	65,579.10							65,579.10
SEWER LIENS	2,541.25							2,541.25
SEPTAGE BILLED	14,024.11							14,024.11
AMBULANCE	200,963.14							200,963.14
HARBOR	4,745.00							4,745.00
TOWN WHARF	4,000.00							4,000.00
BETTERMENT	1,717.40			283.90				2,001.30
BETTERMENT NYD	173,575.02			37,157.50				210,732.52
CH 59 SEC 38D	4,000.00							4,000.00
TAX POSSESSIONS	444,493.62							444,493.62
CPA		11,675.05						11,675.05
POLICE DETAIL		336.00						336.00
WATER				36,461.44				36,461.44
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS								
AMT TO BE PROVIDED	(474,951.04)							(474,951.04)
TOTAL ASSETS	8,874,678.32	4,115,546.66	3,419,533.30	1,120,140.26	4,937,591.63	47,671.73	17,612,804.00	40,127,965.90

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>WATER FUND</u>	<u>TRUST FUNDS</u>	<u>AGENCY FUNDS</u>	<u>GLTDAG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>								
WARRANTS PAYABLE	715,811.56	70,326.48	61,148.06	31,016.74	828.08	7,780.13		886,911.05
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	205,118.57							205,118.57
PAYROLL PAYABLE	442,849.91							442,849.91
ACCRUED PAYROLL	706,971.40							706,971.40
PAYROLL W/H	264,191.40							264,191.40
TAILINGS	15,255.92			2,159.29				17,415.21
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,280,267.27	12,011.05		73,902.84				1,366,181.16
AGENCY FUNDS						39,891.60		39,891.60
NOTES PAYABLE								0.00
BONDS PAYABLE							17,612,804.00	17,612,804.00
<b>TOTAL LIAB</b>	<b>3,630,466.03</b>	<b>82,337.53</b>	<b>61,148.06</b>	<b>107,078.87</b>	<b>828.08</b>	<b>47,671.73</b>	<b>17,612,804.00</b>	<b>21,542,334.30</b>
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b>								
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	1,573,754.00			75,000.00				1,648,754.00
RES OF ENCUMBRANCE	5,664.50							5,664.50
RES FOR CONT APPROP	776,153.99							776,153.99
RES FOR DEBT SERVICE	36,492.32							36,492.32
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST					452,782.71			452,782.71
EXPENDABLE TRUST					4,483,980.84			4,483,980.84
UNRESERVED	2,852,147.48	4,033,209.13	3,358,385.24	938,061.39				11,181,803.24
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>5,244,212.29</b>	<b>4,033,209.13</b>	<b>3,358,385.24</b>	<b>1,013,061.39</b>	<b>4,936,763.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,585,631.60</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB &amp; FB</b>	<b>8,874,678.32</b>	<b>4,115,546.66</b>	<b>3,419,533.30</b>	<b>1,120,140.26</b>	<b>4,937,591.63</b>	<b>47,671.73</b>	<b>17,612,804.00</b>	<b>40,127,965.90</b>
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**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 FY17.

The accounting for said funds is as follows:

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

TRANSFERS FY17

Harbormaster (0129505) furnace/emergency repairs	\$11,000.00
Harbormaster (0129505) balance of elec. Repairs/furnace	\$1,117.00
Human Resources (0115202) transitional training funds	\$2,798.50

Human Resources (0115505) advertising/supplies	\$481.00
Human Resources (0115202) personnel grade- new hire	\$3,600.00
Police/Fire (0121005-524007) antenna replacements	\$7,800.00
Selectmen – Town Hall maintenance (0119205) emergency elevator repair	\$3,200.00
Selectmen – Legal	\$8,000.00
Historic District assistant – salary shortage (511014)	\$1,339.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$39,336.10</b>

<u>Balance Reserve Fund</u>	
<u>returned to Free Cash 6/30/17</u>	<b>\$663.90</b>

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:

It is a pleasure to present my final annual report of the activities of the Fire Department for the year 2017. I will be retiring in January of 2018.

With an unwavering commitment to our community, the fire department continued to provide outstanding pre-hospital care and fire protection this past year.

**Personnel:** This year we had two seasoned firefighters leave the department. Captain Peter Wells and Firefighter Paul Bagnall both retired in 2017. Capt. Wells joined the department in 1976 starting on Engine 4 before moving to Chappy and retired as Captain after 41 years of service. Firefighter Bagnall joined the department in 1991 serving on the Ladder truck and retired with 26 years of service. Their dedication to the Town and our community should be commended.

**Continuing Education & Training:** Our members kept busy throughout the year attending Mass Fire Academy classes including: Managing the Mayday, NFPA Electric Vehicle Safety, Managing 2 ½ story wood frame structure fires and Company Officer fundamentals to transitional fire attack and flow path. We also had the privilege of a “Live” burn drill in March. The owner of a house for demolition generously allowed our department to conduct live burn evolutions inside of the structure, eventually burning the house down at the end. There is no better training for our members than to witness firsthand the behaviors of fire and how to knock it down in a controlled setting. We also continue to hold 2 “all department” drills and 1 specialized rescue drill monthly.

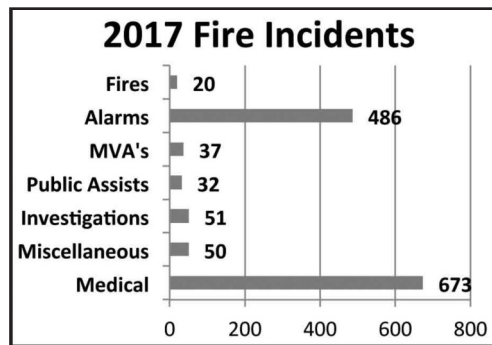
**Vehicles and Equipment:** In the spring of 2017 we put our newest ambulance into service. After much thought and discussion the decision to move to a four wheel drive chassis was made. The manufacturer was able to meet with us multiple times to create an amazing patient compartment designed by a group of dedicated Edgartown EMS providers. This truck is providing a great service to our community and has already assisted community members in 433 emergency responses. With your support at the April Town Meeting we were able to dispose of one of our vehicles gaining considerable equity that was able to be transferred to the incoming new fire truck. This truck has been designed and is currently in the build process at the

KME factory in Nesquehoning PA. For the interim, we took on a loaner truck to continue the same fire suppression coverage the Town has had. Our membership did considerable training to be proficient in this truck’s operation.

**Fires & Call Statistics:** We responded to 20 reports of fire this year. Several of these fires were structure related, causing significant damage. Other fires included brush fires, motor vehicle fires and appliance fires.

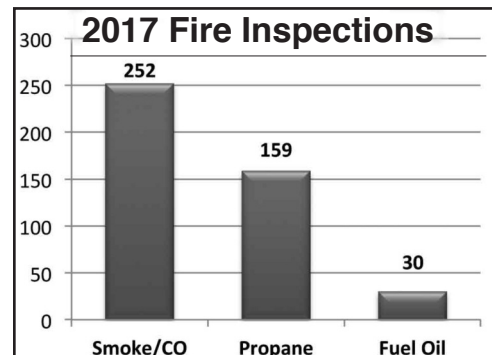
In addition to fires, the department responded to the following calls:

Alarms (Fire, Gas & CO2)	486
Motor Vehicle Accidents	37
Public Assists	32
Investigations & Illegal Burns	51
Miscellaneous Calls	50
(Arching Wires, Propane/Gas leaks, Oil/Fuel spills, water emergencies)	
Medical Emergencies	673



The fire department completed the following inspections in 2017:

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide	252
Propane	159
Fuel Oil	30



**Forestry:** The Department continues to respond to forest and brush fires when called upon. There are still a large number of existing and new homes being built that are surrounded by forests or brush. Homeowners should make an effort to reduce the amount of undergrowth surrounding their homes. Driveways leading to your house should also be addressed if there are trees limiting the access in the event of an emergency. They should be cut back to allow easy access for the larger emergency vehicles.

**In Closing:** A reminder to all residents:

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are required by law in residential homes in Massachusetts. A smoke detector has a useful life span of ten years, at which time it must be replaced. A carbon monoxide detector must be replaced after six years. We have had a noticeable increase in CO alarm calls that upon arrival, we have found elevated levels of carbon monoxide inside the residence. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that is deadly. For every year beyond the expected life of six years for CO detectors, its failure rate continues to rise exponentially. Time has a tendency to elude all of us with regards to the age of our smoke and CO detectors. The manufacturer's date can be found on the back side of the device. Batteries should be changed periodically as per the manufacturer's recommendations. These devices save lives

and reduce property damage. If you have any questions, please call the Edgartown Fire Station at (508) 627-5167.

On behalf of the Edgartown Fire Department, I would like to thank the Edgartown Police Department for their continued support. I would also like to thank all of the Island Fire Departments, as well as the Oak Bluffs, Tisbury Police and Tri-Town Ambulance Services for responding in our times of need.

I would like to thank the Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Edgartown for the support they have given me over the past 12 years that I have been Chief. It has been a privilege and an honor to be your Fire Chief. It is with mixed emotion that I start a new chapter in my life. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members of the fire department both past and present that I have had the privilege of working with. The diversity of our personnel makes the department a very well rounded group of individuals working as one. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to have been a member of the Edgartown Fire Department for the last 42 years.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER G. SHEMETH  
Fire Chief



Photo by Paulo DeOliviera

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

On behalf of the members of the Edgartown Police Department, I am pleased to present the annual report for the year 2017.

In May 2017, the Edgartown Police Department was awarded the Certification Program of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. The Certification Program consists of 159 standards, all of which are mandatory and were proven on site at the Edgartown Police station. The standards for the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program are based upon national standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). These standards reflect the best professional practices in police management, administration, operations, and support services. We are all proud to have our department's professionalism recognized.

### Training

Our department is committed to having dedicated, highly trained personnel capable of handling the daily demands of our profession. Officers have participated in numerous individual and collective training opportunities throughout the year. We are proud and fortunate to be able to host trainings on a regular basis on Island. EPD is appreciative to have the opportunity to have these training opportunities and as a result, we have very few citizen complaints or use of force issues. The following is a list of some of the classes attended in 2017:

- IMMIGRATION AND POLICING, MPI, GRAFTON MA, Sergeants Deroche & Gazaille
- OFFICER IN CHARGE, EPD, March 13th, All Edgartown Officers
- PROACTIVE DRUG INTERDICTION AND VEHICLE CONCEALMENT, NESPIN, PORTSMOUTH PD, Officers Snowden, Townes, Moore, Chandler, Bishop.
- BOSAR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, MARITIME TACTICAL TRAINING, BOSTON PD, Officers Ruley and Sylvia
- TACTICAL LETHAL FORCE, NESPIN, FRANKLIN MA, Officer. Craig
- SEX OFFENDER RECERTIFICATION, SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, MILFORD MA, Officer Phelps
- NEW YORK TACTICAL OFFICER CONFERENCE, NYTOA, MIDDLETOWN NY, Officers Craig, Chandler and Sylvia

- OFFICER DOWN RESCUE INSTRUCTOR COURSE, TACTICAL EMS, SPRINGFIELD MA, Officers Chandler and Sylvia
- USE OF FORCE SEMINAR, EPD, All Edgartown Officers
- OFFICER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL, NESPIN, FRANKLIN MA, Officer Craig
- STREET LEVEL NARCOTICS, MPI, MILLIS MA PD, Officer Chandler
- EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, FBI-LEEDA, HYANNIS MA, Sergeant Smith
- BASIC SWAT OPERATOR SCHOOL, METRO SWAT, PLAINVILLE MA, Officer Sylvia
- TASER INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION, TASER, WTPD, Officers Bishop, Moore and Phelps
- EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, FBI-LEEDA, TRILOGY RECEIPT, Chief Rossi
- CHILDRENS COVE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHILDRENS COVE, HYANNIS MA, Officers Moore and Immelt
- BASIC INVESTIGATIVE CLASS, BOSTON PD, BOSTON MA, Officers Snowden & Moore
- CONSTITUTIONAL USE OF FORCE, CALIBRE PRESS, BOSTON MA, Officers Sylvia & Townes
- USE OF FORCE SUMMIT, DAIGLE LAW GROUP, MOHEGAN SUN CT, Officer Craig
- FIELD TRAINING OFFICER CLASS, MPI, SALEM MA, Officers Townes and Sylvia
- HANDLING INFORMANTS, BBS NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, PLYMOUTH PD, Officers Chandler and Moore
- TWO ANNUAL TACTICAL NIGHT SHOOTS, Edgartown officers and Oak Bluffs Police officers
- ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING, All Edgartown officers

### Officer Health and Wellness

The health and wellness of officers are important areas of concern in this profession. The Patrolman's Association and the Town have worked together to enhance the workout room at the station and upgrade the equipment. We have provided incentives and training time for officer's physical health. MV Community Services has created a Crisis Intervention Team that can assist police officers, fire personnel, emergency medical service personnel and others with any mental health issues they may be experiencing and remain confidential. Our profession has come a long way in this area. We, as emergency responders, need to feel confident with taking care of ourselves and each other.

In closing, I would like to say that I am proud of all the men and women of our department and truly appreciate the work they do. I would like to thank the Dukes County Sheriff's Department and Communication Center, Edgartown Fire Department and EMS, and all town departments and boards for their continued support. Many thanks to all our community partners we work with that make this island such a special place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. ROSSI  
Chief of Police

### 2017 CALLS

#### **GENERAL SERVICE CALLS**

1390 ALARMS  
29 DISTURBANCE/FIGHTS  
456 MEDICAL ASSISTS  
481 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES  
137 NOISE COMPLAINTS

#### **POLICE INTERVENTION**

399 ASSIST CITIZNES  
58 DOMESTICS  
73 DISPUTES/CIVIL MATTERS  
89 INTOXICATED PERSONS  
15 PROTECTIVE CUSTODIES  
14 WEAPON COMPLAINTS  
5 ELDER ASSISTS  
4 SEXUAL ASSAULTS

#### **PROPERTY CRIMES**

13 BREAK AND ENTERINGS  
3 STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES  
20 STOLEN PROPERTIES  
19 TRESPASSINGS  
27 VANDALISMS  
3 STOLEN BOATS

#### **MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY**

168 MV ACCIDENTS  
147 MV COMPLAINTS  
551 MV STOPS  
158 LOCKOUTS  
8 SUICIDE THREATS  
70 LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS CALLS  
137 PARKING COMPLAINTS

**6208 TOTAL CALLS**



Photo by Officer William Bishop IV



## ANIMAL CONTROL

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

In early 2017 I accepted Jennifer Morgan's resignation as Assistant Officer of Animal Control/Inspector of Animals. Jen had been a great assistant to me for 11 years!

2017 was, for the most part, fairly busy, but quiet. I did rescue a box turtle on Road to the Plains that I almost ran over. I thought it was a shoe, but as I got closer I realized the "shoe" was moving! So, I stopped and helped it across the road. I also was called to remove a Canada goose that was in a swimming pool. That was not an easy task because the goose kept swimming just out of reach of my net. One of the people in the house agreed to jump into the pool and herd the goose to me. Success! Here is a teaser: guess what kind of animal was rescued in the first week of 2018!

I had my first ever livestock killed by a ferret. The neutered male ferret escaped from a home in Oak Bluffs and ended up in Edgartown. To survive, the ferret killed 2-3 ducks. We trapped the ferret and posted it on Facebook. The owner of the ferret saw the post and came to the pound with proof of ownership. The owner was so happy to take her ferret, "Theodore" home. He had been missing for over a month from Oak Bluffs.

One surprise call was about a bat in the house. I arrived and way, way, way up high was the "bat". We managed to knock the "bat" down and as it fluttered down we realized it was a very large moth. I guess I should get some binoculars for the cruiser! Another weird call was about bird guano. No, I don't know how to keep a bird from pooping on docks!

The Island ACO'S continue to put on a once a year rabies clinic simultaneously in Edgartown and West Tisbury. Both are successful and the residents of the island appreciate the low cost rabies clinic. I give many thanks to the Animal Shelter of M.V. and the West Tisbury Fire Station and the vets that participate in it every year. Another program the ACO'S put together is getting the Animal Rescue League's Spay Waggin' to the island. In 2017 the Spay Waggin' came four times and spayed and neutered a total of 83 animals island-wide (67 cats, 16 dogs and of that number, Edgartown residents had 4 dogs and 17 cats fixed). Two of the Edgartown residents qualified for the Mass. Animal Fund, so I applied for the owners to get vouchers. The owners were able to get their dogs spayed at no cost to them! **Interesting note:** a female and a male cat can produce 421,000 kittens in just seven years and dogs can produce 4,400 puppies in seven years. Yikes! The ACO'S really encourage spaying and neutering your pets as soon as possible.

In October 2017 I was honored by the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts with the coveted Golden Bone Award. The award is given once a year for being a "Doggone Good ACO" and for promoting professional Animal Control in the community!

### HERE IS THE BREAKDOWN OF CALLS:

# of dog calls: 644  
# of dog/livestock calls: none  
# of cat calls: 155  
# of calls – other animals: 102\*\*  
\*\*geese: 14, ducks: 9, seals: 7, pigs: 7, chickens: 5, snakes: 5, horses: 4, bats: 4, rats: 4, goats: 4, cows: 4, ferrets: 4, hawks: 3, parrot: 3, roosters: 3, sheep: 3, rabbits: 2, deer: 2, seagulls: 2, loon: 2, otter: 1, llamas: 1, chipmunks: 1, snapping turtle: 1, turkeys: 1, pigeons: 1, moth: 1, bird guano: 1, birds: 1, swan: 1, guinea hens: 1.  
# of skunk calls: 20  
# of raccoon calls: 4  
# of dogs impounded: 60 (males: 8, neutered males: 31, females: 1, spayed females: 20)  
# of cats impounded: 14  
# of other animals impounded: 2 (rooster, ferret)  
# of dogs adopted/ASMV: 1  
# of cats adopted/ASMV: 9 (all to the Animal Shelter of M.V.)  
# of other animals adopted/Gus BenDavid: 1 (rooster)  
# of dogs hit & killed: none  
# of dogs hit & injured: 2  
# of dogs sick/injured (not by car): none  
# of cats hit & killed: 7  
# of cats hit & injured: 1  
# of cats sick/injured (not by car): 2  
# of other animals – hit/injured/killed: 3  
# of calls – dead animals: 12 (cats: 6, raccoons, seal, skunk, deer)  
# of miscellaneous calls: 260  
# of dog bites: 16  
# of dogs biting dogs: 6  
# of dogs attacking dogs: 1  
# of ferrets killing ducks: 1  
# of cat bites: 4  
# of cats biting cats: 1  
# of other animal bites: 2  
# of quarantines issued – 45-day/4 month: 8 (45-day: 7, 4 month: 1)  
# of dogs licensed: 971  
Money turned into the Town Treasurer –  
Impound fees: \$440.00  
  
LEASH LAW VIOLATIONS:  
# of tickets issued: 56  
# of warning tickets issued: 50

# of money tickets issued: 6  
# of voided tickets: 1  
Face Value of tickets issued to date: \$360.00  
\$ amount of tickets paid to date: \$260.00  
\$ amount of tickets unpaid to date: \$100.00  
In Court: none  
Under 21 days: \$100.00

FARM CENSUS:

Dairy cattle: 3, Beef cattle: 91, goats: 27, sheep: 89, swine: 3, horses: 61, ponies: 8, donkeys: 3, Llamas: 3, alpacas: 5, rabbits: 8, chickens: 1,512, turkeys: 55, waterfowl: 52, game birds: 53.

I give a huge thank you to the following: my assistant, Betsy Buck; Pam Dolby, Kristy Rose, Selectmen's office; Wanda Williams and Karen Medeiros in the Town Clerk's Office, the Edgartown Police Department, the Animal Shelter of M.V., Gus BenDavid and all the veterinarians and their staff. I very much appreciate all your advice, assistance and help!

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA PRADA  
Officer of Animal Control  
Inspector of Animals



Photo by Barbara Prada

## HARBORMASTER

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

With the blessing of the voters last year, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new patrol/collection vessel which is close to completion at Ribcraft's Marblehead factory. With the help of seasonal Assistant Harbormaster William Schrade, we spent many hours researching what the Town's needs are, not just for the present but trying to assess our needs for ten to twenty years into the future. This vessel is not a replacement but an addition to the fleet. Our business model has changed dramatically in the last three years. Mooring management has been redefined and today almost every mooring in Edgartown harbor is occupied during the summer months with private and transient usage. Revenue has risen to all-time highs as transient yachtsmen can now check availability and reserve a mooring in real time thanks to our Dockwa Reservation Platform. The extra workload to bring our visitors to their mooring required more crew and another vessel.

Work was completed before July on the pavilion on Memorial Wharf which included a new roof, stairs, railings and lighting. This project was funded by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funds. The project was on budget and on time even with the many change orders that occurred. The construction was done by Trademark Services under the direction of Mark Nicotera. The Memorial Wharf Restoration Committee members, Richard Barbini, John Magnuson, Steve Ewing, along with architect Joanne Gosser and Chief Procurement Officer Juliet Mulinare, worked tirelessly to ensure that the Memorial Wharf was done before the summer season started. This committee also

reminded the Selectmen that the pavilion was only the start of the whole Memorial Wharf Project and plans for more restoration is already under way.

Childs Engineering Corporation was awarded a contract by the Town to perform an inspection of the wharf structure at North Wharf located at the foot of Morse Street. Included in their report will be recommendations for repairs and maintenance. Funding for this project will be from CPC funds and a warrant article presented at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2018. Work to be completed by 2019-2020.

Many thanks go out to our core group of employees, Sara Tiemann, Mike Hathaway, Shelly O'Neil and to our Seasonal Wharfingers and Assistants headed up by Michaela Gaines and William Schrade. These employees are the reason that Edgartown Harbor is known as the friendliest harbor on the East coast.

R. M. Packer Company once again ran the Fuel Dock at North Wharf. Starting on Memorial Day weekend and ending at the last day of the Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby in October, the Packer crew never missed a day.

Old Port Marine was licensed to provide their outstanding launch service for the 25th year. The addition of a third launch was justified by the busiest season the company has had to date.

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, 2017.

<b>Building Permits Issued</b>		<b># Increase/Decrease</b>
New Single Family Residence	56	(increase of 15)
*Includes 11 Guest Houses		
Multi-Family Residence	2	(increase of 2)
Single Family Residence	286	(increase of 48)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (83 major, 142 minor, 61 insulation/weatherization)		
Garage/Barn	46	(decrease of 11)
++Includes 16 Detached Bedrooms & 6 Pool Houses		
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	56	(decrease of 27)
New Commercial	2	(decrease of 2)
Commercial	38	(increase of 4)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (11 major, 27 minor)		
Swimming Pool/Tennis Court	28	(decrease of 7)
Miscellaneous:		
Shingle	51	
Demolition/Move	31	
Municipal	5	
Foundation	11	
Solar Array	39	
Tent	8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>(increase of 11)</b>
<b>Total Building Permits Receipts:</b>	<b>\$268,860.00</b>	<b>(increase of \$67,439.75)</b>

**Miscellaneous Permits & Fees**  
(Includes Wood Stoves, Sign Permits, Zoning By-Laws, Summons, Additional Inspections, etc.)

<b>Total Miscellaneous Fees</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>(increase of \$1,325.00)</b>
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<b>Trench Permits</b>	<b>\$1,525.00</b>
	(increase of \$475.00)
<b>Total Building Inspector's Receipts:</b>	<b>\$272,785.00</b>
	(increase of \$69,239.75)
<b>Fees Collected by the Building Department for:</b>	
<b>Gas Inspector</b>	<b>\$52,775.00</b>
<b>Plumbing Inspector</b>	<b>\$60,850.00</b>
<b>Electrical Inspector</b>	<b>\$124,250.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts Collected by the Building Department:</b>	<b>\$510,660.00</b>
	(increase of \$84,139.75)

I would like to welcome the newest member to the department, Assistant Building Inspector Reade Kontje Milne. Her expertise in numerous aspects of the building trades is a welcome addition.

Building activity continues to grow at a manageable pace. Homes continue to be larger, and more inspections are required. The number of homes greater than 5,000 square feet has doubled since the previous year.

Thank you to our Plumbing and Gas Inspectors George Apostolides and Charles Day, and Electrical Inspectors Robert Young, Michael Dolby, and David Schwab for their expertise and professionalism. Once again, special thanks to Akeyah Lucas for keeping this department running smoothly and solving problems before they become an issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
LEONARD JASON, JR.  
Inspector of Buildings

<b>BUILDING PERMITS 2006-2017</b>												
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
New Single Family Residence	57	95	31	41	45	36	30	41	49	67	42	56
Multi-Family Building	21	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Single Family Residence	101	101	79	91	130	150	191	217	231	235	238	286
Additions/Alterations												
Garage/Barn	42	73	14	13	24	27	22	25	38	52	57	46
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	53	70	52	53	50	55	63	63	78	70	83	56
New Commercial	0	6	3	0	2	4	2	3	2	3	4	2
Commercial	8	23	11	12	18	18	32	28	21	20	34	38
Additions/Alterations												
Swimming Pools	22	13	20	12	14	18	23	28	31	34	35	28
Miscellaneous	8	30	15	42	57	66	64	116	74	112	150	140
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>312</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>

## 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 2017.

Plumbing Permits:	297	\$14,800.00 (decrease of 9)
Plumbing Inspections:	614	\$46,050.00 (increase of 28)
<b>Total Plumbing Receipts:</b>		<b>\$60,850.00</b> (increase of \$1,750.00)

Gas Permits:	286	\$14,300.00 (increase of 33)
Gas Inspections:	513	\$38,475.00 (increase of 35)
<b>Total Gas Receipts:</b>		<b>\$52,775.00</b> (increase of \$4,275.00)

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 2017.

Electrical Permits:	548	\$26,900.00 (increase of 46)
Electrical Inspections:	1298	\$97,350.00 (increase of 91)
<b>Total Electrical Receipts:</b>		<b>\$124,250.00</b> (increase of \$8,875.00)

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

# PUBLIC WORKS

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Edgartown Highway Department for the year 2017.

The winter was relatively normal in terms of snowfall and the associated snow removal activities. We continue to use pretreatment as a first line of defense for snow events. A brine solution is sprayed onto the roads prior to snowfall. The brine is a solution that contains about 22% salt by weight. This pretreatment assists in snow removal by reducing the initial ice build-up on the roads. A thorough spring cleaning usually follows the winter.

During the spring, the major road project that was conducted was the rebuilding and widening of Barnes Road. Approximately 1.5 miles (75%) of the road was completed in the spring of 2017. The completed 1.5 mile section started at the intersection of the West Tisbury Road, and terminated near the Deer Weigh-in Station at the State Forest. An additional 0.5 miles of Barnes Road remains to be widened and rebuilt in a similar fashion. This road is one of the busiest in Edgartown, and sees large volumes of cars and heavy truck traffic. The use of this road has increased significantly in the past few decades. In the fall, the shoulders were loamed and seeded.

During the summer, the highway department crews were kept busy with roadside mowing and trash and litter removal. We also repaired several catch basins at the Edgartown School parking lot during the summer vacation months at the school. Sixth Street North was extended to provide vehicle and utility access to the town's three affordable house lots that were awarded in 2017.

During the fall and early winter, work has begun and progressed on the paving of Meetinghouse Way. The work on this project includes relocating the road onto the correct location of the road layout. Tree removal and shoulder work has been extensive. Before paving, it is necessary to shape, contour, slope and compact the road. Approximately 2,500 tons of a gravel sub-base material has been placed on the roadway before the first layer of binder (base) asphalt is laid down. Approximately 55% of the length of the road has been prepared and the first layer of base asphalt has been laid down. The extremely cold weather that we have

experienced during the end of December and early January has driven frost deep into the ground, and has more than likely halted work until late winter when the frost thaws.

Sidewalk rebuilding in the downtown areas began in the spring. The sidewalks on Church Street, Winter Street and North Water Street (between Winter Street and Simpson's Lane) were replaced. Work gets halted during the summer. In October, the work resumed and the sidewalks on Dock Street and the left side of North Water Street (between Main Street and Simpson's Lane) were replaced. The antique curbing on the North Water Street section was saved and re-used. The remaining work in this project includes the lower block of Main Street (between North Water Street and Dock Street) and the two blocks on the parking side of North Water Street (between Main Street and Kelly Street). This work is scheduled to resume in the spring of 2018.

All of the catch basins throughout the Town are cleaned on an annual basis. New drainage systems were constructed on Pine Street and Pease's Point Way. Storm drainage lines on School Street, Main Street and Cooke Street were jetted and cleaned in the past year.

The staff at the highway department also does leaf cleanup and removal on town roads, patches and repairs asphalt, operates the street sweeper, maintains street signs and lanterns, paints parking lot and on-street parking lines, and grades dirt roads. The road sides in the rural areas of town are trimmed and brush cut.

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Edgartown for their support over the years. We live in a beautiful community, and we all take pride in maintaining the Town. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, and all of the other Town departments that we work with throughout the year. Whenever we reach out to other Town departments for help, they always are able to assist us. I especially want to thank the staff of the Highway Department for their hard work and dedication to their jobs throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART FULLER  
Highway Superintendent

## TREE WARDEN

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

I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Tree Warden for the year 2017.

During 2017 we experienced a couple of coastal storms that did minor damage to some public trees. The September and October storms mostly resulted in breakage of small limbs and branches. No major trees were lost to storm damage.

Both property owners and the town have been proactive in tree maintenance. The electric utility company is also active in maintaining the trees and limbs that surround their utility wires. As a result, there was limited tree damage and very few power outages during the year.

The gall wasp infestation that has killed many oak trees island wide over the past several years appears to be in its final stages and nearly over. Over the past year about 25 oak trees along Chappaquiddick Road and Litchfield Road were removed due to the gall wasp.

As part of the Meetinghouse Way paving project, several pine and oak trees along the road have been removed to accommodate the wider lanes of the future paved road.

In 2017, structural pruning was conducted on Chase Road, Oliver Street, Green Avenue, Planting Field Way, School Street and Peases Point Way.

As part of the 2017 Earth Day celebration, nearly 800 tree seedlings were distributed to students and staff of the Edgartown Elementary School. Each student received one sweet gum and one blue spruce. With the assistance of Melinda Rabbit-DeFeo, the garden coordinator at the Edgartown School, we produced a short video on proper planting of the seedlings. Hopefully most of these trees were planted and watered and will continue to grow and inspire these students to care more about our trees.

In closing, I wish to thank everyone who takes part in caring for the trees in our town. This includes tree professionals, landscapers, nurseries and home owners. We all play a role in how the trees in our yards and along our streets look.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART FULLER  
Tree Warden

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

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

This year 19 grave lots were sold in the New Westside Cemetery, another record number for lots sales. This leaves 16 lots available to be sold. With so few lots left, the cemetery commissioners have started the final cemetery expansion project which will clear, grade, screen and add avenues to the remaining two acres of land in the New Westside Cemetery. The trees were cleared by Mark Clements in December using funds from the cemetery site improvement account. The commission will ask the voters to approve using existing funds from the Cemetery Lots Sold fund for the grading, screening and addition of 12th, 13th and 14th avenues at Special Town Meeting this spring. Once this project is completed, the cemetery will have exhausted the land available.

Additionally, the commissioners reviewed and made recommendations to update the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, which were last updated at Special Town Meeting in 1987. These updates will be presented to the voters at Special Town Meeting in the spring.

2017 was a banner year in the Commissions' ongoing gravestone restoration project. Sixty- four Tower Hill grave-stones were cleaned and restored using funds provided by a

bequest from Virginia Frances and Ellen Irene Murray. In addition, eight gravestones that were missing or unreadable were also replaced by new stones using information from Richard Pease's 1849 list. In Old Westside, more than 200 monuments and gravestones have also been cleaned and restored.

The seasonal workers had a challenging year dealing with the extra mowing from all the summer rain. The Edgartown Highway department was able to assist with mowing, supervising seasonal employees, tree trimming and general maintenance which was crucial in keeping the cemeteries mowed and in good shape. Administrative duties for the department were assigned to Jessica McGroarty as of July 1st. Jessica has been updating missing records, meeting with town residents who are interested in purchasing lots and overseeing interments.

The Commission would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department and the 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

2017	FLOW	1ST	2ND	TOTAL N
JAN	3,818,843	3.70	3.80	3.75
FEB	2,791,254	2.81	2.36	2.59
MARCH	3,271,120	6.63	4.68	5.56
APRIL	3,952,790	5.66	2.30	3.98
MAY	5,771,693	1.86	2.32	2.09
JUNE	7,283,830	1.83	1.70	1.77
JULY	10,967,910	2.00	1.52	1.76
AUG	11,335,519	2.90	1.79	2.35
SEPT	7,397,860	3.85	4.41	4.13
OCT	6,111,811	1.68	2.45	2.07
NOV	4,976,469	2.06	2.59	2.33
DEC	3,863,277	1.36	1.10	1.23
TOTAL/YR	71,542,376		AVG/YR	2.80

### 2017 HIGH FLOW DAYS

JULY 6-7	463,536
AUG 11-12	443,375

In 2017, the Wastewater Treatment Facility processed more than 71 million gallons-with the effluent at the end of that process averaging a total nitrogen level of 2.80 milligrams per liter, resulting in 759.4 kilograms of nitrogen being contributed to the Great Pond Watershed, about one-third of the 2,200-kilograms-per-year limit set in the Facility's Department of Environmental Protection Groundwater Discharge permit.

The Facility provides a high standard of treatment while the ongoing Great Pond mitigation plan continues to

remove nitrogen- producing septic systems from the pond watershed.

As the plant's equipment passes the 20-year mark, the upgrades continue. As part of our ongoing energy-use assessment, nearly 300 fluorescent lamps were upgraded to long-life, efficient LEDs though a Mass Energy offer of low cost replacements. This past year, the influent screening equipment, fire alarm system, aging bed valves, ultraviolet disinfection, and the laboratory roof have been replaced. The Dock St. pump station has new pumps and controls, and increased resiliency for storm events. New flow monitoring devices, motor replacements and station alarm notification upgrades are in the works.

These projects are just some of over 40 capital improvements identified in the 2016 Condition Assessment for Wastewater. They were seen to be the ones most urgently needed, and able to be accomplished quickly. Coming up are some larger, longer-range projects. These cannot be designed and planned effectively without a corresponding assurance of funding. The Department looks forward to collaborating with the Board of Selectmen, Capital Programs and Financial Advisory Committees on this.

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,

DAVID THOMPSON  
Facility Manager



## WATER DEPARTMENT

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

When a faucet is turned on, water is there. When a fire hydrant is operated, the Fire Department doesn't question the water availability. When the water is consumed, there should not be any question as to the quality. As residents of Edgartown, you have become accustomed to this, and you should. You deserve nothing less, 24/7/365. Any water supplier should recognize this and have these concerns as their top priority. After all, you deserve this level of public health, well-being, service and protection. The Edgartown Water Department does not take these responsibilities lightly. Our mission is to provide safe, potable drinking water of the highest quality; to provide the best fire protection possible and to provide first-rate, knowledgeable and efficient customer service. Through the years, this level of dedication and professionalism has been very evident due mostly to those intimately involved with the operations of what I consider to be one of the premier water systems in the Commonwealth. Compliance, adherence to regulatory and analytical standards, conservation minded practices, fiscally responsible management, source protection and the minimized environmental impacts of our operations are all part of the successful operation of a water system and what we strive for. The challenges can be great and it often requires the contributions of many, but we continue to meet the task, within our financial limitations and resources. Together, the team at the Edgartown Water Department will meet the present tasks and plan for the future, while recognizing the efforts and dedication of those before us.

Edgartown Water Department continues to improve, advance and conduct ourselves in a proactive manner. As in past years, all areas of our operations remained busy in 2017. Several water main projects were completed in the past year, mostly to accommodate new development. Operational policies, as well as our Rules and Regulations were modernized to reflect current practices and industry standards. Additionally, various maintenance projects and improvements within the pumping stations were addressed in the past year. In particular, the more notable important accomplishments / activities of the department include:

- The rehabilitation and painting of the Mill Hill Standpipe was completed. In addition, a mixer was installed in the tank to improve overall water quality and to prevent the problems associated with ice formation.
- MassDEP approved our permit request to change from sodium hydroxide to potassium hydroxide as the chemical additive for our corrosion control program. This transition will lower the sodium content of the water throughout the distribution system and provide a better overall water chemistry. Corrosion control is regulatory, with the purpose being the reduction of the

leaching of lead and copper from older household plumbing and fixtures.

- Improvements to the mapping and recording of old and new water services.
- Several revisions and updates to the Rules and Regulations of the Edgartown Water Department.
- Unaccounted for water (a MassDEP standard) for the department went from 5.3% in 2016 to 0.4% in 2017. The acceptable and regulatory standard is a maximum of 10%. This proves to be both a testimony to the condition of the water system, but also the efforts of the Water Department to continually improve, operate more efficiently and to conserve water.
- Discussions took place, and continue to secure a site for a future well and pumping station.
- With the addition of Gordon Brown, the Water Department is back to full staff. We welcome Gordon to the team and wish him a long and satisfying career with us.
- Phil Levesque was promoted from Water Operator I to Water Operator II.
- The design and fabrication of a railing system on the Mill Hill Standpipe to accommodate the emergency communication antennae. This new design is a safety improvement and a more structurally sound method of affixing the equipment that will not compromise the tank, thereby increasing the lifespan of the tank and the communication equipment. The new mounting system also served to improve the performance and overall, the emergency communications for the community. Additionally, a conduit was added to the tank to preserve the antennae cables, as well as the tank coating.
- The Water Department became a home for two ospreys in 2017. Back in the 1970's, Gus Ben David started a program to increase the population of the ospreys on the island. In 2013, Gus's son Shane (Assistant Water Superintendent) erected an osprey pole at the Water Department. This past spring, two young fledglings decided it would be their summer home. We eagerly anticipate their return in the spring of 2018.

In an attempt to address concerns of the aging infrastructure, diminished system hydraulics, developmental requirements, water quality, fire protection and the under-sized water mains of the distribution system, several construction projects were completed in 2017. Several of these improvements were performed through in-house operations, minimizing overall expenses to the community. The 2017 projects included: the installation of 1,000' of 12" main on Slough Cove Road, 1,500' of 8" main on Butler's Cove Road, 340' of 12" main on Proprietor's Way, 120' of 8" main on Weeks Lane, 320' of 8" main on

Musloday Way, 1,100' of 8" main on 6th Street North and 280' of 8" main on Divot Drive in the Vineyard Golf Club. Slough Cove Road, Butler's Cove Road, Proprietor's Way, Musloday Way, 6th Street North and Divot Drive were also benefited by the addition of fire protection by the means of new fire hydrants. In total, 9 new fire hydrants were added to the distribution system. In addition, the Water Department oversaw the design and construction of all privately installed water mains within the distribution system.

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY  
January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017**

**Water Use – Wells**

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

Gallons Pumped – 498,000  
Peak Day Demand – 132,000 (7/3/17)  
Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
Average Daily Flow – 1,364

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

Gallons Pumped – 102,010,000  
Peak Day Demand – 750,000 (7/2/17)  
Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
Average Daily Flow – 279,479

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

Gallons Pumped – 51,745,000  
Peak Day Demand – 530,000 (7/4/17)  
Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
Average Daily Flow – 141,767

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

Gallons Pumped – 103,183,000  
Peak Day Demand – 1,034,000 (7/2/17)  
Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
Average Daily Flow – 282,693

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

Gallons Pumped – 81,633,000  
Peak Day Demand – 974,000 (7/2/17)  
Minimum Day Demand – 0\*\*  
Average Daily Flow – 233,652

**Water Use – All Sources Combined**

Total Gallons Pumped – 339,069,000  
Peak Day Demand – 3,176,000 (7/4/16)  
Minimum Day Demand – 184,000 (1/17/17)  
Average Daily Flow – 928,956  
Maximum Week of Pumping – 18.041 MG (7/1/17)  
Winter Average (October-May) – 13.848 MG/ Month or .733689 MG / Day  
Summer Average (June-September) - 57.070 MG/ Month or 1.871164 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 – (4) 3,440'  
New Mains – Contracted by Town of Edgartown - 0  
New mains – Installed by Town Crews – (2) 1,220'  
Antiquated Mains Replaced – 0'  
Total Main Installed – 4,660'  
Total Main Abandoned – 0  
Total Miles of Main in Town of Edgartown – Approx. 72  
Fire Hydrants Installed – 9  
Fire Hydrants Replaced - 0  
Fire Hydrants in Service - 335  
New Water Service Activations - 50  
Number of Current Water Accounts - 3,298

**FIRE HYDRANTS INSTALLED 2017**

LOCATION	HYDRANTS
Slough Cove Road	4
Proprietor's Way	1
Muskoday Way	1
6th Street North	2
Divot Road – V.G.C.	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

**WATER MAINS INSTALLED 2017**

LOCATION	SIZE/FOOTAGE
Slough Cove Road	8 1/2" 2,500'
Proprietor's Way	12" 340'
Weeks Lane	8" 120'
Muskoday Way	8" 320'
6th Street North	8" 1,100'
Divot Road - V.G.C.	8" 280'
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,660'</b>

**WATER CONSUMPTION MAXIMUM DAY**

	<b>Gallons</b>
July 18, 2013	2,549,000
August 17, 2014	2,919,000
August 1, 2015	3,230,000
July 4, 2016	3,168,000
July 2, 2017	3,176,000

**YEARLY TOTALS**

	<b>Gallons</b>
2013	310,122,000
2014	341,447,000
2015	398,964,000
2016	370,284,000
2017	339,069,000

2017 ACTUAL WATER PRODUCTION						
MONTH	MESHACKET WELL 4 *	LILLY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8	TOTAL PUMPING
January	0	30,000	3,881,000	32,000	6,214,000	10,157,000
February	0	2,100,000	5,255,000	8,000	20,000	7,383,000
March	132,000	8,565,000	78,000	99,000	103,000	8,977,000
April	0	9,314,000	2,892,000	940,000	311,000	13,457,000
May	89,000	11,625,000	5,851,000	8,436,000	168,000	26,169,000
June	64,000	15,549,000	3,406,000	21,114,000	7,151,000	47,284,000
July	56,000	19,935,000	8,645,000	26,634,000	17,892,000	74,207,000
August	94,000	17,504,000	7,335,000	23,193,000	18,913,000	67,039,000
September	0	11,319,000	5,115,000	13,946,000	10,417,000	40,797,000
October	0	1,067,000	7,587,000	228,000	15,062,000	23,944,000
November	63,000	3,820,000	1,694,000	190,000	5,351,000	11,118,000
December	0	1,182,000	6,000	8,363,000	31,000	9,582,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>498,000</b>	<b>102,010,000</b>	<b>51,745,000</b>	<b>103,183,000</b>	<b>81,633,000</b>	<b>339,069,000</b>
Monthly Ave.	41,500	8,500,833	4,312,083	8,598,583	6,802,750	28,255,750
Daily Ave.	71,143	390,843	206,155	545,942	410,216	928,956
Days Pumped	7	261	251	189	199	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.

CHEMICALS USED 2017					
	MESHACKET WELL 4*	LILLY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8
MONTH	NaOH gal	NaOH gal	NaOH gal	NaOH gal	NaOH gal
JAN	0	0	70.0	1.0	97.0
FEB	0	75.0	94.0	0	0
MAR	0	330.0	.0	3.0	1.0
APR	0	360.0	51.0	23.0	5.0
MAY	0	451.0	104.0	209.0	2.0
JUN	0	584.0	77.0	527.0	111.0
JUL	0	768.0	203.0	664.0	266.0
AUG	0	706.0	156.0	324.0	247.0
SEP	0	479.0	103.0	218.0	182.0
OCT	0	48.0	143.0	6.0	310.0
NOV	0	148.0	34.0	5.0	107.0
DEC	0	43.0	0	196.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,987.0</b>	<b>1,035.0</b>	<b>2,176.0</b>	<b>1,328.0</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 2017, the well was run for testing and analytical purposes only. The water was not chemically treated and did not enter the distribution system.

Although mentioned in my report last year, The Mill Hill Standpipe is completely finished per the scope of the contract. At the time of this report, final preparations are being made to close out the project and issue final payment to the contractor. At present, Edgartown only has one water storage tank, making it one of the most critical assets to the Water Department and the community in whole. That said, I am pleased that the project was successful and that we have performed the much needed repairs and reconditioning. In addition to providing the necessary protective coating to the structure, the service life of the tank has been extended. As previously stated, the project was met with several complications, mostly weather related. And while these complications extended the projected completion date of the project, we felt it wise to take the time required to ensure the best possible finish product. As I have done in the past, the success of the project was a group effort and one I am very thankful for. The individuals, Boards, departments and the community as a whole contributed to the success of the project and all deserve the credit for a job well done. I am pleased with the outcome and the finished product and feel that collectively, we got an excellent finished product. I thank all involved in the process for their contributions.

The operations and management of a Water Department may be complicated and complex at times. The challenges of maintaining and preserving capital assets must always be considered, but we must also continue to progress and move forward. This can be difficult as regulatory standards continue to become more stringent, new technologies are developed, and system operational demands increase. The management and planning for these concerns and issues requires a proactive approach.

Operating to total failure is discouraged and may easily jeopardize the health and wellbeing of the community. Additionally, unanticipated failures seldom occur at opportune times and generally cost substantially more than the preventative maintenance would have. With that, some of the projects looming in the short and long term future include various water main improvements, the construction of an additional pumping station, the cleaning and rehabilitation of a production well and the construction of a second water storage facility.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the people that make our success a reality. 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. For this, I extend my heartfelt and sincerest appreciation. It is all of these people that take an interest in the water supply of the community, and together through our efforts, oversight, operations and environmentally friendly practices, we will see that this most valuable resource is readily available now and for generations to come. We look forward to serving the community and our continued success in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN  
Water Superintendent

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

## 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 8,120 tons in 2017 of waste and construction material. Over 7,000 tons of the material was delivered to SEMASS Waste to Energy Facility in Rochester Ma., and the remaining tonnage (1,000) was recycled Construction Material delivered to New England Recycling located in Taunton, Ma.. Our recycling efforts also removed over 1,200 tons of mixed single stream recycling, 280 tons of various metals, over 250 batteries, 20 tons of tires, and 500 tons of leaves/brush.

We are proud to announce that over 500 households participated in the District's Hazardous Household Waste Collection program during 2017. After 28 years, the program will change from four collections dates per year to three. The two fall events have been merged together for only one fall event in the month of October.

Harmful Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates are held on the *third Saturday of May and July with October held on the second Saturday October 13, 2018* all at no charge to residents.

Each event is from 9am – 12pm for residents.  
12pm – 12:30pm for commercial (fee, please call for appointment)

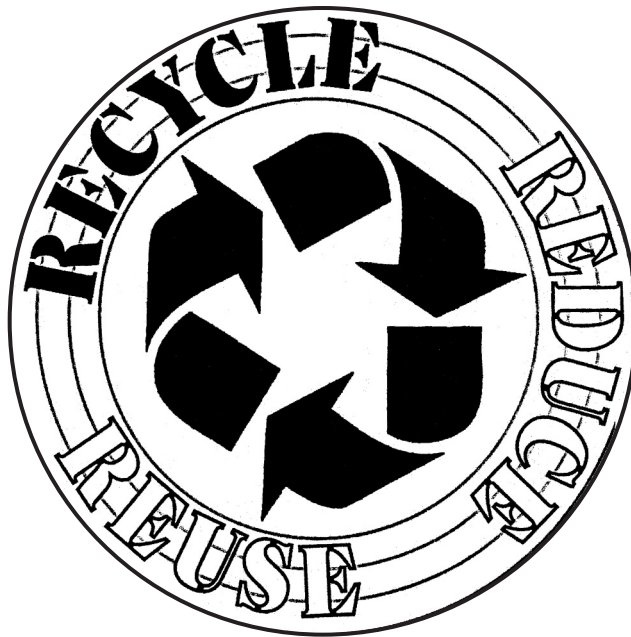
The collection location is held at the Refuse District located @  
750 WEST TISBURY RD.  
EDGARTOWN, MA 02539  
(508) 627-4501  
(508) 627-4504 FAX  
[www.mvrefusedistrict.com](http://www.mvrefusedistrict.com)

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted at all four District drop-off center at no charge during regular business hours.

Compostable food waste is now accepted at the District drop-off centers, see District web site for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

DON HATCH  
MARY DONLAVEY



# EDUCATION

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Michael Marcus, Chairperson  
Martha's Vineyard Superintendency  
All Island School Committee

Dear Mr. Marcus:

In accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth, I am pleased to submit my 2017 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. Edith Rousseau has retired as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent after eighteen years on the job; she will be greatly missed. However, I am excited that Ruda Stone will be taking her place. We also welcome Susan Conlan, who'll be working as our Coordinator of Shared Service Programs. Our Shared Services Programs include our Bridge, Compass, and Project Headway programs. Susan has extensive experience working with students with special needs.

This year we have been busy building budgets and addressing facility issues. In order to learn, students must be comfortable in their learning environment, and it is incumbent on us to create welcoming and safe schools. With this in mind, we will be looking closely at our health and wellness programs to evaluate how we are delivering information to our students around making healthy choices. By reviewing how we deliver this instruction, and the protocols we follow to address mental health issues, we can begin to analyze how to best serve our students. Keeping our students healthy is a priority.

Our Strategic Plan is in place and we'll use this document as a guide when making educational decisions

around curriculum and instruction. I thank everyone for their input into the development of the plan. An important piece is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. For that reason, Synergy Solutions has conducted safety training in all our schools at the beginning of this school year. By partnering with the towns, we have developed emergency response plans for all of our buildings to make sure that we're prepared in the event of an emergency. Additionally, starting in January, Jim Shillinglaw will continue his evaluation of our special education programs by looking at services at the High School. The study is aimed to help us provide our students with the best education possible while using our resources in the most efficient manner.

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

Several staff members will be retiring this year and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to our students. At the Tisbury School, Nancy Nevin and Leslie Williamson will be moving on. At the Central Office, Grants Coordinator Pat Ingalls and School Psychologist Lorraine Wells are retiring. John Nelson will be retiring from the High School. And, lastly, thank you to Mara Coleman and Sarah Murphy from the West Tisbury School. Collectively, these staff members have dozens of years of service to the Island's students.

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

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 2017-2018 school year in this year's Town Report.

The Edgartown School continues to provide the 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) to 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 2017, the school administered the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System 2.0 test in grades 3-8. The Edgartown School continues to be designated as a Level 1 school, the highest level of achievement according to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. 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 and licensed teachers in accordance with state and federal laws. An enrichment program challenges students with such engaging experiences as: Mock Trial, rocketry, robotics, 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 two Island-wide special education programs in an effort to make specialized programming cost-effective. The Compass and the Bridge

Programs both service 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 \$1,000 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, 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 a 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 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), nineteen 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 staff. Gina and her staff have set the bar high for other cafeterias across the Island and the 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 Ed Jerome and the Martha's Vineyard 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 is 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 Edgartown School bids farewell to several long-time educators this year as these folks retired from their service to our children: AnnFay Lawton, Robin Moriarty, Terri Kominers, and Sue McCarthy, classroom assistant. Malcolm Broadbent, custodian, also retired. These individuals have each left a legacy at this school and will be missed. Long-time school committee member Susan Mercier stepped down after fourteen years of service to Island schools. Her expertise, dedication, and wisdom will not be forgotten.

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  
2016-2017**

	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	% of Attendance
SEPTEMBER	343.15	361.68	94.88
OCTOBER	349.52	367.10	95.21
NOVEMBER	352.88	365.50	96.55
DECEMBER	342.52	363.70	94.18
JANUARY	336.15	366.36	91.75
FEBRUARY	326.93	367.62	88.93
MARCH	346.89	370.57	93.61
APRIL	355.06	376.20	94.38
MAY	359.59	377.45	95.27
JUNE	354.37	375.00	94.50

**ENROLLMENT  
October 1, 2017**

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
KINDERGARTEN	22	16	38
GRADE 1	16	22	38
GRADE 2	13	21	34
GRADE 3	20	30	50
GRADE 4	14	27	41
GRADE 5	19	15	34
GRADE 6	18	28	38
GRADE 7	15	15	30
GRADE 8	25	11	36
TOTAL	168	180	348

**EDGARTOWN SCHOOL**  
**Faculty and Staff Personnel 2017 – 2018**

John W. Stevens .....	Principal	Robin Davies .....	ESP – 3K ESP
Anne M. Fligor .....	Assistant Principal	Jayne DeBettencourt .....	ESP – 2S
Ellie Parece .....	Treasurer	Jessica Estrella .....	ESP – 3/4 resource room
Pamela J. Alwardt .....	Administrative Assistant	Renee Habekost .....	ESP – 4L
Paulee Davies .....	Receptionist	Penny Hageanon .....	ESP – 1:1 7/8 resource room
Darren Belisle .....	Network Administrator	Sara Hoffman .....	ESP – 7/8 resource room
Nicole Barlett .....	School Nurse	Pam Hurley .....	ESP – 3D
Eric Butler .....	Guidance	Lynn Khosla .....	ESP – 5/6 resource room
Deborah DeBettencourt .....	Guidance	Bill Jacobs .....	ESP – 4M
Nancy Cole .....	Librarian	Judy Maynard .....	ESP – 1L
Maria MacKenty-Speight .....	Grade K	Jonisha McCoy .....	ESP – 1:1 6 <sup>th</sup> gr
Denise Searle .....	Grade K	Susan McCarthy .....	ESP – K/4 resource room, 1:1
Gail Lachapelle .....	Grade 1	Mary Beth Meehan .....	ESP – 5/6 resource room
Megan McDonald .....	Grade 1	Skylar Menton .....	ESP – 5/6 resource room
Jennifer Fournier .....	Grade 2	Debbie Meyerhoff .....	ESP – 2F
Chip Story .....	Grade 2	Tamara Morillo .....	ESP – ELL
Summer DeSouza/Pam Hurley .....	Grade 3	Meaghan Morris .....	ESP – 7/8 resource room
Alicia Knight .....	Grade 3	Doug Pease .....	ESP – 3D/H
Kevin Casey .....	Grade 3	Richard Pease .....	ESP – 1McD
Ryan Leandro .....	Grade 4	Liz Stobart .....	ESP – KS
Heather Majkowski .....	Grade 4	Tara Sykes .....	ESP – Library
Mary Ellen Guyther .....	Grade 5/6 Math	Teresa Temple .....	ESP – 3C
Kara Gelinis .....	Grade 5/6 Science	Kim Tharpe .....	ESP – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade 1:1
Pati Nelson .....	Grade 5/6 Social Studies	Lizzie Ward .....	ESP – KM-S
Erin Simmons .....	Grade 5/6 ELA	Dwight Kaeka .....	Head Custodian
Nedine Cunningham .....	Gr. 7/8 Social Studies	Marc Brasefield .....	Custodian
Justen Foster .....	Gr. 7/8 Math	AJ deBettencourt .....	Custodian
David Faber .....	Gr. 7/8 Science	Marjorie Hayes .....	Custodian
Jeffrey Majkowski .....	Gr. 7/8 LA/Reading	Gina deBettencourt .....	Head Cook/Manager
Laia Roig .....	Gr. 4-8 Spanish	Robin Fortes .....	Assistant Cook
Connie Leuenger .....	Gr. K-3 Remedial Reading	Stacey Gouldrup .....	Cook's Helper
Bridget Mello .....	Gr. 4-8 Remedial Reading	Dianna DelTorto .....	Cook's Helper
Ellen Wanamaker .....	Gr. K-4 Remedial Math		
Kate Lefer .....	Gr. 5-8 Remedial Math	<b>Shared Services</b>	
Suzanne Costello .....	Health & Enrich. Coord	Nancy Jephcote .....	String Instruments
Pam Melrose .....	Enrichment	Susan Smith .....	School Psychologist
Ken DeBettencourt .....	Enrichment Math 6-7,8 Algebra	Melissa Mahoney .....	Occupational Therapist
Debra Grant .....	English Language Learning	Molly Chvatal .....	Physical Therapist
Nicole Miranda .....	English Language Learning	Stacie Voorhis .....	Speech Therapist
Gail Gardner .....	Gr. K-8 Computer	Lee Macleod .....	Speech Therapist
Nichole Shank .....	Gr. K-8 Art	Brooke St. Pierre .....	Compass Teacher
Sarah Vail .....	Gr. 5-8 Family Consumer	Martha MacGillvray .....	Compass ESP
Gregory Pattison .....	Gr. 5-8 Industrial Arts	Ebony Goldwire .....	Compass ESP
Channon Capra .....	Gr. K-2 Physical Education	Maria Clara Villota .....	Compass ESP
Michelle Pikor .....	Gr. 3-8 Physical Education	Kerry Branca .....	Bridge 1 Program Teacher
Zachary Tileston .....	Instrumental Music	Lyuba Avramova .....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Laura Walton .....	Gr. K-8 Vocal Music	Derek Chrebet .....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Diane Smadbeck .....	Gr. K-2 Special Needs	Susan Tenerowicz .....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Laurie Pereira .....	Gr. 3-4 Special Needs	Kara Thibodeau .....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Janet Hurley .....	Gr. 5-6 Special Needs	Kara Johnson .....	Bridge 3 Program Teacher
Kiely Rigali .....	Gr. 7-8 Special Needs	Hayley Naphan .....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Melinda Rabbitt DeFeo .....	Garden Coordinator	Betsy Harrington .....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Lorna Ashe .....	ESP – KW	Laura Knight .....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Amy Baldino .....	ESP – 7/8 resource room		
Deneen Convery .....	ESP – 5/6 resource room	<b>Edgartown School Committee</b>	
		Megan Anderson	Kelly McCracken
			Kimberly Kirk

## 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 a summary of the accomplishments of our departmental staff at MVRHS in the service of our students and community. There are many things to be proud of. As an all-Island school, we strive to represent the best of this unique community through our high-performing academic core, our hands-on Career and Technical Programs, our abundantly talented performing and visual arts departments, and our very competitive sports teams. It is through the dedication and support of the towns, school committee, staff, students, community partnerships, and parents that all of this is made possible on a daily basis.

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

The MVRHS Art, Design & Technology Department had a full and productive year in 2017. Our annual art show was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts Department. We showcased our "Art Throwdown" – a lively collection of interactive and sometimes competitive art, design, and technology events. The MVRHS yearbook and our art and literary magazine, SEABREEZES, both had successful publications this year.

21 students won a total of 26 awards in the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards. Six of them advanced to the national competition, including one senior portfolio. One student was awarded a National Gold Medal in Video Game Design, one of only three students in the country to win this top prize.

16 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. Art students also took a field trip to the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston.

A graduating senior was showcased in an exhibit at the Old Sculpin Gallery. Several photography students each designed solo exhibits at the West Tisbury Library and the 51 Art Gallery. Many students participated in a group photography show and a pottery exhibit sale at Featherstone, as well as the Vineyard Conservation Society's "The Art of Conservation" competition and exhibit. A few students competed in Rep. Keating's Congressional Art Contest in Plymouth. Seven students won awards in the 2017 Cape Cod Times' "Classroom Times" photography contest.

Fashion and photography students joined forces with the Performing Arts Department in the spring and produced

an exhibit of 1940s film noir black-and-white Hollywood-style portraits. Students participated in a captioned photography and virtual reality exchange with high schools in Pakistan and Taiwan.

A new AP Computer Science Principles class is now in its second year and a second AP course in Studio Art (2-D Design) is being planned for 2018. Students in the Digital Video Production course created a pilot for MVRHS News in the spring and this year's students have turned the format into a monthly news show.

Two teachers successfully led portions of the CTE Department's expanded Freshman Exploratory course in 2017-18, introducing 9th graders to product development and technology. Two teachers also completed their M.Ed. degrees.

### **Athletics**

The 2017 MVRHS Athletic year had ups and downs. The following teams all made appearances in the post-season play: boys' basketball, indoor track, boys' and girls' tennis, baseball, outdoor track, boys' soccer and field hockey. The boys' soccer team and the boys' and girls' tennis teams were Eastern Athletic Conference champions. The highlight of the year had to have been the girls' tennis team winning their third straight MIAA State Championship. In addition to the success of the aforementioned teams, we had two spring coaches honored with Coach of the Year awards: Nina Bramhall for girls' tennis and Joe Schroeder for girls' outdoor track. We must also give credit to Liz Roberts. Nina, by definition, is the girls' tennis coach, but both Liz and Nina coach the team together. We would be remiss to not mention Liz in the same breath as Nina. Congratulations to Nina, Liz, and Joe. We are lucky to have them on staff coaching our children.

Some of our programs have had issues with participation numbers, which have resulted in programs having to have been canceled or waivers for junior high school students to participate on high school teams. As we see the numbers increase in the upcoming years, we hope this downturn in participation will reverse course and we'll see participation numbers rising. We should give credit to those junior high athletes who have taken this opportunity to begin their high school careers a year or two early. That can be very daunting for a 7th or 8th grader, and they and their parents should be commended.

### **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 on to a 2- or 4-year college, pursue additional licensing and training, or go directly into the workforce. The number of program offerings is growing to meet the needs of the Island community.

Under the direction of Ken Ward, the Automotive Technology Department has undergone some significant equipment updates. 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 Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Windemere and the experiences it offers the students. We celebrated Mary Vivian's retirement in June and welcomed back Susan McHugh. In August, we earned Department of Public Health approval to conduct our own certified nursing-assistant program.

The Horticulture Department is ushering in a new era. We are preparing for a new greenhouse and overall make-over for this portion of our facility. This program has seen the retirement of John Wojtkielo and the addition of Kyle Crossland. Kyle joins our staff from Crossland Landscaping. The horticulture students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Industry Certification.

Chef Kevin Crowell joined the Culinary Arts Department to work with Chef Jack O'Malley and the students who are always busy preparing a delicious meal 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. The building trades students continue to earn their 10-hour OSHA General Construction Certification.

Maritime Sciences, with Brock Callen at the helm, continues to expand its presence within CTE. This is the ninth 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.

Brian Jakusik continues to expand the business offerings at the High School to include a sequence of marketing courses to broaden the opportunities for all students at MVRHS. Participation in DECA continues to grow under Brian's leadership.

We have added the Arts, Design & Technology Dept. to the exploratory rotation, which offers students an opportunity to explore a variety of career pathways.

WYOB 105.5FM is the Island's newest radio station, broadcast directly from MVRHS. We are proud of this student-run endeavor, and thankful to Skip Finley and Bill Narkiewicz for their tireless efforts in fundraising and managing this station.

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

### **English**

Once again, students who took the AP Literature and Composition exams last spring performed very well, with an impressive number of passing scores rivaling or exceeding state and national averages.

In addition, all general education sophomores passed the MCAS exam with the percentage of students receiving an advanced score exceeding the state average.

The Poetry Out Loud school competition took place in February with novelist, Nicole Galland; West Tisbury teacher, Peter Forrester; Island poet, Clark Myers; and memoirist, Sian Williams, serving as judges. Over 20 students participated in the competition and open mic. Danielle Hopkins was awarded first prize, but could not attend the regional competition. However, second place winner and freshman, Anne Culbert, took her place by representing MVRHS at the regional competition.

The third annual Writers Week featured visits from over 25 Island writers and poets. Pulitzer Prize winning authors, Geraldine Brooks and Tony Horwitz, kicked off the event with a talk in the library during which time they shared with student's stories about their lives as writers. Students hosted author visits, participated in school-wide writing activities, and attended the culminating Writers Week Coffeehouse organized and directed by the staff of the literary magazine, *Seabreezes*.

The MVRHS student newspaper, *The High School View*, continues to win impressive awards at the New England Scholastic Press Association's annual conference held at Boston University. *The High School View* won the "Highest Achievement Award" in its category. The newspaper also earned second place honors in the prestigious "All-New England" award category. The awards honor the outstanding efforts of the newspaper's editors in

chief -- Danielle Hopkins, Sophia McCarron, and Willa Vigneault -- to lead a staff of 30. In addition, four students received individual "Special Achievement Awards" for excellence in scholastic editing and publishing. Sophomore Mackenzie Condon won for her news story, "Poetry Takes Center Stage"; senior Annika Schmidt won for her news story, "Addiction Expert States the Facts"; senior Danielle Hopkins won for her news story, "Turf Debate Divides Community"; and senior Ali Barlett won for her news photo, "Guys and Dolls Fill the House." MVRHS English teacher, Kate Hennigan, and newly retired English department chair, Dan Sharkovitz, serve as the newspaper's faculty advisers. Dan was also honored this year by NESPA with the "Robert Baram Award," which honors a distinguished adviser from this region who has helped students raise their sights and their standards in the practice of school journalism.

William McCarthy's students had the pleasure of seeing Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* performed at the Trinity Rep last March, while David Wilson's students sojourned at Walden Pond in the fall.

Rachel Schubert's AP English 11 students wrote and received letters from students at an all-girls school in Senegal as part of a pen pal program started by Ms. Schubert and Peace Corps volunteer, Ian Thompson. Thompson is an educator and a facilitator of the Michelle Sylvester Scholarship program, which provides scholarships to academically talented girls who are at risk of being pulled out of school for marriage to older villagers. The letter exchange began in November and will span the duration of the 2017-2018 school year.

## ESL

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Department has had a busy year. The yearly Massachusetts ACCESS test, which assesses a student's English language proficiency skills, went online. Thus, department chair, Dianne Norton, and teacher, Cheri Cluff, underwent training on administering the online test. Late in January, 45 ELLs took ACCESS online. Looking ahead to ACCESS in January 2018, 63 ELLs will be administered the assessment, a 40% increase.

In addition to new testing procedures, the ESL department worked to develop and introduce several Newcomer courses to service the growing number of students arriving from Brazil and other countries with no English language skills. These courses, including ESL Social/Lingual Skills and ESL US Culture, are designed to provide students with a program of structured English language instruction that will support students' transition into the US school system and mainstream classes in a timely manner. The program is underway and will be evaluated at the end of this year.

## Guidance

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped 177 graduates develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, the Class of 2017 had 68% of students attending a four year college; 13% attending two-year college/technical/college/prep school; 12% entering the work force; 7% were admitted to college but took a gap year; and 6% pursued other alternatives including travel. The generosity of our community was demonstrated by the \$1,792,113 awarded to seniors, post-graduates, and other Island students. Our 2017 graduates received 488 scholarship and post-graduates received 228.

In 2017, Michael G. McCarthy retired from a 41-year career in education, serving the last 19 years as MVRHS Director of Guidance. Mary K. MacDonald succeeded Michael, bringing to the position her considerable experience and knowledge of 30 years of education experience, with the previous 24 years of her career as a MVRHS Guidance Counselor. Michelle Lynch, a MVRHS 2002 alumni, has joined us as Guidance Counselor. Michelle spent the past ten years of her career in a Boston Public Charter School working with students from all walks of life, helping them with their career and college planning.

12 years running, Peer Outreach trained an additional 40 students and 4 faculty members during the annual retreat in October 2017. 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 2017, 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 second year, the 2016 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 third 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**

With the retirement of Dr. Cawley-Weintraub at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, the History Department has a new department chair, Olsen Houghton. This year, the department piloted a peer observation program, which is not evaluative but, instead, was designed for teachers to reflect on their own practice through observation. Four out of seven teachers participated from the beginning and a fifth teacher joined the group later. The group decided to use the same primary source analysis tool as our medium, and for four weeks the teachers had meetings, observations, and debriefings as they tried to explore the best way to teach and incorporate this analytical tool. The results were extremely positive. The collaboration, camaraderie, and boost to morale were a wonderful experience for all involved.

The department has a number of new courses being offered this year. There is an eleventh grade Humanities class, co-taught by Ena Thulin and a member of the English department and two new electives are offered: Global Revolutions, and Global Government and Politics. Global Revolutions, being offered this fall, is concentrating on political and cultural revolutions of the Twentieth century. Global Government and Politics, offered this spring, will focus on contemporary issues facing the world today. The Leadership elective is being offered again this year. They have been charged with helping to improve school climate and culture. Students are required to design and implement action plans for this purpose. Examples of some of the action plans are implementation of a teacher/student disciplinary council, a school-wide capture the flag fundraiser for Breast Cancer research, developing an honor code for the school, and dedicating a month to celebrating our diversity here at MVRHS. This spring, the freshman history classes will go on the African-American Heritage Trail and create multimedia projects based on their experiences.

The History Department welcomes Jeremy Light, who joins us from the Charter School. He previously worked in Florida for 11 years teaching Advanced Placement World History, and is currently teaching sections of Global I, Global II, and a mythology elective. Jeremy has a positive energy that quickly made him a valued member of not only the History Department but also the school community. He

has a great relationship with the students and we look forward to having him here for many years.

### **Math**

The Math Department is completing work on a few curriculum changes that will be implemented in 2018-2019. We are offering an extended Algebra I program to help ensure the understanding of these key concepts and to better prepare some students for the MCAS exam. We are also offering a “Mathematical Literacy” course designed to provide students with the knowledge and background to thrive financially in today’s world. The Math Lab continues to work with students utilizing “Vineyard Time/Flex Block”.

Department teachers Melissa Braillard and Mary Lee Carlomagno have earned their master’s degree in a conjunctive program with Fitchburg State College and ACE MV.

MVRHS scored well with regards to the 2017 math standardized test results. The average SAT score was 543, one of our three highest since the test was re-centered. The average on the Math Level I subject test was 578 and the Level II test was 620. The BC calculus AP scores averaged 2.91, with 73% scoring a three or higher. We again recorded the highest number of students ever taking an AP exam. The MCAS results continue to be encouraging, with 83% of students scoring proficient or higher and 54% scoring advanced. Both scores were above the state average and students recorded their highest Student Growth Percentile (SGP) of the last six 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. Christian Schmidt performed with the All State Chorus at Symphony Hall in conjunction with the All State Conference. Students in the Musical Theatre Production Class presented their annual Cabaret at Alex’s Place.

In February, the entire department was part of the production of the musical ‘Guys and Dolls.’ Community instrumentalists, history classes, art classes, and faculty joined the student cast in four performances, with an amazing photographic displayed supplied by the art department and the Martha’s Vineyard museum.

Choral students had the opportunity to sing with the elementary school students at the annual All-Island Choral Festival. Our clinicians were three graduates from Berklee College of Music who presented workshops and performed at the elementary schools and the high school as well as an evening concert for the community.

The Minnesingers traveled to Italy, and performed in Verona at the military base in Vicenza and at the iconic St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. They had the opportunity to visit many amazing venues such as La Scala, Il Duomo, and take a ride on the infamous gondolas. Students sang their way across northern Italy, performing in many informal concerts. They returned to the Island to present their Spring Shows, 'Reach for the Stars.'

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, and some of the Minnesingers held a karaoke party at Anchors in Edgartown.

September auditions were held for the upcoming school musical, 'West Side Story.' Community members, along with the History, Art, and English Departments, and local musicians join the students in rehearsals. 'West Side Story' will run performances in February 2018.

All 39 singers and string players who auditioned for the All Cape Festival this fall were chosen to perform at the festival, and Christian Schmidt and Victoria Scott will represent MVRHS at the Southeast District Festival.

The Winter Concert featured the String Orchestra, combined instrumental groups, Concert Band and Jazz Band, Chorus, and Vocal Ensemble, who were joined by the Martha's Vineyard Children's Chorus. 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 year our health and physical education department continued to reconstruct and grow to meet the ever changing needs of our student population. The spring semester of '17 contained health education as a stand-alone course offered only to sophomores and restricted health conversations with other grades. Starting in September, along with physical education for every grade we infused health lesson for each grade. This decision was made to address drug-related issues statewide as well as all students needing age-appropriate developmentally designed lessons. As a department, we strived to align with the school and

address social and emotional learning within our lessons, addressing the whole child and their needs.

We are extremely fortunate to have dedicated and generous community relations and connections with the Sound Foundation, YMCA, Youth Task Force, Felix Neck, and Connect to End Violence. They were also among some of our health class visitors. In Physical Education, The Yard, YMCA, and Felix Neck all played a critical role in supporting our students with engaging opportunities in fitness and recreation.

### **Project Vine**

In order to become "Project Vine," the Alternative Program here at MVRHS went through a process of rebranding. Students wrote assignments in Ms. Fletcher's English class about different ways we, as a small learning community, could work to "rebrand." Building on the success of things like Project Greenlight, Project Gutenberg, and Dani Fletcher's former Alternative Program, Project '79, many students wanted to include the idea of a "project," defined as "an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim." But they also wanted the name to reflect the community of Martha's Vineyard itself.

The "Vine" of Project Vine represents the vines of Martha's Vineyard. Symbolically, the members of the program are also like vines themselves: they need roots to grow; they climb higher when given the right supports; they might have thorns, but they are for protection and if properly nurtured, they are productive, strong, connected, and eventually have the power to define their landscape.

Students and Ms. Fletcher developed and maintained a program website ([www.projectvinewebly.com](http://www.projectvinewebly.com)) through their enrichment class to document Project Vine's ongoing activities. The seniors also wrote and produced a short movie about Project Vine that was shared with staff. A shorter version was created to inform students. It is being used this year to help inform freshman about Project Vine as an option for second semester. The website and movies have been helpful to parents and students who are interested in learning about Project Vine.

We have continued our focus on integrating SMARTS executive functioning, habits of mind, and the Character Report Card into our academic work. Students focus on process and skills of "learning to learn," as well as their content. We began honors breakfasts with a focus on student-directed goal setting, and reflection on their goals and how to meet them. Much of this work supported students in leading student-directed team conferences in the spring with their parents and all four academic teachers.

Student learning in Project Vine has been active and engaged in and out of the classroom. Students traveled

throughout the year to Providence to see “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime” and to New York City to travel the steps of Holden Caulfield from “Catcher in the Rye.” On the Island, we worked on collecting data from the State Forest for the Harvard Forest Project, monitoring salamanders at Felix Neck, collecting soil samples at Long Point and in the MVRHS School Garden. In the classroom, catapults were built and tested in math while examining parabolic functions. In history, students built structures important to Aztec culture.

### **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-Island and off-Island), including BiodiversityWorks, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

The 2017 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 continued his leave of absence with a position in a DOD school in Japan. Louis Hall has again been teaching Chemistry and Biology courses in his absence.

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 are hoping to add an AP Environmental science course to the program of studies next year so our students with an interest in that field can pursue more in-depth studies in environmental sciences.

Dr. Fyler has been working in conjunction with Dr. Kevin Esvelt from MIT to look at 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 Engineering Challenge continued to build on its success, offering over 40 students an opportunity to engage in competitive engineering design work. The strongest of these students were invited to attend the Cape and Islands Engineering Challenge in Woods Hole.

The department has set goals to study the new standards put forth by the State and align our curriculum to

better fulfill those standards. We continue to try to identify best-practice standards and implement common skills, assessments, and overacting ideas that can be incorporated throughout the science curriculum.

We have continued to improve our co-teaching program, having added two Earth science classes for this coming academic year. Early indication is that these are being well received by the students and teachers involved.

MVRHS students continue to do well on the biology MCAS with students scoring proficient or 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 support, in-class support, co-teaching, and small group instruction to substantially separate programs. These services/programs are designed with the belief that all students can learn together in the same school to prepare for adult living after graduating/transitioning from the High School.

The focus of the department is to build a positive collaborative environment and continue to be an integral part of the school community at large. In the first few days of the year, during teacher professional development, we were able to meet with all teachers and staff. We presented how best to support the different individual needs that are included in our classrooms.

This year, there have been some changes to our specialized programs. We have changed the name of our Life Skills program to the Navigator Program. Our Therapeutic Program is now called The Compass Program. We have these programs in order to provide a continuum of services from our elementary programs through high school.

We have been meeting with a group of community members, parents, and teachers to re-imagine our program for students who are 18-22 and require specialized instruction. This program will be called the Voyager Program. It is designed to focus on ensuring that our students gain the skills necessary for them to be successful members of their community. In addition, we have been working with Community Services to develop more supports and services outside of the school day for families and students who have disabilities. Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission has had a representative at our school for one day each month to provide supports for students who qualify while in high school and after they graduate.

We continued to develop our co-teaching with training in Falmouth last spring. This included more special



education teachers as well as regular education teachers and allowed us to add more classes at the freshman level. The consultant who provided the training continued after school ended and into this 2017-2018 school year, with observations and consultation directly to teachers. 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 continue to develop a transition process to meet the needs of incoming freshman with IEPs. The MVRHS Special Education Department meets regularly with representatives of each sending school. A Parents' Meet/Greet Night was held to provide parents an opportunity to meet the staff and learn about the overview of special education services. This event allowed teams to hold a focused individual student's transition meeting in the spring.

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

### **World Language**

In the spring, the Portuguese teachers and the department chair participated in an educational fair organized by the Brazilian consulate. At this event, we shared our curriculum and met with teachers from other native/heritage Portuguese programs. Later in the year, Jane Sampaio and Juliana Germani attended the annual Portuguese Language conference at UMass Dartmouth. They connected with the ambassador to the Brazilian consulate. Through that connection they organized an on-Island event to educate students on their Brazilian citizenship and offer consular services. The event was a huge success for our students and the community.

The World Language and ESL Departments were lucky enough to coordinate the scheduling of Portuguese II and ESL II this year. The classes meet during the same period and often collaborate to put their language learning to the test! In our Island community, one of the biggest challenges of learning a new language can be finding the opportunity to practice in an authentic way with native speakers: with this collaboration we are able to provide that opportunity for both English and Portuguese learners. This not only builds language skills, but also community.

In order to prepare for a schedule that includes teaching both Spanish and French, Cindy West attended an eight-week intensive French program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies over the summer. While there, Cindy was also able to experience and acquire best practices guided by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Pierre and Lisa Bonneau also attended a two-day training over the summer to learn more about the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) process. Justine DeOliveira and Erin Slossberg presented the pedagogical strategies for English Language Learners which can be applied in the World Language Classroom, and this fall six members of the department went to Dennis-Yarmouth High School to participate in "Foreign Languages for Everyone," an informative and timely workshop on teaching foreign languages to students with learning disabilities.

The department continues to strive to create more opportunities for students to practice their spoken language in an authentic and meaningful way. Students in Spanish I had the opportunity to practice their language skills with a guest speaker. Rocio Andrada, a native speaker from Uruguay, spent time with classes sharing her language and culture. Additionally, every Wednesday during Flex time students can participate in a Portuguese/English Language Learners Speaking Social Hour. This is a great opportunity for students that are learning either language to practice their skills and make connections with their peers. The 24 Spanish students that will be participating in the trip to Spain over April break have started to hold monthly meetings in order to get to know one another, learn about the places that they will visit, and practice speaking Spanish in real-life situations.

Another exciting component of the year has been our outreach to the elementary schools. In the spring, we hosted an informational night for students and parents. This fall, students taking French and Portuguese traveled to the Island's elementary schools with their teachers and the department chair to introduce our language program and course options to the eighth graders. The presentations were informational, fun, and well-received, and the High School students did an excellent job of representing our school.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA DINGLEDY  
Principal

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TREASURER

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

FY2017 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, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

MARYLEE SCHROEDER  
Treasurer

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FY17 ASSESSMENT

		Total
Operating & Capital Budget	\$18,663,094.35	
Charter School/School Choice Tuition	950,231.00	
	19,613,325.35	19,613,325.35
Less		
Chapter 70 State Aid	2,756,975.00	
Chapter 71 Regional Transportation Aid	223,545.00	
Other Revenues	207,461.00	
E&D Offset	-	
	3,187,981.00	3,187,981.00
<b>Net Amount for Assessments</b>		<b>\$16,425,344.35</b>

	Aquinnah	Chilmark	Edgartown	Oak Bluffs	Tisbury	West Tisbury	Total
<b>Town Apportionments</b>							
(i) Required Minimum Local Contribution	108,726.00	274,027.00	1,860,189.00	1,936,832.00	1,590,931.00	1,122,424.00	6,893,129.00
(ii) Excess of NSS over Required Minimum	157,114.10	314,228.29	2,291,247.82	2,513,826.14	1,898,462.48	1,387,841.52	8,562,720.35
(iii) Transportation	7,733.85	15,467.71	112,785.36	123,741.65	93,450.73	68,315.70	421,495.00
(iii) Capital	10,009.17	20,018.35	145,967.13	160,146.79	120,944.19	88,414.37	545,000.00
(iii) Other Costs	45.87	91.74	668.96	733.94	554.28	405.20	2,500.00
Gross Assessments	283,629.00	623,833.09	4,410,858.27	4,735,280.53	3,704,342.68	2,667,400.79	16,425,344.35
Less E&D Offset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FY17 Assessments Per Statutory Assmt Method</b>	<b>\$283,629.00</b>	<b>\$623,833.09</b>	<b>\$4,410,858.27</b>	<b>\$4,735,280.53</b>	<b>\$3,704,342.68</b>	<b>\$2,667,400.79</b>	<b>\$16,425,344.35</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)	1.726777%	3.797991%	26.853977%	28.829110%	22.552603%	16.239543%	100.000000%
<b>School Population based on Town (10/1/17)</b>	11	28	169	177	160	98	643

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BALANCE SHEET FY17**

	<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 Receivables	\$3,325,043.61	\$600,887.25	\$866,099.31	-	\$779,174.16	-	\$5,571,204.33
<b>Total Assets</b>	3,325,043.61	600,887.25	866,099.31	-	779,174.16	-	5,571,204.33
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>							
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Warrants/Accounts Payable	753,803.03	63,073.90	24,991.59	-	194,676.22	-	1,036,544.74
Deferred Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Payroll/withholdings Due To Other Funds	1,437,409.79	85,627.39	-	-	313,951.69	-	1,836,988.87
Other Liabilities	53,358.20	188.22	-	-	-	-	53,546.42
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	2,244,571.02	148,889.51	24,991.59	-	508,627.91	-	2,927,080.03
<b>Fund Equity</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	463,114.13	-	-	-	-	-	463,114.13
Reserved for Expenditures	288,783.00	-	-	-	-	-	288,783.00
Reserved for Special Purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	328,575.46	451,997.74	841,107.72	-	270,546.25	-	1,892,227.17
Designated for Deficits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	1,080,472.59	451,997.74	841,107.72	-	270,546.25	-	2,644,124.30
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	\$3,325,043.61	\$600,887.25	\$866,099.31	\$-	\$779,174.16	\$-	\$5,571,204.33

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL 2017**

Expenditure	Original Budget	Actual	Variance
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	\$146,854.60	\$144,010.97	\$2,843.63
Administration: Expenses	11,535.00	10,171.44	1,363.56
Administration Subtotal	158,389.60	154,182.41	4,207.19
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	254,669.00	247,333.55	7,335.45
Instruction: Expenses	38,820.00	49,583.99	(10,763.99)
Instruction Subtotal	293,489.00	296,917.54	(3,428.54)
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	-	1,835.99	(1,835.99)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	23,630.00	21,713.20	1,916.80
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	23,630.00	23,549.19	80.81
<b>Supt/Shared Services: Fixed Costs</b>			
Fixed Costs: Salaries	36,726.60	43,902.33	(7,175.73)
Fixed Costs: Expenses	40,133.55	29,845.92	10,287.63
Fixed Costs Subtotal	76,860.15	73,748.25	3,111.90
<b>TOTAL Supt/Shared Services</b>	<b>552,368.75</b>	<b>548,397.39</b>	<b>3,971.36</b>
<b>High School Programs: Administration</b>			
Administration: Salaries	115,407.00	134,122.54	(18,715.54)
Administration: Expenses	133,129.00	133,129.00	-
Administration Subtotal	248,536.00	267,251.54	(18,715.54)
<b>High School Programs: Instruction</b>			
Instruction: Salaries	9,626,326.96	9,706,866.17	(80,539.21)
Instruction: Expenses	643,365.15	566,687.02	76,678.13
Instruction Subtotal	10,269,692.11	10,273,553.19	(3,861.08)
<b>High School Programs: Other School &amp; Community Services</b>			
Other School & Community Services: Salaries	1,493,578.41	1,742,949.28	(249,370.87)
Other School & Community Services: Expenses	716,346.09	618,229.92	98,116.17
Elementary Transportation Reimbursement	(794,100.00)	(868,905.16)	74,805.16
Other School & Community Services Subtotal	1,415,824.50	1,492,274.04	(76,449.54)
<b>High School Programs: Operation and Maintenance of Plant</b>			
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Salaries	596,148.85	603,551.94	(7,403.09)
Operation and Maint. Of Plant: Expenses	999,248.20	1,052,866.89	(53,618.69)
Operation and Maint of Plant Subtotal	1,595,397.05	1,656,418.83	(61,021.78)
<b>High School Programs: Fixed Costs</b>			
Employee Retirement	899,794.81	884,943.56	14,851.25
Other Post Employment Benefits	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Insurance - Employee Related	2,058,083.44	2,223,217.73	(165,134.29)
Insurance - School Related	301,818.42	303,998.90	(2,180.48)
Miscellaneous Fixed Charges	2,500.00	2,020.00	480.00
Bus/Vehicle Capital Purchase	325,000.00	301,367.00	23,633.00
Roof Project Principal	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
Roof Project Interest	40,500.00	40,500.00	-
Residential Care Tuitions	573,579.27	587,102.70	(13,523.43)
Fixed Costs Subtotal	4,581,275.94	4,723,149.89	(141,873.95)
<b>TOTAL High School Programs</b>	<b>18,110,725.60</b>	<b>18,412,647.49</b>	<b>(301,921.89)</b>
<b>TOTAL Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,663,094.35</b>	<b>\$18,961,044.88</b>	<b>\$(297,950.53)</b>

## PUBLIC LIBRARY



Hugs all around for Debby MacInnis, children's librarian, at her retirement party in December

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

2017 was the Edgartown Public Library's first full calendar year in its new building next to the elementary school. Here, month by month, is a far-from-complete walk through the year.

**January & February:** The Opera Club presented a series of Sunday programs, and a documentary film series opened Jan. 11. The Adventures in Slow Cooking series featured a French Cassoulet and Daube de Boeuf Provençal. Children celebrated the Chinese New Year with a party, enjoyed crafts on every day of school break, met Curious George at a special story hour and competed in a Mario Kart tournament. A four-week class explored yoga-based stress management, and naturalists from Felix Neck presented a program on the Island's horseshoe crab survey project.

**March:** The library celebrated its first anniversary in its new building with an open house hosted by the Friends. An international film series began on March 8. The Scottish Society gave a concert, the Opera Club presented two more programs, and the slow-cooker class dish was a savory Indian Butter Chicken. AARP volunteers dispensed tax advice and kids kept busy making kites, decorating flying discs and making decorations for St. Patrick's Day – as well as enjoying Story Hours (featuring Chief Rossi in full Dr. Seuss costume) and films from the Star Wars series. The League of Women Voters held its candidates' forum at the library, and the month ended with a family dance party featuring Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish.

**April:** Town elections brought two new members to the Library board of trustees: David Faber, science instructor at the Edgartown School, and Chris Scott, longtime director of the MV Preservation Trust and member of the library building committee. Deanna Ahearn-

Laird and Bob Avakian stepped down, with thanks for their service during a challenging chapter that included the building of our new facility.

The MV Poetry Collective presented an evening of readings, and the library held an Easter egg hunt for kids. The Yard presented a performance by Ugandan dancer Godfrey Mulwulya. The international film series continued, and the Opera Club concluded its series presenting Wagner's epic Ring Cycle. The library celebrated William Shakespeare with Will Power, 10 programs that included movies, a concert of early music and a talk by Dan Sharkovitz, English Department chair at the MV Regional High School. The community celebrated the 40th anniversary of children's librarian, Deborah MacInnis, with a party and a proclamation from the library trustees.

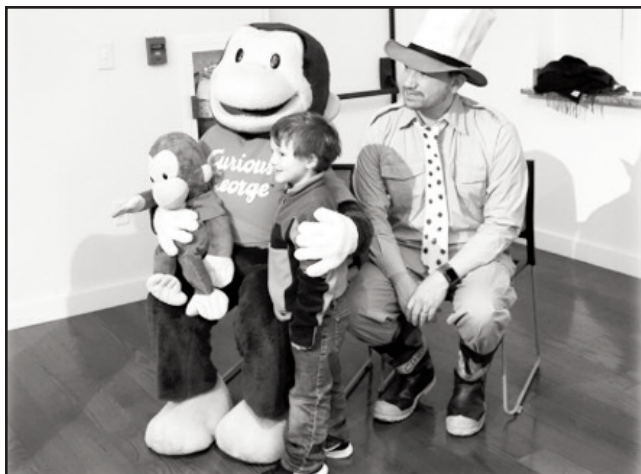
**May:** A mini film series presented two comedies by Mel Brooks, and Adventures in Slow Cooking concluded another season with a recipe for Pork Carnitas. Prof. Lise Kildegaard gave a program on her work translating the "square stories" of Danish author Louis Jensen. Rob Bierregaard, ornithologist, presented his research on osprey migration. Children celebrated Cinco de Mayo and made presents for Mother's Day. In May, the library also completed a project months in the planning: installing ceiling panels to improve the acoustics in the program room.

**June:** Jack Clarke, Mass Audubon's Director of Public Policy, discussed how his organization is advocating for the environment. The Martha's Vineyard Spirituals Choir gave an afternoon concert. Thomas Dresser read from his book, *Hidden History of Martha's Vineyard*. The library launched a new film series, and the Opera Club presented Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*. Clara Kisco gave an illustrated talk on her walk through Spain, and biologists Luanne Johnson and Liz Baldwin shared their research on Vineyard bats. Kids made presents for teachers, built

and raced Lego cars, learned about codes and ciphers, and decorated mugs for Father's Day.

**July:** Birding experts Sue Whiting, Allan Keith and Matt Pelikan held a panel program. Lanny McDowell's marine photography covered the program room's gallery wall through the month. Sounds Like Summer, the library's series of free Tuesday concerts on the lawn, featured Sabrina and the Groovers, Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish and the Joel Harris Trio. The Opera Club screened Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, and authors Elin Hilderbrand, Robert Steele and Mark Schneider each gave talks about their new books. The Sheriff's Meadow Foundation offered a "virtual tour" of the Caroline Tuthill Preserve. The library's summer reading program for children, based on the statewide theme, "Build a Better World," featured programs on whales, structural engineering and the science of flotation.

**August:** The program room's gallery wall featured paintings by artist Wendy Weldon. The Sounds Like Summer series presented concerts by the PickPocket Bluegrass Band, Good Night Louise, guitarist John Zeeman, Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish, and The Grateful Dread. Speakers gave instructional programs on using the iPad and the college applications process. Performing artists from The Yard led a discussion about Hip-Hop, and



Curious George visits for story hour.

Sam Low screened his documentary film, *The Navigators: Pathfinders of the Pacific*. Authors giving talks in August included John Merrow, Skip Finley and Jean Stone. Dr. Bruce Ward, Emeritus Harvard Observatory, presented a program on the women whose computations guided the American space program. In conjunction, the library presented screenings of the film, *Hidden Figures*. And on August 21, as a lunar eclipse covered 60 percent of the sun, nearly a thousand people stopped by the library during an afternoon of astronomy programs.

The Children's Department repeated its popular Touch a Truck program in the Edgartown School parking lot, with children exploring police cars and ambulances, fire trucks



Margot Datz at work on the Children's Room mural.

and earth-movers. The summer program for kids concluded with an ice cream social.

**September:** Island artist Margot Datz began work on a project supported by the Friends of the Library: a colorful marine mural covering the east wall of the Children's Room. Ms. Datz is working on this ambitious project during library hours, giving visitors a unique opportunity to see what goes into her work. The second annual clothing swap drew a throng as hundreds of clothing articles found new owners and raffle winners scored prizes that ranged from a dozen fresh eggs every week for a year to a massage, a hand-made quilt, and a truckload of Morning Glory Farm compost.

The program room's gallery wall featured nighttime photography by artist (and former library trustee) Bob Avakian. A new film series launched, and the library book group began another season of lively discussions. The Vineyard Mediation Program gave a workshop on family property issues. Emily Histen of the Martha's Vineyard Charter School faculty led afternoon yoga programs for children, and the library sponsored a bird walk with Rob Culbert. The Children's Room celebrated the new school year with craft programs making bookmarks, paperweights and pencil cases.

**October:** Staff from all the Island's public libraries gathered at the Edgartown Library for a program led by Officer James Craig on preparing for emergency situations in public buildings. The library's films and yoga programs continued. Naturalist Matt Pelikan gave an illustrated talk on Vineyard butterflies. The Rural Scholars reported on their study into reproductive health on the Island. Classical guitarist Michael Nigro gave a concert, and the Opera Club screened Puccini's *Tosca*.

**November:** The library sponsored a guided nature walk at Caroline Tuthill Preserve and hosted a reading by Edgartown's poet laureate, Steve Ewing. The library celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Bogart-Bergman



Johnny Hoy sings the blues on the library lawn

classic, *Casablanca*, with two screenings. The Katama Trio gave a recital. In the Children's Room, Margot Datz continued painting her mural, while kids in crafts programs made bracelets, handbags and graphic novels.

**December:** The library honored children's librarian Debby MacInnis with a retirement party on Dec. 1. Ms. MacInnis began her 40-year tenure before more than half of the library's current staff were born, and has served under six library directors. Her successor as children's librarian is Elyce Bonnell, Island-born and raised, a graduate of the Edgartown School, the regional high school and University of Southern Maine. Elyce joined the library staff in 2010, becoming department assistant in 2013 and circulation supervisor in 2015.

The library held its holiday open house on Christmas in Edgartown weekend, and offered two family crafts programs, making holiday centerpieces and gingerbread houses. Crafts programs filled the week of school vacation, and a family New Year's Eve party concluded the year on Saturday, Dec. 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgartown Free Public Library Board of Trustees

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### Facts at a Glance

fiscal year ending 6/30/2017

Collection size.....	115,269
Books .....	35,652
Subscriptions .....	132
Audio CDs.....	2,559
Video .....	7,935
Downloadable audio .....	7,681
Downloadable books.....	60,413
Circulation.....	85,856
Edgartown residents holding library cards.....	2,377
Edgartown library cards total.....	6,798
Volunteers .....	53
Volunteer hours.....	488
Total attendance at programs .....	9,169



# 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 2017 report to the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Edgartown.

Following the trend of the prior few years, 2017 proved to be another very active year for the Board of Health. Several noteworthy topics or advances that stand out from the past year include:

### **Collaboration with Barnstable County Health Department**

The Edgartown Board of Health accepted an offer from the Barnstable County Health Department to join with the other towns on the Cape and Islands to utilize an electronic performance tracking and reporting system managed by Barnstable County for review of operation of enhanced treatment septic systems. These types of septic systems, allowed and in some cases required by Title 5, require ongoing maintenance and monitoring by a licensed operator who is trained and specializes in keeping the treatment equipment working properly. Most systems are inspected 4 times per year with each inspection requiring a laboratory analysis of the treated wastewater (to measure system treatment effectiveness or performance) with a written report sent to the Board of Health and the system owner. Edgartown currently has approximately 200 enhanced treatment septic systems in operation and approximately 12 new systems of this type are added each year. The Board of Health receives several hundred multi-page reports each year for enhanced treatment septic systems. Additionally, with transfer of ownership of properties and occasional problems related to keeping a contact properly funded by the system owner, there are always properties that do not have a contract in good standing and the septic system falls into non-compliance. The volume of paper records generated by the system reporting requirements prohibits careful Board of Health review of the content of the reports. One tremendous benefit of this tracking program is that every septic system with enhanced treatment equipment will be accounted for and those needing particular attention to improve or meet treatment performance targets will be flagged. The electronic reporting and tracking services offered by Barnstable County are funded through a 5-year grant to

Barnstable County and are at no cost to the Edgartown taxpayers. Once identified, system owners and certified operators can be contacted and corrections or adjustments can be made to improve system performance. The system operation surveillance program managed by Barnstable County provides valuable assistance to the Board of Health by generating various templated documents and notices when prompted by Edgartown Board of Health staff. We are looking forward to using this tool that should result in improved enhanced treatment system performance thereby protecting drinking and surface water quality.

### **Municipal Water System Fluoridation**

In October the Board of Health voted to order the upward adjustment of the fluoride content of Edgartown's municipal drinking water supply. This order was made based upon analysis of town water that indicated, as expected, the fluoride content of the town's drinking water was at a non-detectable level. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) Oral Health Program recommends a fluoride concentration in drinking water of 0.7 ppm for optimum oral health. In addition to MDPH, the Board of Health considered the written recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Dental Association, the US Public Health Service the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and many other peer reviewed published journals that are respected in the scientific community as the basis for ordering the adjustment. As set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, if 10% of the registered voters of the town petition within 90 days of the Board of Health order to have the question regarding fluoridation of the town's water supply placed on the ballot of the next general election, the question shall appear. A voter petition effort was initiated and subsequently approved by the town clerk in December 2017 that will cause the fluoridation question to appear on the April town ballot. The board of health anticipated a successful petition effort resulting in a ballot question and built that step into the timeline for considering the fluoridation question. The board encourages interested voters to educate themselves on the benefits of community water fluoridation by considering reports from credible recognized sources of peer reviewed and published information. Anyone seeking advice on where to find peer reviewed and published studies from leading public health journals is encouraged to contact the board of health office.



### **Tick Borne Illness reduction program**

The Tick Program had another busy and highly successful year in 2017. We conducted 98 yard surveys: 23 in West Tisbury, 22 in Chilmark, 26 in Edgartown including 13 on Chappaquiddick, 9 in Tisbury and 6 in Oak Bluffs. We made 14 public presentations, including school Health Fairs, the Hospital Health Fair, Libraries, Senior Centers, Community Centers, the Local Wild Food Challenge, The Rod and Gun Club and the Wampanoag Tribe/EPA conference on vector borne diseases.

Another major effort involved encouraging private property owners to allow deer hunting on their properties. Male and female ticks mate on deer in the fall and utilizing the host deer for the necessary blood meal to support egg female production, produce an annual crop of deer tick eggs. Those fall eggs develop into tick larvae each spring. Reducing deer density is proven to reduce the number of ticks in the environment. We worked with 27 different landowners and were successful in arranging deer hunting on 20 properties totaling over 100 acres. In addition, an Island conservation group allowed limited hunting on 50 acres of their land for the first time.

The Tick Program collaborated with The Island Grown Initiative (IGI) to accept donated deer at the State Forest deer check station that had been harvested during the two-week shotgun-hunting season. The deer were transported and stored in a cooler operated by IGI to be held for processing in a commercial kitchen at The Larder in Tisbury. The venison produced from the donated deer is mixed with 20% USDA pork fat, ground into burger and frozen. We accepted 4 donated deer as part of this first year effort on the Vineyard modeled on a similar 3 year old program on Nantucket. The venison this program yields cannot be sold or distributed in stores but is earmarked and approved for donation to the Island Food Pantry for distribution. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health – Food Protection Program, the Tisbury Board of Health, The Larder and IGI are all thanked for their participation in this groundbreaking new effort. 200 lbs. of donated venison was delivered to the food pantry in late December as a result of this effort.

The Vineyard Gazette, MV Times, WMVY and WCAI radio stations all provided publicity and helped us get the word out, including 3 Op-Ed pieces in the Gazette and two interviews on WMVY. We also received substantial financial support from the public, receiving over \$40,000.00 in larger donations to pay for this year's activities and to increase services next year, as well as over

\$5,000.00 in contributions from homeowners in response to yard surveys.

Richard Johnson is both the field biologist and public educator working for the island Boards of Health to deliver this island-wide program to reduce tick borne illness. The Town of Edgartown shares fiduciary responsibility for the program along with the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard who receives and processes the donor funds contributed toward this effort.

### **Tobacco 21**

In October the Board of Health voted to increase the minimum purchase age for tobacco product and electronic cigarettes to 21-years old. The decision to increase the minimum age to 21-years old brought Edgartown into line with 160 other Massachusetts cities and towns and 65% of the state's population who have adopted the Tobacco 21 recommendations. The board also approved the most current model tobacco regulation offered by the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards by including regulations that govern flavored tobacco product and low cost or single piece products such as inexpensive and flavored cigars. The primary focus of the effort to restrict the type of tobacco product offered in Edgartown retail establishments is to prevent the marketing of tobacco product to youth who are the targets of packaging and flavoring practices used by the tobacco industry. Many of the tobacco products placed near check out points in retail stores is packaged like candy and would be difficult for older adults to recognize.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Board of Health continued to contract with Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod, Inc. to purchase public health nursing services. We are currently in the midst of working to reinvigorate and update the package of services delivered to town residents through the town nurse program. The board and staff recognized the importance of participating in local emergency preparedness efforts (particularly with the hurricanes in the Atlantic this fall). The need for the island homeless population and those with substance use disorder to have a public health system that cares for their needs (not a town specific problem but an island-wide responsibility) and the need to collaborate with other town departments and neighboring towns is an area we work in continuously. Many of the public health issues the island faces don't respect town lines and are best addressed in a coordinated and collaborative manner and we have invested time, effort and resources in these areas along with neighboring towns.

### Quick Facts and Statistics

Activity	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Septic permits (total)	121	124	95	101	91
Septic permits (new construction)	33	28	37	22	28
Septic repair or upgrade permits	60	67	30	45	34
Enhanced Treatment septic system with nitrogen removal	17	16	10	8	4
Septic system abandonment permit	26	28	28	32	29
Septic application withdrawn prior to action	2	1	0	2	0
Sale and Transfer septic system inspection reports received	126	76	108	97	121
Passing transfer inspections	117	72	103	88	113
Failed transfer inspections	6	3	3	5	5
“Needs further evaluation” transfer inspections	1	0	2	2	0
“Conditionally passes” transfer inspections	2	1	0	2	3
Well Construction permits (new and replacement)	27	28	23	32	25
Food Establishment permits	99	95	94	94	91
Temporary Food Event permits	25	24	23	30	28
Tobacco sale permits	10	12	12	12	11
“Verified Under-age tobacco sale violations via compliance checks”	2	4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Residential Pool Const.	21	33	33	27	33
Body Art Establishment (tattoo)	0	1	1	1	0
Fertilizer Application Permit (2015 first year required, 3 year lifespan)	0	0	30	n/a	n/a
Department revenue from fees	\$53,930	\$48,937	\$49,575	\$45,332	\$46,447

### **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, the Assistant to the Board of Health continues to manage the office and most public inquiries. Matt Poole is the town’s Health Agent and carries out the responsibilities of the board of Health on a daily basis. As stated earlier in our report, Richard Johnson is our unofficial tick czar. And, late in 2017 Kathe Kiley was hired as the Board of Health

Food Establishment Inspector and has already proven to be an excellent fit with knowledge that will benefit everyone involved in the food service industry from the restaurant operators to the dining public. We welcome her and look forward to the contributions she will bring.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD T. ZADAH, Chairman  
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## 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 2017, thereby continuing to expand services to our Edgartown elders. Attendance by Edgartown seniors remained steady or increased in almost every category and event. Overall, in 2017, 848 seniors participated over 7,612 times in an Anchors sponsored meal, activity, program, or event. This does not include the number of Edgartown elders served by the Anchors outreach team.

Anchors outreach workers made contact with, and helped provide services to, 647 elders in need over 5,618 times. This included 1,900 instances of general information, and 700 wellness checks. Additionally, on almost 800 separate occasions, people signed in as “guests” and attended one program or another at the Anchors in 2017.

Moreover, the generosity of the Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging and Edgartown residents added improvements to our senior center, making it safer, appealing, and inviting for staff and guests. A large measure of gratitude and thank you to our Friends for making this all possible.

### **COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD ACTIVITY**

The COA six-member supervisory Board is comprised of volunteers, all Edgartown residents. The Board meets monthly, except July and August, on the third Thursday 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. Board Chair Kevin Ryan and Co-chair Jay Sigler provide wisdom and leadership. Olga Church, long time member, and Heidi Boyd, provide oversight and guidance. Two new Board members, Rosemary Cunningham and Marvene O'Rourke, have added their experience and knowledge to Board management. Rosemary comes from a background of education and education administration. Marvene has a 30-plus year career in international relations with four different Federal agencies.

Sadly, this spring we lost one of our most beloved members, Glenn Carpenter. Glenn was an influential voice in our Board for many years. He participated in many Anchors programs, having started the Men's Book Group. Glenn was an officer in the Marine Corp, traveled the world extensively and was the proverbial “voracious reader.” He could sing a bass part like no one else, especially “Ol Man River,” and had many fascinating interests. To say he will be missed could never adequately express our feeling of loss.

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**

As the Administrator, Paul Mohair, Esq., who has over thirty years experience in the field of legal and human services assistance to the elderly, 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 ninth year of employment at the Council on Aging. Donna continues to greet all visitors, answer the phone, and respond to community needs. Her cheery presence at the reception area adds to the welcoming atmosphere of the Council on Aging.

Cook Diane Wall's delicious Tuesday and Friday lunches provide nutrition and excellent 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 supernatural 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. This continues to be an amazing achievement.

Wendy Benedetto completed her fourth year as Director of Senior Services in December, 2017. 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 staff. Wendy's positive attitude, sunny disposition, and dedication have had a considerable positive impact on the Anchors environment, “good vibes,” and programming. She has successfully converted our group of Edgartown seniors into her own personal fan club. The record number of seniors attending her activities and events is a testament to her natural talents, skills, and accomplishments. Wendy is also an important member of The Anchors' outreach team, ensuring the safety and well being of Edgartown seniors while also 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 2017, our outreach worker, Edgartown resident Victoria Haeselbarth, increased services and the number of seniors served both in the Anchors and at their homes. The response to Victoria's support and services to seniors and their families in our community continues to be extremely positive and gratifying. Over 642 seniors have been called, case managed, visited, and served. Seniors' family members and friends are also encouraged to seek services and support through our outreach worker. Victoria is a large presence in our Edgartown community and acts as an important avenue through which people learn about and access our town and island-wide services. This year brought a substantial increase in demand for assistance to elders applying for fuel assistance and food stamps. The application process can be complicated, time consuming, and overwhelming to seniors. Victoria has been trained to assist elders with these applications and has assumed the responsibility for aiding all Edgartown seniors who request this help. Consequently, demands for Victoria's services have increased dramatically, similar to last year. She has worked overtime to assist with the applications while continuing with her outreach duties and responsibilities.

In addition to her outreach responsibilities, Victoria is webmaster of the COA website, which she almost completely redesigned in 2017. Victoria is also a member of the Dukes County Health Council, which meets once a month. With the assistance of a grant from Vineyard Vision Fellowship, an island organization dedicated to encouraging a healthy Vineyard future by investing in individuals who demonstrate a commitment to the Island, the Anchors also employed a part-time outreach worker, Meris Keating, beginning October, 2017. Meris is doing a tremendous job contacting every Edgartown senior who appears on our town street list to make wellness calls and determine if she can arrange for support services to those seniors who may need them.

#### **NOTABLE NEW PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN 2017**

The following is a representation of the Council on Aging activities, events, and programs for 2017. It is not all inclusive.

**Edgartown COA Website:** Our Edgartown COA website launched in June of 2013, and this year continues to receive more than 100 "hits" per week from web surfers and interested seniors. The site is updated weekly with our calendar, pictures, program events, and activities. It now includes a page listing a menu and calendar of our delicious Tuesday and Friday lunches. Please log on at <http://www.edgartowncoa.com>.

**Memory Support Group:** Co-led by ECOA's Outreach worker, Victoria Haeselbarth, the group continues to meet weekly and has grown to a group of 38-plus participants.

The group meets at Featherstone Center for the Arts with art therapy and music, educational materials, and maintained steady attendance in 2017. We thank the good people at Featherstone for their support.

**MV Health Fair:** We participated in the annual MV Hospital Health Fair with a booth and distributed information about the ECOA.

**Anchors Newsletters:** After a redesign in 2014, the newsletter continues to expand in appearance and quality. It is distributed at the town library, town hall, and local Boys and Girls thrift store, and emailed to hundreds of town residents.

**Tai Chi and Qigong:** Well attended classes began in 2014, and continue to grow in popularity.

**Memory Screenings:** Always available by our Outreach worker upon request.

**Monthly Art Exhibits:** Art work by our Island artists, with a focus on elderly artists, is displayed monthly at the Edgartown COA utilizing our gallery picture hanging system.

**Music:** The COA hosted many musical performances/groups in 2017: Long Point Five, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Minnesingers, Edgartown Third Graders, Karaoke with High School Minnesingers, Jim Thomas' Spiritual Choir, the Vineyard Sound a cappella group, and pianist Adele Dreyer.

**Bluefish, Bass, and Bonito Distribution:** Throughout the five weeks of the fall Fishing Derby on Wednesday mornings; fish was distributed once a week to about 45 plus families.

**Surplus Food Distribution:** Food from the Greater Boston Food Bank and Stop and Shop is distributed every month, helping about 25 families.

**Dental Clinics:** The Clinics includes teeth or dentures cleaned at no cost by Vineyard Smiles, a community-based program through the Dukes County Health Council dedicated to improving oral health.

**Fuel Assistance:** Financial assistance is provided by South Shore Community Action Council from November 1, until April 30, assisting with any primary heat type, including oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, wood or coal.

**Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Home Delivered Meals:** Holiday meals delivered to over 30 homebound and needy seniors by our Anchors staff and volunteers.

**Conversation Group:** Our twice monthly Conversation Group keeps growing; it is intellectually stimulating, popular, and spirited.

**Poetry Group:** The group meets weekly at the Anchors with a very dedicated turnout. The MV Poets Collective, as

it is known, is a diverse and creative group of individuals with experience in the expressive arts, writing, teaching, business, local government and publishing. Our MV Poets Collective members read from their works at a December luncheon.

**Weekly Games and Arts:** These include Summer Bridge Instruction, Mah Jong, Needlepoint, Mindful Knitting, Knitting for Hospice, Strength Training Classes, Yoga, and Tai Chi, Qigong.

**AARP-IRS Tax Assistance Program was available to Edgartown seniors.** Volunteers with the AARP-IRS Tax Assistance Program offered free tax assistance for the elderly. The ECOA facilitated appointments for seniors.

**SHINE Counseling** (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) counseling weekly at the Anchors supplied by trained and certified volunteer Bill Glazier.

**Health Screenings:** Screenings once monthly with Edgartown Town Nurse Elizabeth Sanderman, RN, MPH.

**Veterans Services:** A veterans representative is available once a month at the Anchors.

**VTA Senior Bus Pass Program:** Discounted by Vineyard Transportation Association for year-round senior residents, available at the Anchors.

**Christmas in Edgartown Open House:** For the holiday, chili and side dishes served to more than 80 people.

**Notary Public Services:** Anchors Administrator, Paul Mohair, has been appointed a Massachusetts Notary Public and is available for notary services for no fee.

### **Some other well attended PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN 2017**

**Edgartown Selectmen Visited Anchors:** Seniors greeted and socialized with our selectmen at lunch in April.

**MV Museum:** visited the Anchors for a special after-lunch program about famous Vineyarders. In 2017, the Anchors coordinated a group trip and adventure to Eataly in Boston

**iPad Classes:** During the summer, a volunteer taught well attended iPad and Internet classes at the library.

**Bowling at Barn Bowl & Bistro:** Edgartown bowlers challenged Tisbury Council on Aging bowlers once a month subsidized by the Friends of the ECOA.

**One-mile walk** with 20-plus seniors from North Attleboro Council on Aging and lunch!

**New Men and Women's Book Group:** Meets once a month.

**Other popular events:** Movies, Author Talks, Nutrition Talk, Bingo, Card Making Workshop, karaoke, and a group trip, adventure to Eataly in Boston,

### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Council on Aging and our Volunteer coordinator, Wendy, give thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time in 2017. 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, SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs to Everyone) representatives, and tax preparedness 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, The Island Rotary Club, Murdick's Cafe, Murdick's Fudge, donations from the Lison family, the Estate of Ethel Wolff, Katama General Store, Edgartown Diner, The Gleaners, Donald Benefit, Stop and Shop, Morning Glory Farm, Island Food Products, MacPhail's Corner Cafe, Edgartown Pizza, Farmer Dick Brown, Farmer Bob Daniels, Cherilla Brown, and the many individuals, gardeners, and farmers who brought us fresh vegetables and flowers from their gardens and farms. 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.

### **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 by supporting and subsidizing 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 flowers for those who are in the hospital; purchased planning calendars for our holiday open house, paid for several presentations and musical performances at the Anchors, and subsidized a senior trip. Moreover, the Friends also helped to subsidize the payment of heating bills for many Edgartown families in need. Our Friends recently received a large donation through a bequest from an anonymous donor with which they intend to expand the physical space and facilities of the Anchors. It is by their generosity, caring, and hard work that the ECOA is able to

offer such a diversity of wonderful programs. THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

#### **TOWN DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER**

We are grateful for the many town departments' members who gave their time, energy and talents to help meet the needs of the Anchors and town seniors. **The Assessors** worked with the COA to continue the Senior Tax Work-off Program that allows eligible seniors to work for a town department and receive credit toward their property taxes. **The Board of Health** offers town nurse and blood pressure clinics, case management and home visits. **The Police Department** helps with senior outreach, and helps prepare emergency listings for vulnerable residents. **The Fire Department** and **EMT's** updated seniors' information and delivered gifts to seniors during Christmas. **The Library** made special arrangements to donate the use of meeting rooms for senior Anchors-sponsored programs. The COA continues to be a part of the **Emergency Management Team** with other town departments for emergency response to storms and hurricanes.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

We have maintained our partnership with the Trustees of Reservations, providing educational tours of its island properties. We continue to have partnerships with the Martha's Vineyard Museum and Featherstone Center for the Arts and Community Solar Greenhouse (COMSOG) which are subsidized by the Friends of ECOA.

#### **SUPPORTIVE DAY PROGRAM**

The Supportive Day Program continued to hold its program in the Anchors building two days per week, Mondays and Wednesdays in 2017. The Board of Martha's Vineyard Center for Living has been working tirelessly to find a new facility for the program's headquarters in order to better meet the needs of its vulnerable participants. Dukes County recently partnered with the MVC4L to develop a leased property in Vineyard Haven that will serve as the Center's headquarters and main facility, better meeting the needs of the vulnerable service population. This will also allow more available Anchors space and time to develop and expand programming. After over thirty years of sharing COA facilities at Tisbury and Edgartown, the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living and its Supportive Day program shall be relocating in January, 2018, to the "old VNA building" on Holmes Hole Road. We will miss the staff and clients- and their energy and creativity. We wish them the best with admiration and love.

#### **CONFERENCES AND TRAINING**

Victoria, Wendy, and Paul participated in the Massachusetts Councils On Aging annual conference in Danvers in October; each attended workshops, networked with other towns' Councils On Aging, and obtained manuals, information, and publications valuable to the work of the Anchors and its staff. New programs, ideas, and developments resulted from the conference and its

material. Paul also attended a state grant application training. Victoria and Donna attended a summit on homelessness. Victoria attended an annual conference on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Victoria also completed graduate level courses in Healthcare Quality Control, Human Resource Management, Strategies of Marketing, and Health Policy and Law. Donna attended a training workshop on management and front desk duties and responsibilities. Wendy attended a MCOA Volunteer Manager Skills and Tools Workgroup.

#### **MYSENIORCENTER, Automated Record Keeping**

Our senior services tracking system, MySeniorCenter, has been very successful. According to its creator, MySeniorCenter is a computer-based Senior Center management and reporting system that includes a barcode scanner, touch screen computer and key tags. This cutting-edge turnkey system is designed specifically for Senior Centers and updated constantly based on the feedback of the nearly 900 Centers around the country that use it on a daily basis. An overview of some key benefits and capabilities: tracks each senior citizen for a safer environment, eliminates the long hours spent tabulating sign-in sheets and creating reports, provides accurate counts of seniors and the activities they enjoy, simplifies scheduling resources (people and rooms) for events and classes, tracks volunteer and staff hours, produces reports required by funding sources at the click of a button, and tracks fees and payments, generating invoices and receipts. Some of the information generated herein comes from the data generated by the system.

#### **PROGRAM AND SERVICES STATISTICS**

The Council On Aging statistics show that our services and programs served 848 individuals, mostly Edgartown seniors. Not incidentally, another 800 "guests" attended one program or another at the Anchors in 2017.

Sadly, a number of our senior friends have passed on or left the island. We shall miss them, as always.

In 2017, 122 "new" seniors attended the Anchors. These are island elders who had not previously been 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 848 seniors served, 67% were women and 33% men; or 567 women, 281 men. This population was served or participated in Anchors programming more than 7,400 times.

*Statistics below show 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 automated record keeping system, MySeniorCenter, and reported in various ways, depending on the statistics sought.

**OUTREACH / ADVOCACY**

128 received advocacy for support services  
49 received health insurance counseling  
42 individuals received visits in their homes  
169 received assistance, including fuel subsidy, family support, hospital visits

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

67 received legal services and financial management consulting  
61 received mental health support

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

42 received friendly visits  
259 received telephone reassurance calls  
45 borrowed medical equipment  
71 purchased senior VTA bus passes

**WELLNESS**

49 attended COA sponsored memory support group  
194 attended yoga, strength training, walking, cycling, and other exercise groups  
92 attended various programs, including blood pressure screening, dental, and foot clinic

**NUTRITION, LUNCHESES**

88 received monthly surplus food, including fish derby distribution  
354 attended Anchors lunches\*  
*\*2,816 lunches were served by our kitchen to the 354 seniors who came for lunch in 2017*

**OTHER**

252 attended educational programs, including computers, cooking, and crafts  
118 attended cultural events, such as movies, poetry, music performances

**GRANTS**

This year, a grant of \$9,300 from the State Executive Office of Elder Affairs was awarded to the Edgartown Council on Aging.

The Anchors also received a \$5,000 grant from the Vineyard Vision Fellowship.

With the approval of the Town Personnel Board and the Selectmen, these grants were used to employ a part-time outreach worker, beginning October. This outreach worker teamed with Victoria and Wendy, assisting in all areas of outreach responsibilities, including, but not limited to, wellness visits, helping seniors apply for energy assistance and food stamps, visits and service delivery to home-bound seniors, telephone assurance and information, mental health support; activity and event planning, and facilitation. The addition of this part-time position allowed Victoria to spend more time in the field, visiting Edgartown elders, assessing and arranging direct services and assistance. The part-time outreach worker worked 12 hours a week, divided into two, 6 hour days.

Respectfully submitted,

KEVIN RYAN, Chairperson  
JAY SIGLER, PhD., Co-chairperson  
PAUL MOHAIR, Esq., Administrator

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WENDY BENEDETTO, Director Senior Services  
VICTORIA HASELBARTH, Outreach Worker  
DIANE WALL, Nutrition/Cook, Custodian  
DONNA PAULSON, Secretary/Receptionist  
MERIS KEATING, Part-time Outreach Worker

## 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 March of 2016 Dukes County purchased the building at 29 Breakdown Lane, (funded by all six towns), and over the next several months, the Center for Living negotiated a long term lease with the County to renovate and occupy the first floor of the building. Municipal Agreements were drawn up with all six towns for the Center for Living to provide regional services to island seniors, including the Supportive Day Program.

Because of their expertise in designing spaces for those with dementia, the team of Marc Maxwell, Architect and John Zeisel, Design Consultant, were hired to draw up plans for the renovation. Trademark Services LLC, owned by Mark Nicotera, was engaged to renovate the first floor space according to those plans, and this work was begun in April of 2017. As of January 2018, the renovations are complete and we are in the process of moving our offices and programs.

### **Martha’s Vineyard Center for Living Pro-grams & Services:**

#### **Supportive Day Program:**

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate independently in the programs and offered at the municipal Senior Centers. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of the clients of the SDP suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias, but wish to remain at home in the care of their families. At the SDP, a wide range of engaging activities are tailored to individual capacity. Most importantly, loving, careful attention is paid to the individual physical and emotional needs of our clients. A nutritious meal and snacks are provided daily. Transportation is available.

In 2017, 43 individuals, along with their families and caregivers were served at the SDP; providing over 20,000 hours of quality direct care and respite for families and caregivers. At \$40 for full day and \$30 for half day attendance, this is a highly cost effective and affordable alternative to private in-home care and/or long term care (nursing home) costs. The SDP partners with families in the care of their loved ones at home; to extend and enhance a safe, nurturing environment into the community. Due to space constraints, we have been limited in our ability to

increase the number of families served by this program. The anticipated move to the new building will become a reality in 2018 and provide the opportunity to expand the program to 5 days and increase the number of clients on a daily basis from 18 to 25.

#### **Dementia Family Support Services:**

In January 2017, with a \$5,000 pilot grant from the Permanent Endowment for Martha’s Vineyard, the Center for Living launched additional services for families and caregivers dealing with a loved one with dementia. Dementia Family Support Services include a Dementia Caregiver Support Group twice a month, consultations via phone or in-home assessments with the clinician, and community education programs for emergency service personnel, professionals and the general public. The goal for FY19 and beyond is for MV Center for Living to collaborate with the local Councils on Aging and other professionals, to make Martha’s Vineyard a Dementia Friendly Community.

#### **Memory Café:**

In 2017, we continued to expand the Memory & Music Café, with funding from the Department of Developmental Services a local grant from Vineyard Golf Foundation and private fundraising efforts. The Café is for folks with memory loss, their family members and caregivers. It is also an inclusive program offered to older adults with developmental disabilities who are more likely to develop an early dementia than the general population. The Memory and Music Cafe takes place once a week, at the American Legion Hall and occasionally at the Portuguese American Club (PA) when the Legion Hall is unavailable. It is a welcoming place where people can socialize and enjoy the company of others without fear or stigma. Our café activities center around music, sing-a-long, discussion, art activities and Martha’s Vineyard Museum programs. There is no charge to participants and this program has grown in popularity, with 25 to as many as 40 participants on a weekly basis. We expect to permanently move the Café to the new Center for Living building in 2018.

**Funding Sources:** Department of Developmental Services (State), Vineyard Golf Foundation Fund-raising

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

In FY2017 (Sept 2016 – Oct 2017), the Medical Taxi program provided 215 Islanders with transportation 1080 one way trips to and from medical appointments throughout Cape Cod. The direct cost of this program was \$19,696. MV Center for Living provides management and administrative support for this program. MV Center for Living continues to seek new or additional and more cost effective ways to provide this service. With the help of the



MV Commission Transportation Planner, the Cape Cod Commission and the transportation authorities (SSA, VTA and CCRTA) we hope to move closer to a solution in 2018.

**Funding Sources:**

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

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

Voluntary donations from participants - \$5240

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

**Emergency Food Program:**

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

Island Food Products (IFP) continues to provide crucial support by picking up food at the Greater Boston Food bank twice a month for distribution at the 5 pantry sites. Without IFP this lifeline against food insecurity would be cut off. This program serves an average of 250-300 households monthly, including children and elders. The Faith Community also orders food from the Food Bank during December, January and February, to support their Community Suppers and Homeless Shelter program. 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.

**2017 Emergency Food Program Funding sources:**

Project Bread Grant \$2,000 (annual)

Vineyard Committee on Hunger donation \$3627

Stop & Shop donations (Food for Friends Program) \$4377

78,038 pounds of food received from GBFB

Value of food received \$89,819

Cost of purchased food \$3810.99

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

Transportation costs reimbursed to IFP: \$4,000

We also partner with the Island Grown Initiative Gleaning program to distribute fresh produce at our 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 "Meet the Needs" program, as well as their holiday "Food for Friends" program.

**55PLUS Times: Information and Referral**

The 55PLUS Times is a comprehensive resource with information pertaining to programs and services available to all 55+ Islanders and their families. It is published in the Martha's Vineyard Times on the last Thursday of each month. MV Center for Living is responsible editing and submitting all the information published in the 55Plus Times. The cost for this publication is \$7200 annually.

**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 budget. In FY2017, the towns on Martha's Vineyard contributed a combined total of \$36,750 to Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands in support of this vital nutrition program.

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

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

**Home Delivered Holiday Meals:**

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living coordinates and provides funding for a home delivered holiday meal to seniors who are alone and/or homebound on the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The Martha's Vineyard Hospital food service prepares and packages the meals on each of these holidays. The local Councils on Aging coordinate the volunteers to deliver the meals in their towns. In the 2017 holiday season, on Thanksgiving Day 71 meals were delivered and on Christmas Day 74 meals were delivered to homebound seniors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE CLAPP,  
Executive Director

## 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 elder 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). Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands also hosts the federal Corporation of National and Community Senior Service Corps.

In FY 17 our Nutrition program (Meals on Wheels, Senior Dining) served 45,318 meals provided through our contract with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. There were 245 seniors served at Elder Services Dining sites, and 262 seniors received meals delivered to their homes by a corps of over 70 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, Edgartown, 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 going to ensure continuous management of services. In FY 17, The Home Care Program served 236 elders on MV. There were 17,681 hrs. provided through; personal care assistance, skilled nursing, meal prep, shopping, chore, and laundry services. In addition, 76 elders were enrolled with the Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) and the cost for our consumers to attend the MV Center for Living Supportive Day Program was covered by our Home Care Program.

The Elder Service's Mature Workers program participants are receiving on-the-job training at Felix Neck Sanctuary. Senior Service Corps Volunteers are providing transportation services for Vineyard Village at Home. A Volunteer Nursing Home Ombudsman regularly visits residents of Windemere Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Elder Services has 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 MV 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 several programs. MV Center for Living (Medical Transportation, \$6,000). Island Health Care Community Health Center ('My Life My Health' Stanford model) chronic disease self-management program, \$ 4,943). MV Community Services (bi-monthly caregiver support group \$5,220 and Assessment, intervention and referral for mental health/substance abuse services \$ 5,220).

Elder Services 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 ROSE, MV Director

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

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

The goal of the Affordable Housing Committee is to provide 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 2017, The Affordable Housing Committee continued to plan and design a development of affordable and community rental and ownership opportunities on a nine-acre parcel located off of Meshacket Road. The Committee brought an article to Edgartown voters via a special town meeting on November 17, 2017. Town voters unanimously approved the article for a 99-year lease to develop the land for affordable housing purposes. The Committee is looking forward to presenting the Request For Proposals (RFP) at the beginning of 2018 and are delighted to have the project shovel ready in the very near future.

The Affordable Housing Committee assisted the Selectmen and the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority in the lottery of an affordable housing one-bedroom unit on Summer St. in downtown Edgartown on November 21, 2017.

The Committee continued to work with the Board of Selectman to assist in the lottery of three lots being sold at 140% AMI or less in Ocean Heights. Three Edgartown residents were selected to be able to purchase these lots.

In May of 2017 Lucy Morrison stepped down from her role as the Affordable Housing Committee's administrative assistant to move into the role of administrative assistant at the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Additionally, she was elected to the Edgartown Planning Board on April 13, 2017. Arielle Hayes, an Edgartown resident, was hired in May of 2017 to serve as the new administrative assistant.

The 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 their consistent support of all our affordable housing efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK HESS, Chairman  
TIM RUSH, Vice-Chair  
CHRISTINA BROWN  
JOSEPH ROBERTS  
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 appointment 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, Acting-Chairman  
MARK HESS  
JOSEPH ROBERTS  
MARGARET SERPA  
CHRISTINE WHITE

## 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.

We have been working with the Board of Trade to expand the season. We now start a week before the Christmas in Edgartown weekend to have the lights and decorations ready, giving the shoppers a reason to come to town and shop early. Special thanks goes out to our Highway Department, always willing to help. Maintaining and setting up the stands each year is a big job and they do it without complaint. Others who make the season bright are Tom Bassett, who starts the electrical process shortly after Thanksgiving and stays on top of the maintenance; Bob Hagerty, whose crew lights Memorial Park each year, a welcoming site for all coming into town at night and the

staff at Donaroma's, especially Kate DeVane and crew, who decorate the Town Hall, Wharf, street lanterns and parking areas.

We would like to acknowledge Jean Hathaway and Priscilla Bettencourt, both longtime committee members, for their input each year. Glen Searle has been a welcome addition to the committee and is a guy who gets things done!

The Committee is always looking for and listening to suggestions from the public. If you have a decorating idea and want to share it, please leave a message at the Selectmen's office for us.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN HATHAWAY,  
Honorary Chairman  
PRISCILLA BETTENCOURT  
GLEN SEARLE  
GAIL AVAKIAN



## 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 for the purpose of improving the quality of life of all Island residents. Our grants are modest in size, but their effects resound mightily through the Vineyard community.

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 2017 the Commonwealth allocated to the MVCC \$26,400 for local re-granting. The six Island Towns also contributed generously; Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, and West Tisbury voted \$1,000, \$3,000, \$2,500, \$1,500, \$2500, and \$3,000, respectively. Together with interest and unclaimed grant funds from the previous cycle, the total available for granting was \$41,112.

In 2017 the MVCC received 47 applications requesting a total of \$123,000.

The 43 awards granted by the MVCC on December 3, 2017, Annual Grant Meeting are listed below:

Martha's Vineyard Playhouse		
Virginia's VIP Drama Club		\$1,353
Elise LeBovit	Egg Hunt	\$637
Jonah Maidoff/MVPCS		
Farm to Factory		\$539
Lynn Thorp	MV Signs Then & Now	\$1,118
Abby Bender	Built on Stilts	\$1,542
Lara O'Brien	Women's Writing Retreat	\$420
MV Mini Maker Faire	Mini Maker Faire	\$920
MV Library Association		
	MV Library Symposium	\$730
MV Library Association		
Summer Reading Kick-off		\$699
Island Children's School, Inc		
Community to Classroom		\$746
Tisbury School First Grade		
Attend Wheelock College Production		\$371
WT School	Musical STEAM Instrument	\$925
The MV Film Festival	Island Films	\$1,049
Cinema Circus	Cinema Circus	\$1,363
Laura Hearn	Young Adult Literacy Mural	\$692
Christina Montoya	Cuban Dance	\$1,080
Abby Bender	Schmantze Theater	\$780

Heidi Carter	MV Signs Then & Now	\$486
MV Conservation Society		
5th Art of Conservation		\$1,125
MV Film Society	Int. Film Festival	\$1,310
The Yard	Making It Initiative	\$1,836
Mabelle Felipe	News & Weather with Bella	\$1,300
Donna Swift		
IMPS- Teens Holiday Show		\$1,033
WT School	Drum Workshop	\$1,000
Felix Neck	Nature Peace Pole	\$914
Mark Alan Lovewell	Songs to the Fisherman	\$956
Robert Kirn	Winter concert/sing	\$1,615
Musicians of Old Post Road		
Concert and Outreach		\$711
Davis Bates		
Sea Songs & stories for Seniors		\$539
MV Museum	Summer Art Ed. for Special Needs Children	\$1,111
Polly Hill Arboretum		
MV Kindergartens for Monarchs		\$1,028
Allyson Malik	OB African- American Lit & Culture Festival	\$1,411
African American Heritage Trail		
Anne P. Jennings dedication		\$935
The VH Band	Celeb of 150 Years	\$1,314
MV Chamber Music		
Artist in Residency Concert Support		\$1,298
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute		
Fossil Day		\$756
Vineyard Arts Project	New Works Lab	\$995
WT School	Artificial Reality	\$724
Liz Witham	Archival Media Transfers	\$1,081
Nathan Luce	Island Winters	\$983
Lauren Serpa		
Creative Dramatics at WT School		\$694
WT Zero Waste School	Zero Waste Schools	\$120
Jim Norton	Handel's Messiah	\$873

Edgartown	Chilmark
ANNE DUCHARME	DYAN DEMERS
CLAIRE CHALFOUN	LINDA THOMPSON
LORI STONE	WENDY WELDON
Oak Bluffs	Aquinnah
HARVEY BETH,	ELIZABETH WITHAM,
Treasurer	Secretary
WALLACE BULLOCK	MACY DUNBAR
Tisbury	West Tisbury
ROBERT CROPPER	LINDA VADASZ
LAURA O'BRIEN	NIKI PATON

ROBERT HAUCK,  
Chairman

# PLANNING

## PLANNING BOARD

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

In 2017 the Board took a focused interest in updating and considering revisions to Edgartown's Zoning Bylaw.

As a result, the Edgartown Planning Board recommends the following zoning amendments to be voted at Town Meeting 2018:

1. A moratorium on issuance of licenses for marijuana dispensaries in Edgartown. This would allow for deliberative and considered development of local zoning regulations that will balance the needs and desires of residents, the Town's responsibility for public safety, and the development of rules that complement the as yet unwritten state rules and regulations.
2. The removal of expired and outdated sections related to a moratorium on new construction
3. Revisions to the B-II zoning to increase front setbacks, which will allow for more space between roads, sidewalks and new buildings.
4. Revisions to B-III zoning regulations, which would allow for retail sales at commercial and commissary kitchens at the Airport Industrial Park.
5. Revisions to the Cape Pogue DCPC, which would define and include areas of salt marshes.

In 2017, three major projects have dominated the Planning Board's time:

1. The application by AT&T for a permanent, 115-foot cellular antenna on Chappaquiddick, replacing a temporary tower that was erected in 2016 for one year and which was extended for one additional year through May 2017 to thoroughly evaluate options prior to applying for a permanent tower. The project is significant in scope, and the Planning Board has received hundreds of pages of commentary and evidence in regard to the project. In July, the project was referred to the MV Commission as a project of Development of Regional Impact, and awaits a decision from the Commission, expected no sooner than January, 2018.
2. The application for the Stop & Shop expansion on Upper Main St, to increase the existing facility by approximately 15,000 square feet. The project would include changes to the parking areas, demolition and reconstruction of the Edgartown National Bank and changes to access/egress to the property. The application has been reviewed by the MV Commission with a decision and recommendation expected in January, 2018.

3. The Planning Board and staff continue to work with General Code on a review and the re-codification of the existing Zoning Bylaw. While revisions continue to be considered, the goals of the project are
  - to identify conflicts, inconsistencies and other problem areas in need of updating or correction,
  - incorporation of any necessary revisions,
  - the creation of a revised index
  - the preparation of proposed Zoning adoption legislation and
  - a disposition list to document the final disposition of all Zoning Code relevant legislation.

The final product will be a fully searchable online version of the Zoning Bylaw, available to the public through the Town's municipal website.

Following is a list of business heard by the Board in 2017:

**2017 Curb Cut / Change of Address Permits Angevin, 9 Angevin Way (20B-70.2);** Change of Access & Address from 9 Angevin Way to Braley's Way. Approved, January 3

**Sorett. (11A-195.1);** Request for change of address and access from 599 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, to a new access off of Eighth Street. Approved, March 14

**Bokat / Giordano, 108 Peases Point Way (20B-72);** Allow a second curb cut to an endorsed Form A. Endorsed, May 30

**Caraboolad, 63 Fuller St (20B-106) ;** Request extension of permit for two curb cuts, originally granted on 10/4/2016. Approved, October 17

**McGrath, 25 Meshacket Road (28-20.1);** Permit a second curb cut for access to Lot 1 on an ANR plan as approved on December 5, 2017. Approved, December 5

### **2017 De Minimis Determinations**

**Weisblatt, 9 Thaxter Lane (45-16.21) SP:** Katama; Request for a de minimis determination, in regard to a proposed change to the size of a pool equipment shed; new shed would meet existing setbacks. Approved, May 2

**Sprague, 8 Haystack Ln (11A-417);** Request for de minimis determination allowing enclosure of an existing porch. Denied, June 20

**Trademark Services, LLC, 1 Mariners Landing (21-34.223);** Request for a de minimis determination, allowing two "condo" Units 4A + 4B to be combined into one large unit. Approved, August 15

**Flam, 18 Garden Cove Ln (53-9);** Request for a de minimis determination, allowing more exterior insulation. Approved, October 3

**Flam, 18 Garden Cove Lane (59-3);** Request for a de minimis determination, amend wording in conditions #2 and #3, replacing "prior to applying for a building permit" with "prior to completion of the project". Approved, November 14

**Rice, 9 Briggs Road (27-9.21);** Request for a de minimis determination, modifying an approved special permit, to allow proposed construction to comply with change in flood plain delineation. Approved, December 5.

#### **2017 Special Permits - General**

**Katama Airfield, 12 Mattakesett Way (45-25) SP:** Katama Airfield & Conservation District; Demolish and rebuild a larger hangar (60' x 105') (Hal Findlay, Katama Airport Commissioners). Approved, January 3

**Schreiber, 128 Herring Creek Rd (45-362.5);** Construct in-ground 18' x 46' swimming pool with associated utilities and related hardscape & landscaping. (George Sourati). Approved, January 3

**54 Oyster Watcha Rd Realty Trust/Lurie (41-1.2) Coastal & Ponds Districts;** Remove existing swimming pool, construct new 59' x 28' swimming pool, spa, hardscapes and landscaping around pool and dwelling, and related site activities. (Doug Hoehn). Approved, January 3

**Weisblatt, 9 Thaxter Lane (45-16.21) SP: Katama;** Construct an 18' x 40' in-ground swimming pool, landscaping and associated utilities on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. (David Hobaica). Approved, January 3

**Conway, 75 Edgartown Bay Rd (46-53);** Modify a special permit granted in Sept. by including a spa and correcting language in the decision. Approved, January 31

**Witchwood Association, 48 Witchwood Ln (36-303.10) Surface Water District.;** Add four floats to an existing licensed timber pier. (R. Barbini). Approved, January 31

**Conway, 75 Edgartown Bay Rd (46-53);** Surface Water District Construct a 30' "L", relocated a float and add two tie off piles to an existing licensed timber pier. (R. Barbini). Approved, January 31

**Southern Pasture Realty Trust, 70 Pohogonot Rd (42-1.105);** Coastal & Ponds Districts. Construct and maintain a 20' x 80' in-ground swimming pool, associated fencing, pool house, patio, etc. Approved, January 31

**Chapin, et al., 21 Boldwater Rd (38-3.22);** Katama Dist. Renovate an existing 2-bedroom guesthouse larger than 900 s.f. (total of 1,427 s.f.) on 8 acre parcel. (Gosser, Synergy, Inc.). Approved, January 31

**Katilus III, 59 Seth's Way (27-7);** demolish a non-conforming dwelling, construct new conforming dwelling and conforming garage with detached bedroom, on a pre-existing nonconforming lot. Approved, March 14

**American Tower, 59 North St (29A-96) SP: Wireless Facilities (article 23);** Replace damaged diagonals,

conduct structural and non-structural work, plumb and tension tower. (Kelly Braughan, East Coast Communications & Nick Caezza, American Tower). Approved, March 21

**Shantz Realty Trust. 282 Upper Main St (20A-65.11);** Construct two (2) 780 sq. ft. apartments, each with two (2) bedrooms attached to an existing garage on a 15, 077 sq. ft. lot. Approved, April 4

**Sprague, 8 Haystack Ln (11A-215);** Propose two story addition to pre-existing non-conforming single family dwelling. (Chris Alley, SBH, Inc.). Approved, April 18

**Lowentheil, 100 Mattakesett Way (52-7);** to remove existing dwelling and garage, construct new dwelling, pool, cabana, garage and barn, and perform landscaping and other related site activities. Approved, April 18

**Right Fork Diner/Langley, 12 Mattakesett Way Katama Airport (45-25);** continue operation as an 80-seat diner under new ownership; permit operating hours to coincide with airport hours; permit 15 parking spaces, including 1 handicap parking space; to permit the reconstruction of the deck, scheduled to happen next year (2018); permit replacement of the access to front door to meet ADA requirement; permit replacement of the deck access to meet ADA requirements; permit use of the take-out window; permit use of the airport office as a kitchen prep area; deny placement of a walk-in cooler outside the building footprint. Approved, May 2

**Fager, 104 Washque Ave (50-6);** Construct an addition to an existing single-family structure with new wood landing. Structure and lot are non-conforming. Approved, May 2

**McCaslin, 63 Kanomika Road (38-8.33);** to construct sports barn, and construct a garage with an office. Zone 2, Edgartown Ponds Area District. (Doug Hoehn; Schofield, Barbini and Hoehn). Approved, May 16

**Walsh, 60 Turkeyland Cove Road (38-8.33);** to remove an existing garage, and to construct a new garage with an office. Zone 2, Edgartown Ponds Area District. (Doug Hoehn; Schofield, Barbini and Hoehn). Approved, May 16

**Serio, Emily, 236-238 Edg-VH Rd (21-10);** B-II. to open and operate a specialty ice cream store in Post Office Square. Approved, May 16

**AT&T / Fynbo 14 Sampson Ave (34-197);** Modification to a special permit, requesting an extension to the existing 12-month temporary tower use for additional 12 months. Approved, May 30

**Island Holdings LLC (Winnetu Oceanside Resort), 31 Dunes Rd (52-26.1) SP: Katama DCPC;** To convert existing 1,075 sf basement into 2-bedroom staff housing. Approved, July 11

**Edgartown Yacht Club, 1 Dock St (20D-322);** Surface Water District; to license and maintain extension to existing pier by replacing piles and raising the level of the deck by two (2) feet; construct additions to existing buildings; and replace existing floats. Approved, July 11

**Howe Realty Trust I, 9 Guernsey Rd (36-334);** to construct a 20' x 44' swimming pool, gazebo, deck, patio, landscaping and associate utilities in the inland zone of the Coastal District. (Agent: Doug Hoehn, SBH, Inc.). Approved, August 15

**Flam, 18 Garden Cove Rd (53-9);** Applicant proposes to demolish and replace a pre-existing, non-conforming single family dwelling on a non-conforming lot in the shore zone of the Coastal District. The new construction shall also be non-conforming and 10' into the 25' setbacks. Approved, August 29.

**Island Holdings, LLC, (Winnetu), 31 Dunes Rd (52-261);** replacement of existing in-ground swimming pool with new inground pool. Approved, October 3

**Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless;** Application to place Personal Wireless Service Facilities on non-municipal utility poles over 30'H adjacent to 70 Herring Creek Road. Approved, October 17

**Bayha. 105 Edgartown Bay Road (51-50);** to construct a 16'-7" W x 12' D addition to garage, and a covered porch to the front entrance. Approved, November 14

**Mackey, 20 Thaxter Lane (45-16.32);** Construct 20' x 40' in-ground swimming pool, landscaping and related site activities on a non-conforming lot of .74 acres in R-60/Katama DCPC. . Approved, December 5

#### 2017 Special Permits - Modifications

**Stop & Shop (29A-57.1, et al.);** B-II. Renewal of a special permit to display and sell garden products on sidewalk in front of store. Approved, April 4

**Main Street Dental (JOHN HARTLEY/ROBERTA HUTCHISON), 207 Upper Main Street (20C-26);** Modification of a Special Permit, granted on March 17, 1998, to permit use as a three (3) chair dental office, and remove the language granting an easement to the town. Approved, May 2

**Verizon Wireless, 59 North St (29A-96);** Modification to a special permit; extending deadline to start construction; and eliminating propane-fired emergency generator from plans, replacing it with a second battery cabinet. Approved, June 6

**McCaslin: 63 Kanomika Rd (38-8.33);** Eliminate Finding #2 in the Decision: "The sports barn shall not be heated or insulated.". Approved, August 15

**Chapin et al. 21 Boldwater Rd (38-3.22);** To increase the existing porch and construct a second floor deck (128 sq. ft. second floor deck); over the proposed roof. Approved, November 14

#### 2017 Special Permits - Withdrawn

**Indianhead Penny L.P. v. Edgartown Planning Board and MV Ocean LLC;** Settlement Agreement, Stipulation of Dismissal, Return of Original Special Permit Decision, and Withdrawal of MV Ocean LLC Application. Accepted, June 20

#### 2017 Subdivision Plans - Definitive

**Taylor, 27 Mill Hill Rd (29-57.41);** Confirm expiration of

covenants, discussion of road conditions. Board of Selectmen requested to widen Mill Hill Rd for safety reasons. Approved, January 3

**Silberstein & Newman, 3 Beach Plum Meadows (45-55.1);** Modification to a private restrictive covenant affecting a definitive plan (Beach Plum Meadows) Determine if a 150' setback can be reduced to 25'. Approved, January 31

**Floyd et al.1 Dyke Rd (37-51, 52 & 53);** modify the Certificate of Approval of a Definitive Plan, and the Cluster Development Special Permit Decision, both approved on August 18, 1999, with subsequent extensions. Approved, March 14

**Katama Acquisitions LLC (Sean Chapps), 410 West Tisbury Rd & 4A Bennett Way (27-249.1 & 249.2);** Combine two parcels and divide into three. Approved, December 5

#### 2017 Subdivision Plans - Preliminary

**Chapman, 17 Chapman Lane (200-111);** Divide .52 acres into two parcels by extending Chapman Lane by 22.47 x 77.54 (1,736 sq.ft.) of the existing parcel to create frontage for both lots. Approved, May 30

#### 2017 Subdivision Plans Not Requiring Approval ("ANR")

**CKV Fuller St LLC, 28 Fuller St (20B-40);** Lot line adjustment. Approved, January 3

**Warner, 142 Plantingfield Way (13-16.2);** Divide one non-conforming lot into two lots, conveying the larger lot to the abutters (13-16.22) and creating a non-conforming beach lot. Approved, March 14

**Chambers, Holly Bear Lane (21-129.2 & 12B-129.3);** Combine 2 parcels and divide them into 4 conforming lots with frontages on Holly Bear Lane and Edgartown Vineyard Haven Rd. (Greg Marcella, mvsurveyors@gmail.com). Endorsed, March 21

**ADEC/Burke Ross, 119 Meetinghouse Ln (37-46);** (Reid Silva, VLSE / Glenn Provost). Endorsed, March 21

**Edgartown Land Bank, (34-237);** property line adjustment. Endorsed, April 18

**Selectmen, Town of Edgartown, 6th Street (11A-166);** Divide one lot into three ½ acre lots. (Ken Abbott, SBH, Inc.). Approved, May 2

**Brown, 139 Meetinghouse Way (37-47);** division of one 54 lot parcel into five (5) lots of about 10 acres each. Endorsed, May 16

**Gosselin Jr., 11 & 17 Pleasant Av (45-111 114 115);** (Doug Hoehn). Endorsed, June 6

**Wild, 16 Forever Wild Way (44-45);** Modify an existing Form A, dividing one parcel into two different pieces. Endorsed, August 15

**Katamen, (formerly: Taylor, Form C endorsed 1/3/2017) 27 Mill Hill Rd (29-57.41);** Lot line adjustment



to accommodate buyers proposed dwelling footprint. All conditions of Form C still in effect. Endorsed, October 17

**Sinclair, 10 Quampache Ln (26-1.21);** Divide 11.3 acres into two lots. Sell 3-acre lot. (Agent, Doug Hoehn). Endorsed, October 17

**Kruppers LLC, 8, 10, 14, & 16 Puwal Ln (36-99.62 158.1 158.2 & 373);** Endorsed but not recorded. Lot line adjustment. Endorsed, October 17

**McGrath, 21 Meshacket Road (28-20.1);** Divide one parcel into three parcels. Approved, December 5

**Balay, 32 Cottage St (20D-263.2);** Lot line adjustment with approval from ZBA using a variance (granted on November 1, 2017). Approved, December 5

**Edgartown Harbor Nominee Trust, 305 & 311 Katama Rd (45-159.41 & 45-159.42);** Combine the front two parcels and re-divide. Approved, December 5

**2017 Unfinished / Ongoing**

**New Cingular Wireless, LLC (AT&T) / Fynbo, 14 Sampson Av (34-197);** to construct, operate, license and maintain a Personal Wireless Service Facility ("PWSF"). Ongoing.

**Stop & Shop (WJG Realty Company, LLC), 235-257 Upper Main St (20A-57.1, et al.) SP: B-II Business District.** Construct a 15,145 square foot addition to a pre-existing 25,289 square foot grocery store. Increase parking with approval from ZBA using a variance (granted on November 1, 2017). Approved, December 5

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**Stop & Shop (WJG Realty Company, LLC), 235-257 Upper Main St (20A-57.1, et al.) SP: B-II Business District.** Construct a 15,145 square foot addition to a pre-existing 25,289 square foot grocery store. Increase parking from 122 spaces to 180 spaces. Ongoing.

The Planning Board invites Town residents to visit the Town's municipal website, [www.edgartown-ma.us](http://www.edgartown-ma.us), for information on meetings, agendas, and minutes, as well as downloadable application forms, zoning bylaws, assessors' maps, Subdivision Rules and Regulations and Special Permit Rules and Regulations.

2017 saw the departure of two long-time planning board members. Robert Sparks retired from the Board this past December, having served since 2009. Bob's many valuable insights during his time on the board is sincerely appreciated.

The board also bid a fond farewell to Alan O. Wilson, past Board Member and Chair. Alan provided more than a

decade of service as a member of the planning Board. His solid leadership, fair-minded advice, and generous support to other members, applicants, and Townspeople, made him an inspiration to the entire Board.

In 2017, the board was pleased to welcome Sam Sherman and Lucy Morrison to the Board. Sam previously served on the Planning Board, and his return brings the benefits of his knowledge and experience. Previously the clerk for the Planning Board, Lucy now serves all island towns as a staff member for the Martha's Vineyard Commission. She was elected as a Planning Board member last April at the annual election. Due to Lucy's departure we are fortunate to have hired Douglas Finn, in March as our new Clerk. Doug is extremely well versed in all aspects of the Planning Board and recently served as Interim Town Administrator, Deerfield, MA.

Additional thanks go to all Town departments, who continued to provide invaluable information, advice, and cooperation this year.

The Board generally meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room – 1st Floor, Town Hall, except in February when most members take their vacations. As always, the Planning Board welcomes attendance at their meetings and encourages residents with questions or suggestions to correspond with Doug Finn, Clerk or Georgiana Greenough, Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Board  
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MICHAEL MCCOURT  
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*\*Robert "Coo" Cavallo passed away unexpectedly on January 1, 2018 at the age of 65. He served as chair of the Planning Board for two of the largest projects in the history of the town. Coo was a problem solver, a great communicator, and was highly regarded in the community.*

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## 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 2017:

*[The numbers that appear in brackets after the applicant's name represent the town's assessor's map and lot numbers]*

- 43-16 WILLOUGHBY [29A-27] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to remove a duplex and construct a new main house and guest house was approved.
- 44-16 KAHL [11B-10] a special permit for an accessory apartment under 11.19 was granted.
- 45-16 SHANE [29A-26.1] a special permit for an addition to a nonconforming structure under 11.9 (f) was granted.
- 1-17 HURLEY [20C-4.11] a special permit under 11.9(f) for the construction of a new nonconforming garage with living space above was approved.
- 2-17 EJB MUSKODAY [36-136] a special permit under 11.9(f) and 5.2(c) to demolish and rebuild a two-family residence was granted with conditions.
- 3-17 TOPPING [21-134.4] a special permit under 11.9 (f) for the construction of a swimming pool was granted with conditions.
- 4-17 BUHRMAN d.b.a. BACK PORCH LARDER [24-2.14] a variance to 10.A 1 K to allow the retail sales of food was granted with conditions.
- 5-17 SYDNEY II [20D-214.1] a special permit to construct a 14-room inn with staff housing was granted with conditions.
- 6-17 ENRICO [11A-53] a special permit to convert a shed into a detached bedroom under 11.9(f) was granted.
- 7-17 BATISTA [22-1.219] a special permit to construct a garage on a nonconforming lot under 11.9(f) was granted with conditions.
- 8-17 CULBERT [34-29] a special permit for a garage/studio under 11.9 (f) was granted with conditions.
- 8A-17 FIELDING [20C-76.1 & 76.2] a special permit to allow the construction of additions to a two-family dwelling under 11.9 (f) was granted.
- 9-17 SKAAR [47-19] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a replacement dwelling on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.
- 10-17 MONTEIRO d.b.a WASH ASHORE OYSTER & TAP [20D-116.1] a special permit under 11.12 and 9.2 (c) for a restaurant with outdoor seating was granted with conditions.
- 11-17 MV TACO SHACK [20D-347.11] a request to amend a special permit to allow expanded hours of operation was granted with conditions.
- 12-17 AMARAL [11B-167] a special permit to construct a garage with storage above on a preexisting, nonconforming lot under section 11.9(f) was granted with conditions.
- 13-17 CREAN [22-3] a request to convert a garage to a guesthouse was permitted under 11.9 (f).
- 14-17 KELLEY [44-30] a special permit to construct a new dwelling, pool, and garage on a preexisting, nonconforming lot under 11.9(f) was granted with conditions.
- 15-17 HONEYCUTT [11-68] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a garage on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 16-17 CRAVE/BLACK [21-143] a special permit under 11.9(f) for a garage was granted.
- 17-17 MacPHAIL d.b.a. SLICE OF EDGARTOWN [20D-308] a request for a special permit to expand an existing pizzeria under 9.2 (c) was granted with conditions.
- 18-17 PUTNAM [20C-190.2] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct additions to an existing residence on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.
- 19-17 McPHERSON [20C-117] an amendment to a special permit to allow the construction of a garage with detached bedroom was granted.
- 20-17 WALSH [10-68] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to enclose an existing nonconforming deck was granted.
- 21-17 LOOK [21-38.11] a request for a special permit to construct a duplex under section 5.2 (a) was withdrawn.
- 22-17 CARABOOLAD [20D-59] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a two-story addition, relocate garage, and spa was denied.
- 23-17 GOGGINS [44-15] a special permit under 11.3 (B) 3 to expand an existing second floor deck was granted.
- 24-17 BARNES [30-93] a request to construct two temporary storage sheds under 11.10 was denied.
- 25-17 MONTIERO [20D-116.1] a request to amend a special permit to allow additional outdoor seating under 11.12 was granted.
- 26-17 MILAN [10-59] a request for a swimming pool under 11.9 (e) & (f) was withdrawn.

- 27-17 HAJJAR [20D-56] a special permit under 6.2 (a) to convert a single-family residence back to an inn was granted.
- 28-17 NOEKER [45-36] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to expand a nonconforming structure on a preexisting nonconforming lot was approved.
- 29-17 PALLETT [20C-184] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to allow the construction of a swimming pool and a garage with office above was granted with conditions.
- 30-17 WINTER ST. MV [20D-111.1] a special permit under 11.3 (B) to allow the expansion of a second floor deck and other improvements was granted.
- 31-17 BONVENTRE [20D-90] a request to construct a replacement cottage was withdrawn.
- 32-17 MARCHESE [20D-17] a special permit under 11.9(f) to construct additions and install a swimming pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 33-17 HOLZWARTH/BLOMMER [36-319] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a replacement dwelling, garage, and pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.
- 34-17 JOHNSON [20C-210] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to demolish and rebuild a two-family dwelling was granted.
- 35-17 EJB MUSKODAY [36-136] a modification to a special permit to allow living space in a basement was approved.
- 36-17 SYDNEY REALTY TR. [20D- 214] a request to modify the wording and the construction schedule in a previous special permit was approved with conditions.
- 37-17 LeBLOND [22-1.235] a request for a special permit under section 11.9 (f) to allow the construction of a master bedroom addition on a preexisting nonconforming lot was granted.
- 38-17 NOEKER [45-36] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to further expand a nonconforming structure on a preexisting nonconforming lot was approved.
- 39-17 GIACALONE [45-6] a special permit under 11.9(f) for the reconstruction of a single-family dwelling was granted.
- 40-17 ZEYTOONJIAN [29A-12.4] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construction additions on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
- 41-17 VASCONCELOS [11A-393] a special permit for the construction of an accessory apartment section 11.19 was granted with conditions.
- 42-17 STEELE [20D-263.1] a variance to 6.4 to permit the adjustment of a lot line was granted with conditions.
- 43-17 BALAY [20D-263.2] a variance to 6.4 to permit the adjustment of a lot line was granted with conditions.
- 44-17 WYMAN [22-133.15] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to permit the reconstruction of a single-family dwelling and garage was approved with conditions.
- 45-17 JACKSON [36-85] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to permit the construction of an attached garage with master suite above on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved with conditions.
- 46-17 AUDET [44-13] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to allow the construction of a two-story addition on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.
- 47-17 STRAYTON [34-197] an appeal of the building inspector's decision relative to a wifi antenna was denied.
- 48-17 DIXON [20D-165] a special permit to demolish and rebuild a guest house was approved.

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. 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 2017 was a demanding one for The MVC. Along with completing reviews and decisions on projects; large scale planning efforts were also at the forefront.

The Commission's major planning focus for 2017 again focused on the control and removal of nitrogen from island great ponds and the provision of housing for island residents. The Commission also considered important planning issues such as services to elderly residents, revisions to the DRI water quality policy, the development of an Island-wide economic and demographic database, and a database of historical structures.

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 2017 were Jim Verrucose of Aquitania, 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 Commission's website: [www.mvcommission.org](http://www.mvcommission.org).

### **COMMISSION FOCUS 2017**

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

**Testing** - Commission staff completed the third year of extensive testing of the island ponds. Sampling was conducted in multiple locations in 16 island ponds. Samples were collected that demonstrated 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. A comprehensive report was completed in February 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 in early 2018.

**Water Quality Policy** - A wastewater subcommittee was established and began evaluating the Mpc ten-year-old DRI water quality policy. The committee evaluated data results, technologies, and recent DRI approvals. The subcommittee is in the process of developing their report to the full

commission along with recommendations for amendment of the policy.

#### **Provision of Housing**

A major focus of 2017 was the continuing effort to address the Island's housing needs. The Commission obtained funding to enable the Towns to collectively hire consultants to assist them in individually developing Housing Production Plans, or Hespera, that quantify and number and type of housing units for each Town and their potential general locations. MVC staff and the All-Island Planning Board developed a scope of work designed to permit each town to consider and complete an HOOPA that reflected their needs and focus. The Planning Boards hired two experienced firms to lead the project.

Each Town held a series of workshops assessing the Town's housing needs, developing housing goals and policies, and identifying implementation methods specific to the Town. Completed production plans were provided to the Planning Boards and Boards of Selectmen.

Staff has received further funding toward assisting the Towns in implementing their Hespera.

The project was funded by the Commission and the State Department of Housing and Community Development. Reports and background documents are found at [www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan](http://www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan).

#### **Healthy Aging Task Force**

During the later portions of 2017, the Commission collaborated with the Health Aging Task Force to provide technical services for fact collection and 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 groups strategic goals.

#### **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.

#### **Inventory of Historical Structures**

In 2017, the MVC began the process of scanning, cataloging and organizing historic structure surveys into a searchable database that will include each historic structure on the Island. The database will be based on the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) database, with additional information to be obtained from the Massachusetts Historical Commission's

inventory forms, and possible from additional on-site survey work. The second objective of this project is to start outlining another round of historical inventories, including the expanded portion of the Edgartown Historic District and Chappaquiddick, to be carried out in coming years.

### **Herbicide Spraying**

The MVC worked with the Towns of Edgartown, Tisbury and Oak Bluffs to investigate the permitting and spraying of herbicides along the electricity line rights of way on the Island by Eversource. The MVC corresponded with both Eversource and the Department of Agricultural Resources, the State department in charge of approving herbicide applications. The MVC also worked with Protect our Cape Cod Aquifer (POCCA) to try to prevent the herbicide application in 2017. MVC staff and the Tisbury Board of Health agent met with Eversource representatives to have the procedures and practices more fully explained. Eversource has agreed to meet with the Island Board of Health agents and MVC Commissioners to discuss application methods in the future.

### **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 assessing data. In 2017, some of the major mapping efforts included linking of town water & sewer data to the town's parcel data and preparing the Island's trail network data for use in an upcoming trail app.

### **Finances**

The Commission's FY2017 income was \$1,580,475, of which 64.1% came from town assessments, 32.8% from grants and contracts, and 3.1% from other sources. The Commission received 512,000 in grant funding, a 41% increase over the previous fiscal year. FY 17 Expenses were \$1,555,086 of which 55.2% was for salaries, 23.8% for salary-related costs, 8.0% was for 3rd party consultants, and 13.0% 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 2017, 48 projects were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows: **11** were full DRI's reviewed with public hearings that were approved with conditions; **0** were a full DRI reviewed with public hearings that were denied; **8** were minor modifications of existing DRI's that were approved and remanded back to their towns without a DRI public hearing review; **4** were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence review that were sent back to their towns

without DRI public hearing review; **2** were previously approved DRI's returning to LUPC for approval of their landscape plan; **3** projects were withdrawn before a decision was made; **7** are on hold at the applicant's request; **5** are still under review; **2** previously approved DRI's were granted extensions; **5** were projects approved in December 2016 that had written decisions finalized in January 2017; and **1** project that was referred did not trigger DRI review. Additionally, a number of previously approved DRI's were reviewed for compliance with DRI conditions.

The MVC also adopted a revised DRI Checklist (Version 13) that became effective on April 15, 2017.

### **Economic Development**

**Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC Staff continued to provide technical assistance to complete the *Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan Phase II*. MVC Staff assisted Oak Bluffs in drafting a Complete Streets Policy for adoption and received approved from MassDOT. MVC staff supported Tisbury's ongoing Visioning efforts including identifying grant opportunities such as Complete Streets and Mass Works.

- o Additional MVC Sponsored Webinars and Workshops:
  - MassDevelopment Workshops.
  - TA Connect Webinars:
    - Placemaking
    - Creative Economy, Innovation, & Technology
    - District Management Strategies for Downtowns
- o The MVC provides the towns, business community and public with economic and demographic information from federal and state sources while also responding to more than 400 requests for information.

**The Cost of a Decline in Water Quality:** MVC Staff has begun to quantify the Economic and Fiscal Implications to the Towns if Water Quality is not addressed by the Island.

### **Inter-regional Collaboration:**

- o **Statewide Population, Workforce, and Housing Projections:** MVC Staff in collaboration with MAPC, Cape Cod Commission, and Nantucket Planning & Economic Development Commission on Workforce Housing and Population Projections as part of Mass DOT's Transportation Plan for the Commonwealth. Christine Flynn and Bill Venno have participated in this process since 2017.
- o **Blue Economy:** MVC Staff supported the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce in an Island-wide Planning Session as well as attended the launch of the Blue Economy Foundation and Blue Economy Implementation Plan.
- o **Cape and Islands Workforce Investment Board Regional Planning Meetings:** MVC Staff participated in planning sessions related to enhancing workforce development and opportunities for the Cape and Islands region.

**Development of an Island Statistical Profile:** MVC staff developed a statistical profile of the Island with a focus on population, housing growth, economic conditions, jobs and

other metrics. The report not only considered current statistics, but also evaluated trends and other analysis. In 2018, the MVC will solicit input from the Towns to identify data and trends that are the most useful to Town Boards.

#### **Affordable Housing:**

**Housing Production Plan:** Along with the five other towns on the Vineyard, Edgartown participated in a process to produce a Housing Production Plan (HPP) in 2017. The HPP includes an assessment of the Town's housing needs, goals to assist with meeting those needs, and strategies toward achieving the goals. A series of three workshops were held at the Harborview Hotel to solicit public opinions about the future of affordable housing in Edgartown. The Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen have been working with the MVC to finalize the document in 2018. Reports and background documents can be found at: [www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan](http://www.mvcommission.org/housing-production-plan).

**FY 2017 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):** MVC Staff worked with Edgartown's consultant to provide supplemental materials and coordinated Public Hearings for FY 2017 CDBG Grant Application of approximately \$1.2 million which was awarded in July 2017. Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, the two CDBG lead communities for Dukes County, were awarded over \$2 million for the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Childcare Subsidy Program. Both programs assist individuals and families that are income qualified earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) which for an individual is \$46,000 and a family of four is \$65,500. The town of Edgartown, along with Aquinnah, West Tisbury, and Gosnold, was awarded \$1,207,147 in funding to rehabilitate 25 homes providing 0% interest deferred payment forgivable loans. The funds will also assist low to moderate income families pay for childcare, allowing parents to work and go to school knowing that their children are safe and well-cared for. The town of Oak Bluffs, along with Tisbury, was awarded \$921,014 to rehabilitate approximately 21 homes and provide childcare assistance. (Chilmark has to sit out of the CDBG Applications for the next two years.)

**FY 2018 CDBG Funding:** MVC Staff will continue to assist the Towns and grantwriter Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd Associates with the CDBG application process.

#### **GIS:**

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

**Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC cartography staff maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS (Geographic Information System) spatial data warehouse. The MVC uses the GIS to provide data to Towns, consulting groups working on Town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. In 2017, the cartography staff focused on

updating the open space data. In particular, identifying the year each property was acquired into conservation.

**GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, and technical support via phone and email.

**Assistance to MVC Planning Projects and Island-Wide Efforts:** Several Towns began to update their Open Space Plans this year. The MVC provided maps to assist with those efforts. Also, the mapping department prepared the Island-wide trails network data for use in an upcoming Trails App to be released by the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation in 2018.

**Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning:** The MVC works with towns, the Commonwealth, and federal agencies on planning coastal areas, ocean conservation and development, and mitigating natural hazards.

**Climate Change Adaptation:** The MVC continued technical work and outreach on impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, and related mitigation strategies. The main challenge here is preparing to adapt to coming changes with vulnerability assessments and mitigation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency. MVC staff assisted 3 towns with successful applications for the MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) project to strategize and prioritize mitigation actions for climate change adaptation. MVC staff continues to assist the three towns.

**Hazard Management:** The *Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes management tools as well as keeping the towns eligible for federal funding of mitigation projects. Mitigation measures were highlighted and discussed in various planning sessions. MVC staff tracked progress in preparation for the next update.

**Wetlands Vulnerability and Adaptation:** MVC Staff continued assessing the vulnerability of wetlands to the impacts of climate change, particularly inundation. MVC Staff and others are prioritizing vulnerable wetlands to target for protection and continued assessment, and continued a program of sophisticated wetland elevation monitoring to assess wetlands' abilities to grow in height as sea level rises. Measurements were recorded at the first monitoring station at Felix Neck, hosted by Mass Audubon with funding from the Friends of Sengekontacket and Edey Foundation.

**Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. In 2017, the group participated in development and review of the Northeast Ocean Plan.

**Martha's Vineyard Wind Energy Area:** The MVC, towns, and Tribe kept in close contact with the leaseholders for wind development south of Martha's Vineyard. MVC staff participated (for the MVC Chair) in the BOEM – State- Towns Task Force to keep this partnership up to

date. MVC staff participated in planning for transmission for the projects to be developed.

**Collaboration:** The Commission facilitates collaboration on many fronts.

**Education and Training:** The Commission hosted courses and information sessions on topics of interest to town officials, the business community, and members of the general public.

The MVC helped sponsor the *Living Local* event for the third year. *Living Local* promotes sustainability in lifestyle choices.

**Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates meetings of town boards and other organizations to foster exchange of information and collaboration, such as the Joint Affordable Housing Group and Island Conservation Commissions. MVC Staff participated in meetings of the All-Island planning boards and supported an effort initiated by the All-Island Selectmen to improve taxi regulations.

### **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:** The Commission facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the County, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), MVC Staff, and the Airport and MassDOT as Ex-Officio Members, to coordinate Island transportation planning. In 2017, the JTC met to formulate, discuss, release for public comment, and approve the certification documents required to continue to qualify for federal and state funding for transportation projects in the region. The certification documents developed in 2017 included the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2018-2022. The UPWP and TIP are produced annually on Martha's Vineyard. In addition, the Martha's Vineyard Public Participation Plan (PPP) was developed to provide an overview of transportation planning and outline the public process.

**Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):** The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes federal aid projects to implement within available federal and state funds. In Federal Fiscal Year 2017, **\$643,418** in federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. **The 2017 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects:**

- **Correllus State Forest Path Resurfacing – Phase 1 #608529**

In January 2017, due to project readiness of the Beach Road project, the JTC amended the funding to support the resurfacing of the paths in the Correllus State Forest.

MVC Staff continues planning support toward resurfacing of the Correllus State Forest paths with the Department of Conservation Resources, MassDOT, and the Towns. An endangered species evaluation was conducted of which none were identified. The project went out to bid in December of 2017. Work is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2018.

- **Bus Purchases**

In November 2017, the JTC amended the FFY 2019 element of the TIP for use of 5339 – Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (LoNo) funds in the amount of \$1,200,000. The monies will be flexed from FHWA-to-FTA for use by the VTA to purchase a 35-ft electric bus and an energy storage system.

- **Bicycle-Pedestrian Network Improvements**

Two links in the island planned shared use path (SUP) network are under design, both are along **Beach Road, one section in Tisbury and the other begins at the Lagoon Pond Bridge heading into Oak Bluffs** to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The 75% design plans for the Beach Road project were submitted to the Town in 2017.

**Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC):** MVC staffs the BPAC, an advisory committee to the JTC and the wider community on bicycling and pedestrian matters. The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) members continued efforts and support toward improved facilitation of bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements in their respective towns.

**Complete Streets:** MVC Regional Planner has assisted the Towns of Tisbury (Tier 3), West Tisbury (Tier 2) and Oak Bluffs (Tier 2) in adopting a complete streets policy.

**Trails Planning:** A portion of the MVC Senior Planner's time is contracted by the Land Bank to work with towns and landowners to protect and extend the Island's trail network.

**Data Collection:** During 2017, MVC staff conducted automatic traffic recording counts at various locations, and performed Turning Movement Counts at some intersections. Summer interns continue to build a historical database for the MVC.

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

**Massachusetts Estuaries Project:** For more than a decade, the MVC provided extensive water quality testing and land use data analysis as a basis for the Commonwealth's Mass Estuaries Project, which prepares detailed models of water quality problems in coastal ponds and helps identify the most cost-effective way to solve them. In 2017, the MEP completed final reports for Menemsha and Squibnocket Ponds. MVC Staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Committee, the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.

**Water Testing:** MVC Staff took water samples of the following ponds: Farm, Sengekontacket, Lagoon, Tashmoo, Edgartown Great, Chilmark, Katama, Cape Pogue, Pocha, Tisbury Great, James, Menemsha, Squibnocket and Oak Bluffs Harbor. MVC staff collected samples for analysis with the Dartmouth School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). Results will be compared with data used for the analysis and recommendations of the MEP to determine the status of the coastal ponds.

**Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Resources Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly at the MVC offices, and all Island pond advisory committees.

**Groundwater Monitoring:** In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Water Resources Planner measures groundwater elevation at nine well sites around the island monthly, and maintains a database of this information.

**Edey Funding:** The MVC received an Edey grant to partner with the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST). The main focus of this partnership is to consolidate all historic and present nutrient related water quality data into a unified database for our most impaired watersheds, Lagoon Pond, Lake Tashmoo, Sengekontacket, and Edgartown Great Ponds. This database will serve as a baseline and allow synthesis and analysis of the almost two decades of water quality data that has been collected. As the Towns and the MVC move forward with implementation, there is a need to unify all of these data sets in order to gauge improvements, as well as meet the compliance monitoring criteria of the estuary specific nutrient Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) developed by the MassDEP.

#### **Collaboration and Education:**

**Island Collaboration:** The MVC facilitates and participates in many joint meetings of Town boards and organizations to foster the exchange of information. Among these were the Joint Affordable Housing Task Force, All-Island Boards of Selectmen, Island Conservation Commissions, and the MV Water Alliance.

**Education and Training:** The Commission hosted 2-hour workshops targeted to planning boards and ZBAs, but also open to the public. Two workshops from the Citizen Planner Training Collaborative – *Special Permits and Variances*, and *Municipal Vulnerability and Resilience Planning* – were brought to the Island.

**MARPA:** The Commission is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies. The thirteen RPAs that form MARPA are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MARPA meets monthly to discuss legislation, programs, and funding with senior Commonwealth officials.

**State Socio-economic Projections:** Staff joined representatives from other regional planning agencies to review and comment on the State's efforts to develop new population and workforce housing forecasts out to the year 2040.

Ostensibly for use in long-range transportation planning, the state's methodology revealed a couple of significant erroneous assumptions for the Cape and Islands that would have greatly under-projected the areas' population growth and housing stock/affordability. The final projections are to be released in spring 2018.

**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. The commission is charged with making recommendations over a four-year period to enhance the economic vitality of the Commonwealth's rural communities and advance the health and well-being of its rural residents. (FYI, the state has defined rural as having populations of no more than 500 people per square mile – which excludes Oak Bluffs and Tisbury). The RPAC has been looking at the characteristics of rural communities and reported on its conclusions. <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 Secretariat of Energy and Environmental Affairs. MVC Staff assisted the Edgartown Harbor Planning Group to submit the updated Edgartown Harbor Plan for renewal of approval.

**Trapp's Pond:** MVC staff participated in MEPA review of a proposed private bridge replacement crossing part of Trapp's Pond. When the main culvert connecting Trapp's to Sengekontacket Pond is replaced, there will be more flow. The new project must accommodate that increased flow.

**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 to Edgartown's marshes.

**Dredge Plan:** MVC staff is updating the Dredge Plan for the Town's Dredge Committee. This extensive product includes a detailed evaluation of existing conditions, identification of the infrastructure used in the dredging program as well as a discussion and analysis of future issues. The plan will be completed in early 2018.

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

- MVC staff worked with the Edgartown's consultant to provide supplemental materials and coordinated Public Hearing for FY 2017 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$1.2 million dollars which was awarded in July 2017.
- MVC Staff will continue to assist Edgartown with the FY 2018 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 has applied for a second year of CPA funding for 2018 ATM.
- MVC Staff offered assistance to the Affordable Housing Committee to help plan the future of the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

#### **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**

The MVC continues to be the place of record for maps and other geographic data. In preparation for Edgartown's Open Space Plan, the MVC continued to update and enhance the open space and trails databases. Now, for most conservation properties, the year acquired has been obtained. The trails data has been prepared for inclusion in an interactive Trail Map which will be released by the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation in 2018.

To assist the mission of the Historic District Commission, the MVC analyzed the Massachusetts Historical Commission's database vs. the Assessor's database in an effort to identify and prioritize those buildings that should be inventoried for inclusion into the MHC's database.

#### **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 Planners provided traffic impact analyses for the Stop & Shop Expansion on Upper Main Street.
- **Data Collection:** As part of the MassDOT Regional Planning Agency Traffic Counting Program, the MVC conducted traffic counts at several locations in Edgartown throughout the year. Shared-Use Path counts for bicyclists as well as intersection Turning Movement Counts were also conducted.

**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, 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. Water Resource Planner collaborates and shares sampling data with Great Pond Foundation. Oyster specimens were collected from Edgartown Great Pond

and Katama Bay for nitrogen analysis in conjunction with SMAST research project.

- **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**

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

In 2017, **11** projects in Edgartown were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows:

**3** were full DRI's reviewed with public hearings that were approved with conditions:

- Edgartown Stop & Shop Expansion (DRI 429-M2): Proposal to construct approximately 17,432 sf of additions to the existing 25,259 sf main Stop & Shop Supermarket building, plus the demolition and reconstruction of a slightly larger Rockland Trust Bank, and significant site work. *Referred on January 26, 2017; approved by the MVC on December 14, 2017, written decision under review.*
- Chappy Permanent Tower (DRI 662-M): Remove the existing temporary monopole tower and WISP antenna and replace them with a Personal Wireless Service Facility including a 115-foot tall monopole, or "monopine," with antennas and associated equipment. *Referred on July 20, 2017; approved by the MVC on December 21, 2017, written decision under review.*
- Airport Gas Station (DRI 441-M3): Construction and operation of a retail gasoline station with a convenience store and car wash in the Martha's Vineyard Airport Business Park. The fuel operation will consist of four pump islands with eight gas dispensers located under a solar canopy with both gasoline and diesel pumps at all four pump islands. A single bay car wash with water reclamation, and a 2,435 sf convenience store with an attendant area, manager's office, two public handicap accessible bathrooms and a carwash equipment room were included in the proposal. *Referred on November 24, 2017; approved by the MVC on December 14, 2017.*

**3** projects were approved with conditions in December 2016 and had written decisions finalized in January 2017:

- Sydney Hotel (DRI 669): construction of a new 10,000 gsf two-story addition with a full basement on a vacant lot with 14 rooms, five employee housing units, and two retail shops connected to the existing Sydney Hotel.

*Approved by the MVC on December 15, 2016; written decision approved January 5, 2017, signed January 19, 2017.*

- Vineyard Decorators (DRI 369-M3): proposal to add a 4,518 sf warehouse addition to an existing 12,504 sf existing home furnishing store for furniture storage, loading docks and processing area. *Approved by the MVC on December 15, 2016; written decision approved January 5, 2017, signed January 19, 2017.*
- Wavelengths As Is Modification (DRI 623-M3): modifications to an approved, but improperly constructed 5,309 sf mixed-use building in order to bring it as close to what was originally approved as possible. The structure has larger dormers on the third floor, a third floor balcony that was moved from the back to the side, an elevator appurtenance was added, as well as different windows and landscaping plan. *Approved by the MVC on December 15, 2016; written decision approved on January 5, 2017, signed January 19, 2017.*

**3** projects are on hold at the applicant's request:

- Edgartown Marine (DRI 259-M3): Remove the five existing buildings on the property and replace them with three new storage barns that will encompass all of the existing uses on the property. The proposal also includes three small homes to be leased to employees to be built on an as-needed basis. *Referred on November 4, 2016; on hold at the request of the applicant.*
- Chambers ANR (C.R. 5-2017): Proposal to divide two narrow lots on 2.63 acres into four lots. *Referred on April 24, 2017; on hold due to an ANR appeal.*
- Harborview Hotel (DRI 614-M5): Modification to DRI 614. The proposed additions will not be constructed. The Main Hotel rooms will not be converted to two bedroom suites and the first floor function space will not be increased. The Mayhew building will remain and be converted from single bedroom units to two-bedroom units. Two of the proposed cottages will not be constructed. *Referred on July 25, 2017; on hold at the request of the applicant.*

**2** projects were referred and are still under review at year's end:

- VTA Solar (DRI 524-M4): Installation of rooftop photovoltaic panels and solar canopies at the VTA site in the Airport Business Park. *Self-referred on November 15, 2017; under review.*
- Vineyard Golf Learning Facility (DRI 484-M8): Proposal to add a structure where instructors can teach students. *Referred on December 20, 2017; under review*

#### **Commissioners**

GAIL BARMAKIAN

Appointed by the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectman

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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 22% received in 2017.

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 2017 Town Meeting approved the following articles:

- Total of \$880,000 appropriated and set aside for further expenditures in FY18.
- \$90,000 for Dukes County Regional Housing Authority rental assistance for Edgartown residents.
- \$82,600 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.
- \$40,000 for further restoration of historic gravestones in Edgartown.
- \$39,250 for conservation and restoration of the 19th Century Undertaker's Wagon owned by the MV Museum.
- \$25,000 for the restoration and protective display of fire fighting artifacts at the Edgartown Fire Museum.

- \$10,000 to restore and preserve the permanent collection at the Old Sculpin Gallery, which has been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic Commission.
- \$20,000 for improvements to the main building at the Robinson Road Recreation Area.
- \$30,000 for engineering study of the bulkhead at North Wharf.
- \$125,000 for 50% of the extreme repairs and capital improvements to the bulkhead at the Finger Piers.
- \$50,000 for engineering for the restoration of the Katama Boat Ramp.
- Last but not least the sum of \$1,500,000 from Historic Preservation and Open Space for the acquisition of the Yellow House on Main Street.

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. I would also like to thank Alan Wilson for his term on the committee as the representative from the Planning Board and welcome Michael McCourt as the new representative. I also thank our assistant, Kristy Rose, for her work with this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman  
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## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

At the Annual Town Meeting two years ago, the voters of Edgartown overwhelmingly supported the preservation and protection of the architectural heritage of the village by approving an expansion of the Edgartown Historic District, doubling the area of the boundaries as approved in 1987. This larger District, combined with a robust number of building permit applications, has increased the project reviews conducted by the Historic District Commission by nearly 140%. In 2017, the HDC issued 109 Certificates of Appropriateness, including 37 applications which were granted expedited approvals.

The Edgartown Historic District Commission again wishes to thank the people of Edgartown for their continuing commitment to preserving places of historical significance in Edgartown. Last year, citizens voted to acquire and restore the iconic 18th century Capt. Pease House (the "Yellow House") on Main Street. The HDC has worked with a town-appointed committee to draft a Request for Proposals for the revitalization of this key historic structure in the heart of Edgartown's commercial district. We look forward to the building's new life, once again contributing to the vitality of our downtown.

It is a goal of the Historic District Commission to assist property owners in achieving their project objectives,

while preserving the District's unique qualities for the enjoyment and appreciation of generations to come. The HDC encourages collaboration between the Edgartown residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations to promote heritage tourism, which contributes to the town's economic strength and cultural prominence. The Commission recognizes the outstanding contributions toward historical preservation and from time to time provides certificates of appreciation.

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,

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Yellow House

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## 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 and Martha's Vineyard and Duke's County. The Compact's mission is to serve our 200,000 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**

Electricity pricing in 2017 was less volatile than prior years due to relatively stable natural gas prices, which resulted in lower and more stable electricity pricing overall. Worth noting is that, unlike in years past, residential and commercial pricing for June through December was higher than for January through June due to increased capacity market costs beginning in June 2017. The capacity market is managed by New England's bulk power grid operator, ISO New England, and is designed to ensure that enough electric generation capacity is built and available to provide power when called upon to meet peak demand. Capacity market costs are paid for by all New England electricity customers through their power supply prices.

The most notable change in the Compact's power supply program is that, in January 2017, the Compact went 100% green! Being a green aggregation means that 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.

The Compact also selected a new residential supplier, NextEra Energy Services of Massachusetts (NextEra), who has been serving the Compact's commercial customers since 2014, which means that all of the Compact's residential, commercial, and industrial customers are now

served by NextEra. In addition to being the Compact's green aggregation supplier, NextEra pledged to deposit all premiums paid for 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. Now, by purchasing electricity through the Compact, all Compact power supply customers are supporting renewable energy and acting locally to combat climate change. The Compact is proud that our residential price under the new green aggregation program was lower than Eversource's basic residential pricing for all of 2017.

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

As of December 2017, the Compact had approximately 4,390 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 2017, the Compact continued its focus on grid modernization, reviewing the plans submitted by the utilities in August 2015. The Compact was granted full intervenor status in 2016 in Eversource's grid modernization plan review docket at the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), which allowed the Compact to take an active role in the adjudicatory review process of the plan. This included retaining experts to analyze Eversource's plan and present expert witness testimony, submitting information requests to Eversource, and submitting briefs. The Compact expects the DPU to issue a decision on the matter in 2018.

In January 2017, Eversource filed a rate case with the DPU, which is the first fully litigated rate case since the 1980's. This will determine the charges that Eversource is allowed to impose on the distribution side of the electric bill, which will affect all residents and businesses on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. The Compact was granted full

party status in this proceeding as well. The Compact has several concerns with the proposal, as it decreases customers' ability to manage their bills by imposing increased customer charges and introducing demand charges for customers that did not previously have demand charges. Increased customer charges and demand charges decrease the incentive to participate in energy efficiency programs and install behind the meter generation. Eversource sought a 10.5% return on equity as part of the rate case, which is higher than the national average for a regulated utility. In their revised filing on June 1, 2017, Eversource proposed 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. The Compact opposed this shift, because charges incurred to serve those customers should be paid for by those customers and not subsidized by Eastern MA residential customers.

On November 30, 2017, the DPU issued the first rate case Order which allowed a 10% return on equity, approved energy storage pilot projects in Wellfleet and Martha's Vineyard, and approved an electric vehicle charging infrastructure buildout, among other decisions. The DPU did not approve the other aspects of Eversource's proposed Grid Modernization Base Commitment, instead stating that those would be decided as part of the grid modernization docket, a decision consistent with separation of the rate case and grid modernization dockets that the Compact and other parties advocated for. All rate design-related issues, including the Western to Eastern MA cost shifting, increased customer and demand charges, and the Monthly Minimum Reliability Charge for net-metered

customers will be decided in the second Order, expected by the end of December 2017. The Compact will inform stakeholders of the DPU decisions on the rate case once the review of the decisions is completed.

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**

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 (\$0.02301 for residential customers and \$0.01823 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 all-island 5th grade Solar Car Race held in June. In addition, the Compact supported educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the Grange Hall in October.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL PIMENTEL  
Edgartown Representative

Jan - Dec 2017	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	11	\$2,240.00	11,200	\$15,356.11
Residential	387	\$62,837.00	314,185	\$372,154.25
Commercial	35	\$27,475.00	137,375	\$35,563.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>\$92,552.00</b>	<b>462,760</b>	<b>\$423,074.21</b>

# NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

## SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

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

The 2017 Wild Commercial Shellfish catch was worth \$1,207,459 in the following categories:

Bay Scallops 7,260 Bushels .....	\$946,800
Clams.(Steamers) 87 Bushels .....	\$17,943
Oysters 1,345 Bushels.....	\$134,500
Quahogs 671 Bushels.....	\$108,216
Total wholesale value of wild commercial shellfisheries.....	<b>\$1,207,459</b>

Oyster Farmers in Edgartown harvested 10,000 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 Towns Shellfish Propagation Program.

Total wholesale value of Farm Raised Oysters .....	<b>\$2,400,000</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 .....	509 Bushels .....	\$97,728
Clams (Steamers).....	61 Bushels .....	\$11,895
Oysters .....	290 Bushels .....	\$52,200
Quahogs .....	743 Bushels .....	\$133,740
Total Retail Value of Recreational Shellfish Caught 2017.....		<b>\$ 306,951</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 .....	7,356.....	8 .....	0.....	352
Calebs Pond .....	16.....	2 .....	19.....	12
Edg. Harbor.....	51.....	5 .....	0.....	7
Edg. Great Pond.....	0.....	12 .....	1,052.....	0
Eel Pond.....	2.....	8 .....	12.....	9
Katama Bay.....	87.....	18 .....	37.....	823
Oyster Pond.....	0.....	0 .....	0.....	0
Poucha Pond .....	3.....	3 .....	4.....	8
Sengekontacket .....	254.....	92 .....	511.....	203
Trapps Pond .....	0.....	0 .....	0.....	0

All reporting is in U.S. 8 gallon Bushels. Edgartown Harbor includes both inner and outer harbor areas.

2017 started out with 15-30 boats a day harvesting bay scallops primarily from Cape Pogue. There was a healthy amount of scallop seed found in the bay as well so Cape Pogue was closed a month early on February 28, 2017. Because scallops only live to be only two years old, it takes two bay scallop crops to make a really good banner year. With a good amount of scallops in Cape Pogue it was decided to open a week early on October 23, 2017. This was fortunate for the commercial fishermen after the first of November the price dropped from \$20.00/lb. down to \$10.00/lb., this was because other towns in New England had bay scallops as well. On March 1, 2017 we started commercial harvest of Oysters from Sengekontacket and then in April switched to harvesting Edgartown Great Pond oysters until the close of the season at the end of April. During the spring and summer most of the commercial quahogging was done in Sengekontacket and Cape Pogue 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,

The oyster farms in Katama Bay & Middle Flats had a good season with good growth and survival only 3 cases of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, Vp for short, were reported unfortunately 2 occurred on the same day triggering a 7 day closure in September.

The Shellfish Department's oyster farm on Majors cove was productive another 500,000 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 to aid in the Nitrogen removal for that pond.

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group had another 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 2 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 2017. 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 year’s harvest but it will not be as good as the 2016-2017 bay scallop season. 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 from July 1-6 & 25-31, August 19- 27, 2017. 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 its’ water quality monitoring program and used their dredge Nessie to clean out the channel by the opening at Edgartown Great Pond.

The was no Commercial soft-shelled clam harvest this summer but we are hopeful that we can have one next year.

Edgartown Great Pond was opened, to the ocean, on the following dates in 2017:

March 25 - May 5 Salinity rose from 12 to 28 parts per thousand.

July 22 Failed attempt closed overnight.

August 2 - Aug12 Salinity rose from 12 to 27. October 21 - Oct 27 Salinity rose from 16 to 27.

The Town participated in the MDMF quahog depuration program this year on September 19th, 20th & 21st. 300 bushels of quahogs were transplanted from Mount Hope Bay to Sengekontacket to purge and then spawn. This area will be open 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.

Administratively it was a busy year with enforcement and a rewriting of Rules and Regulations for shellfish, as well as a public hearing process for aquaculture areas in Cape Pogue, which was turned down. Personnel in 2017: Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall Year round Deputies: Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison and Peter Jackson Jr. 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 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL L. BAGNALL  
Shellfish Constable  
Marine Biologist  
Herring Warden

## SHELLFISH LICENSES

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

The following categories of Shellfish Licenses were issued for the 2017 season:

### FAMILY

Family Resident –262 at \$50 .....\$13,100.00  
(731 Free Licenses for Residents over the age of 60.)

Non-Resident Family Licenses -

Non-Senior – 17 at \$250.....	\$4,250.00
Senior > 60 – 22 at \$125.....	\$2,750.00
	\$7,000.00

1 week Non-Resident Licenses–121 at \$50.00.....\$6,050.00  
Replacement Licenses – 10 at \$2.00.....\$ 20.00

**TOTAL FOR ALL FAMILY LICENSES.....\$ 26,170.00**

### COMMERCIAL

All Species - 54 at \$350.00.....\$18,900.00  
(59 Free Licenses for Residents over the age of 60)

### TOTAL FOR ALL

**COMMERCIAL LICENSES .....\$18,900.00**

### TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ALL

**CATEGORIES.....\$45,070.00**

Respectfully submitted,

KRISTY ROSE  
Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen



## SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

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

The Edgartown Shellfish Committee meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The meetings take place at the Edgartown Library at 4:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

The committee's goal is to monitor and improve the shellfish resources in the waters of Edgartown for all citizens.

### **The following activities were undertaken in 2017:**

The Shellfish Committee welcomed two new members in 2017. Madeline Fisher and Nick Turner joined the volunteer committee. We would like to thank Donald Benefit and Cooper Gilkes for their years of service on the committee. Their insight and commitment to shellfish has helped protect this precious resource for future generations.

Working with the Edgartown Shellfish Department the committee updated regulations and applications for both recreational and commercial shellfish license holders. The new regulations emphasize enforcement and a sustainable shellfish harvests.

Efforts continued to improve the Chappaquiddick Nursery with important maintenance and repairs. The nursery is instrumental in the successful spawning of millions of scallops and the propagation of steamers and quahogs. The committee expresses its gratitude to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank and the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group for the use of the property.

The Department raised 2.6 million quahogs in addition to another successful year with the Major's Cove oyster farm. 600,000 oysters were placed in the family areas.

Edgartown enjoyed another bountiful fall scallop season. The Shellfish Department observed an abundance of seed mixed with adults so hopes continue to be high for

a plentiful upcoming season. Due to new regulations and the tireless enforcement by the department, minimal violations occurred this season.

2017 saw the first Katama Bay aquaculture license transfer to the first position on the aquaculture waitlist. The committee unanimously approved the Sharples/Friedman transfer.

Katama Bay commercial oyster farms continue to be highly sustainable and highly beneficial to our delicate ecosystem.

Family recreational license holders continue to appreciate the efforts of the Shellfish Department's hard work with the abundance of shellfish in the family areas.

The Shellfish Committee held a public hearing in response to a State aquaculture license application for Cape Pogue. The committee chose to delay this specific application while future information is gathered.

In recognizing the success of aquaculture in Katama Bay and the current wait list for future aquaculture licenses, the Shellfish Committee is continuing its efforts to expand future aquaculture farm areas. These efforts include a comprehensive plan that identifies bodies of water that could sustain aquaculture.

It is with the Committee's careful consideration that continued strict enforcement is necessary to protect future shellfish harvests and the delicate island resource for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted:

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

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP

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

The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc. continued its programs to preserve and enhance the shellfish resources of Martha's Vineyard and the clean water they require. In 2017, our program received funding from the six Island towns, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Permanent Endowment Fund for Martha's Vineyard and many private donors. Highlights of our 2017 program are as follows:

### **Seed Shellfish Production for Municipal Enhancement**

In 2017, we produced over 12.5 million seed quahogs; remotely set 11 million eyed oyster larvae in both Tisbury and Edgartown Great Ponds, and produced over 20 million seed scallops. Working with the Island's shellfish constables, these seed shellfish were planted in the Island's ponds in a successful and ongoing shellfish enhancement effort.

### **The Richard C. Karney Solar Shellfish Hatchery**

The lower half of the public stairs on Tisbury Town land on which the Solar Hatchery holds a lease, were repaired at the end of 2017. The job was made possible through funding from the Community Preservation Act, granted through the Town of Tisbury. The top half is in dire need of repair, and the project is awaiting CPA funds to be allocated at the 2018 Town Meeting.

### **John T. Hughes Hatchery and Research Station**

In 2017, 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. Under the lease agreement, *Marine Fisheries* supplies funds for utilities and systems maintenance, while we act as stewards for the property, and use it to complement our existing programs. Grants from the Permanent Endowment Fund for Martha's Vineyard (in 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017) help us increase larval and nursery capacity, construct new systems, increase awareness of our programs, as well as properly staff and maintain the large facility.

### **Oyster Restoration**

We continued our oyster restoration programs in Edgartown and Tisbury Great Ponds with the overall goal of restoring the oyster populations to levels at which this keystone species can again provide vital ecosystem functions and balance to the local marine environment. In light of our efforts, we are observing a continued expansion

of the oyster populations in both ponds. We observed expanding eelgrass habitat in Edgartown Great Pond again this year. Unfortunately, a thick green seaweed bloom in parts of Tisbury Great Pond persisted for much of 2017 and may have caused some oyster mortalities. Green seaweeds/macroalgae are indicative of high nitrogen levels. Pathology tests of oysters from both ponds showed low levels of Dermo disease - a disease that is lethal to only oysters and has been present in the Great Ponds since the 1990's - and no other abnormalities.

### **Pilot Kelp Culture Project**

Under a grant from the Edey Foundation, we continued a pilot study of the potential to culture sugar kelp, *Saccharina latissima*, on the Island. Like shellfish, cultured sea vegetables have potential to improve water quality through their uptake of nitrogen while providing a healthful local food product. Kelp from a small harvest in the early spring of 2017 was served at Beach Road Restaurant and at our April fundraising event in Chilmark. We observed the greatest growth among several kelp growing sites in Massachusetts. This winter we did not spawn and grow juvenile kelp in our nursery, but instead focused on utilizing a new site off of Menemsha Beach as well as on the Cottage City Oyster farm in Oak Bluffs.

### **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 continued a 2.5-year investigation into the potential of nitrogen removal through Phragmites harvest. The project relies on many Island partners as well as researcher Dr. Jamie Vaudrey from the University of Connecticut. The project will conclude in March and results will be available to the community. The Regional High School's MVIronment Club was inspired to initiate their own, complimentary, energy-based project, *Phragmites Pellets: Engineering Biomass* and received both state and national awards for their work

Reports and pictures of our work are posted on our website:

[www.mvshellfishgroup.org](http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org)  
and on our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA GREEN-BEACH  
AMANDINE SURIER HALL  
Directors

**SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2017**

	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		<u>TOWN</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Imm Quahogs</b>	Aquinnah	2,461,000	<b>Scallop eggs</b>	Lagoon Pond	61,225,000
	Chilmark	2,461,000		Menemsha Pond	79,000,000
	Edgartown	2,461,000	<b>Scallop larvae</b>	Menemsha/Quitsa Pond	4,000,000
	Oak Bluffs	2,461,000		Sengekontacket	11,000,000
	Tisbury	2,461,000		Tashmoo	9,300,000
	MA DMF*	325,000		Cape Pogue	11,200,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,632,000</b>			
<b>Scallop seed</b>	Aquinnah	4,511,000			
	Chilmark	4,511,000			
	Edgartown	4,511,000			
	Oak Bluffs	4,511,000			
	Tisbury	4,511,000			
	Wampanoag Tribe*	150,000			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,705,000</b>			

<b>Oysters (Disease-resistant)</b>			
<b>Oysters</b>	<b>Tisbury Great Pond</b>	<b>Edgartown Great Pond**</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Eggs</b>	133,612,500	133,612,500	<b>267,225,000</b>
<b>Larvae</b>	20,175,000	11,685,000	<b>31,860,000</b>
<b>Remote set</b>	5,240,000	5,875,000	<b>11,115,000</b>
<b>Singles</b>	105,000	77,000	<b>182,000</b>

\*Provided under contract

\*\*Provided under private foundation funding



Photo by MV Shellfish Group

## KATAMA AIRFIELD COMMISSION

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

Katama Airfield began operations in the 1940s as a training base for National Guard and Civil Air Patrol pilots. Today, it holds special attraction for both pilots and Edgartown residents and visitors alike. There are no other grass airstrips in Massachusetts where one can land and enjoy a scenic beach or have a meal at the Airfield Restaurant. Watching the airplanes land and take-off provides young and old an exciting place to visit in Katama. The restaurant at the Airfield serves breakfast, lunch and dinner together with sweeping views of the Airfield's grassy plains.

The Airfield is directly overseen by the Airfield Commission, and supervised by the Town's Conservation Commission. Operations at the Airfield are controlled by the terms of a Conservation Management Agreement that also includes the Nature Conservancy as signatory to the Agreement. The Airfield and the flora and fauna found on the 184 acre property are complementary partners in conserving these beautiful open fields.

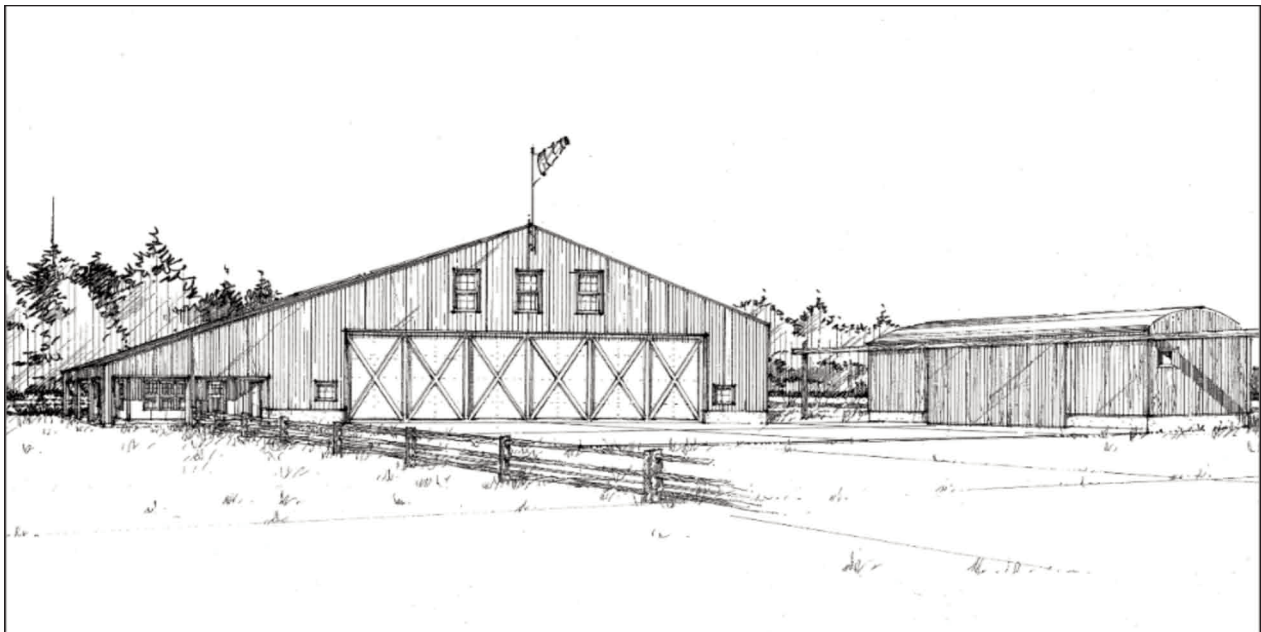
During the 2017 operating season (May 15th to September 15th), there were approximately 1,500 transient landings at the Airfield. Rents from landing and parking fees and restaurant lease income more than pays for the Airfield's operating costs. In 2018, the Airfield Manager and Airfield Assistant will be seasonal Town employees. The restaurant operation will be awarded to a successful

respondent to an RFP issued by the Commission and the Town Procurement Officer early this year.

A longtime objective of the Airfield Commission has been to reconstruct the Airfield hangar that stores airplanes, provides office space for the Airfield Manager, and serves as the visual focal point for the Airfield. The hangar was first constructed in 1945 from pieces of paneling and corrugated metal from adjacent buildings damaged by a hurricane the prior year. It has served the Airfield well, but is in need of replacement today. The Airfield Commission has designed a new metal building (see right) with divided light windows that is very much in keeping with the historic look of the existing hangar. We believe the new building will retain all the sense of a small grass airfield reminiscent of aviation's early years. Approvals have been obtained from the Edgartown Board of Selectmen, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and the Edgartown Planning Board. The Airfield will appeal to Edgartown voters at the Town Meeting in April for a warrant article to fund the reconstruction of the hangar. We estimate this project will cost \$1.2 million and will require a warrant article of \$1 million, based on also using funds previously raised for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

HARALD B. FINDLAY, Chairperson  
PATRICK BRADLEY  
JAMES CRAIG  
FATHER MICHAEL NANGLE  
PETER W. VINCENT, JR.



## 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 36 notices of intent and 15 requests for determinations in 2017. 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.

The Commission's Agent, Jane Varkonda, issued a number of enforcement/restoration orders for violations of the bylaw and the act over the course of the year. These included unauthorized activities on Major's Cove (Friedlander), North Water Street (Swartz), Forever Wild Way (Malm) and Turkeyland Cove (Walsh).

2017 marked the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the Farm Institute at town-owned Katama Farm, now in its second year under the umbrella of the Trustees of Reservations. Site Manager Lindsay Brown reports that the farm continued with its farm-based programming including farm camp, homesteading workshops, farm-to-table dinners, Meals in the Meadow, Sheepapalooza, and BBQ & Bluegrass. The farm also hosted, for the second time, the Local Wild Food Challenge. Close to 400 students visited the farm for field trips or for in-depth residential programs.

The institute debuted several new programs in 2017, such as weekly cooking demonstrations and a Fall on the Farm Festival. Twenty-two calves and 81 lambs were born on the farm this year, as well as countless chickens and turkeys.

The farm welcomed a new island-wide manager, Eunice Youmans, who will oversee not only the farm but other Trustee properties on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The institute is looking forward to beginning construction on the long-awaited new teaching kitchen and bringing back the ever popular corn maze.

Jane Varkonda, the Commission's agent has been busy working with local committees including the Dredge Committee, which is hoping to find land for a local 'sand bank,' and the Katama Airfield Stewardship and Review Committee. Ms. Varkonda reports that all the documents necessary for construction of the new hangar are finally in place.

The Commission is requesting funds from the Community Preservation Committee to remove invasive vegetation that is crowding out the native plants in portions of Lighthouse Park. It is hoped that work can begin the fall.

Commission members Brown and Kontje are working with the agent and the Martha's Vineyard Commission to update the town's Open Space Plan so that the town will be eligible for certain state grants.

The Commission would like to thank Matthew Dix and the Land Bank for their continued assistance in maintaining the walking paths at Katama Farm and for maintenance of the town-owned Gardner and North Neck properties – complete with a new stairway. The Commission would like to wish Mr. Dix well in his new career.

The Commission would also like to thank Stuart Fuller and the Highway Department for help maintaining property under the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Commission meets twice monthly on Wednesdays on the second floor of the Town Hall. The public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Chairman  
ROBERT AVAKIAN  
CHRISTINA BROWN  
JEFF CARLSON  
GEOFFREY KONTJE  
STUART LOLLIS  
LIL PROVINCE

## DREDGE DEPARTMENT

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

The Edgartown Dredge Department would like to thank the citizens of Edgartown for their vote to allow for the purchase of a new town dredge. The new dredge was purchased in July and delivered by Ellicot Dredges to North Wharf in early October; after a trek from Packer's dock in Vineyard Haven (where it was delivered by barge from New Bedford), through Oak Bluffs, along Beach Road and then out to the Katama landing, where it was launched by a crane,

The new dredge successfully completed its first dredging season in Katama Bay, where it cleared sand to enlarge the channel for better access to the Katama Landing. The new dredge, an Ellicot 370 HP series Dragon model cutterhead dredge, with a steel hull and Caterpillar engine, was inspected by Dredge Committee Chairman Ed Handy at the Ellicot factory in Baltimore before it was trucked to New Bedford. Mr. Handy's expertise was invaluable in assuring the dredge was properly assembled and ready to dig when it arrived in Edgartown.

In addition to dredging Katama Landing, the committee and crew continued to work on nourishing Fuller St. Beach by trucking the dredged, dewatered sand from Katama landing to the beach and then spreading it with a front end loader. After State and Federal approval of an amendment to the existing comprehensive permit, the crew was able to place the sand below mean high water for the first time, resulting in more comprehensive nourishment effort that made the beach less susceptible to winter storms and erosion.

After successfully nourishing Fuller St. Beach, the Dredge Department was able to sell approximately 4100 cubic yards (CY) of surplus dewatered sand to qualified private beach-front property owners in Edgartown, generating \$83,000 in revenue for the Town. This is the second year the program has successfully sold sand, revenue last year totaled around \$50,000.

The Dredge committee has also spent the past year working closely with Mr. Adam Turner of the Martha's Vineyard Commission to update the Dredge Master Plan and compile information and data collected over the past 20+ years, since the inception of the program. The updated plan is almost complete thanks to the hard work of the Committee and those at the MVC.

The Committee is continuing to work with CLE Engineering on two important projects: the Katama Landing expansion project and the Lighthouse Beach project. The engineering for the Katama Landing project was funded by CPC money; the State, which technically owns the landing, committed to paying for the cost of the construction of the ramp, if the Town could fund the engineering. The Committee looks forward to being able to provide the citizens of Edgartown with a much larger launch ramp in Katama, one that is capable of allowing two boats to launch simultaneously, as well as allowing for the new dredge to be launched by a trailer instead of a crane. The engineering for the Lighthouse Beach project aims to modify the Town's comprehensive permit to allow for hydraulic dredging in and around the harbor entrance; this is necessary to ensure the waterway remains viable for boats of all sizes to be able to safely enter the harbor.

The Dredge Program would not be possible without the assistance of many, including Harbormaster Charlie Blair, Town Shellfish Warden and Marine Biologist Paul Bagnall, and especially Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda, who attends every dredge meeting and works tirelessly with the State to keep our permits active and relevant to the work at hand and the ever-changing coastline.

The Committee would like to thank the Dredge Crew: Foreman Greg Bettencourt, Leverman Donnie Benefit, Anchorman Peter Jackson and advisor Mark DeFeo, a group of men constantly exposed to the elements, who nonetheless work hard every day in an often thankless environment. Their work allows our community and its visitors to take advantage of areas that would otherwise be inaccessible and we thank them for their expertise and commitment to a job few are willing and able to do. 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  
HOWELL KELLY  
DUDLEY LEVICK  
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.  
LESLIE BAYNES

## 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 have 22 of our 27 lifeguards from the previous year return for another summer of watching the waters at South Beach. Mother nature gives us sharks, jellyfish, plovers and this year she gave us a very narrow beach. At times the tide was eating into the dunes, which left little to no space for beach goers to spread out and enjoy the sun and sand. Tropical Storm Jose caused erosion to the beach and dunes due to heavy surf. Jose continued to hammer the beach and undermined the lifeguard stands, which had to be taken down for a few days. Although a rainy summer, attendance was still high with the closure of Norton Point for half of June and most of July. We would like to thank our lifeguard staff: Tara Nitardy, Head Lifeguard; Paige Nitardy, Assistant Head Lifeguard; Alexandra Mazza, Alex Vasilidias, Amelia Durawa, Austin Chandler, Austin Reid, Olivia Myrick, Brian Jordan, Brooks Jordan, Caroline Gazaille, Colin Henke, Dan Costello, Partick Best, David DaSilva, Eamonn Flaherty, Flynn Coffey, Lucy Hackney, Harrison Rodrigues, Jessica Sonia, John Henry O'Shaughnessey, Kate Hansen, Matt Costello, Nevin Wallis, Nick Costello, Salyn Yancy, and Sarah Alexander for another great year. Dennis Arnold was again the Park Patrol Director and the department was excited to welcome back the same Park Patrol staff as the previous year: Gene Townes, Dan Townes, Donald Herman, and Charles Pikor. Sadly, the department said goodbye to Dennis in September, who retired after 31 years as the Park Patrol Director. The Commissioners thank him for his service and endless devotion to the department.

Bend in the Road Beach was again a very popular beach this year. The sand nourishment project from the winter dredging was a welcomed addition and families enjoyed the area all summer long.

The Robinson Road Recreation area was again a popular spot for children and families this summer. We planted two new trees to provide more shade for the area and also had the existing trees treated to insure healthy growth. The Department was able to secure funds from the Community Preservation Committee to reshingle, replace rotting wood and repaint the large storage shed. The fences were repaired and most of the sports equipment was replaced due to age and wear and tear. We would like to thank our Recreation Director, Celia Mercier, and her staff: Cody McCarron, Sadie Parr, Chase Sylvia, Lynne Silvia, Sarah Strem and Mercier Kelly. Molly Pogue and Paige Pogue were again the tennis instructors this summer. We are planning to start to complete revamp of the tennis court area in the fall of 2018, which will dramatically improve the tennis courts for users and provide pickle ball courts and a shuffleboard court for the town.

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 Selectman and the citizens of Edgartown.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN SEARLE  
KEVIN SEARLE  
JANE VARKONDA, Chairman  
JESSICA MCGROARTY,  
Park Administrator



Dennis and Gene Photo by Jessica McGroarty

## 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  
GERI SMITH

## BY-WAYS COMMITTEE

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

The Edgartown By-Ways Committee has reorganized and is focused on preserving, maintaining and extending the protection of the secondary roads and pathways for walking, horseback riding and use of non-motorized vehicles. We are installing granite posts with the names of the ways that have protected status and periodically walking and clearing the paths. We are hoping to add new paths to the protected list and connect trails for extended use.

We thank the selectpersons, planning board and town citizens for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

POLLY BASSETT, Co-Chairman  
ROBERT GREEN, Co-Chairman  
ELLEN BLODGETT  
LINDA DEWITT  
DOUG JONES  
KARA SHEMETH



## MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

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

In all, 3381 acres, representing 5.9% 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:

The glaciers rived the land on the west side of the Lagoon Pond, leaving behind intriguing topography. A new conservation area - the 6.0-acre *Beech Tree Preserve* — was created by the Land Bank in 2017, comprising a wide scooped bowl, a rise and then a plunging ravine down to the water. 160 feet of beach there are now publically-owned. The core of the preserve was acquired from Malcolm Watson at a price of \$760,000.

As hard as it is to imagine, sometimes Vineyard land lies dormant for decades because its title appears indecipherable. Sussing out the identities of the original owners' heirs, in order to reassemble the ownership, is arduous — but is worthwhile if the land sits in a sensitive area. A 5.1-acre lot on the west side of the Menemsha Creek, containing more than 900 feet of beach braced by a moor backland, was targeted by the Land Bank in 2007; a decade later, the final 0.7116% interest was acquired. The sellers were Yvonne Miles et al. and the aggregate price was \$100,284. The lot was incorporated into the Land Bank's *Menemsha Neck Preserve*.

The Land Bank paid \$250,000 to Jan Whiting, land court commissioner, for 3.2 acres of sandy grassland adjacent to its *Toad Rock Preserve*. Nearby, the Land Bank paid \$1,300,000 to Donald Worley et al. for a 66% interest in a 46.5-acre property known for more than a century as the Hebron Wamsley Homestead. Many of the original stone walls are extant and the land is sliced by multiple streams.

Later, and separately, Mr. Worley and his family sold a 1.4-acre lot to the Land Bank, for inclusion in its *Aquinnah Headlands Preserve*. The price was \$110,000.

A hole in the Land Bank's *Three Ponds Reservation* was plugged via the purchase of 4.3 acres from Karen Stephens. The price was \$312,500.

Gregory Mayhew and the members of his family and extended family allowed the Land Bank to plat a conservation subdivision for their land, resulting in three building lots and the balance in conservation. The protected land abuts and will be assimilated into the *Middle Line Woods Preserve*. The conservation lot comprises 6.0 acres and cost \$668,404.

A two-step process brought 7.5 acres of grassland into Land Bank fee-simple ownership. In 2001 the Land Bank purchased, for \$225,000, an agricultural preservation restriction from Barbara and Edward Child over their Old County Road land; in 2017 the Land Bank paid their sons \$150,000 to acquire the land outright. The land has been known as the *Child Farm East*.

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

### Land management:

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Gay Head Moraine, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Middle Line Woods Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa Point Reservation, Toad Rock Preserve, Tiasquam Valley Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Tisbury Meadow Preserve, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

The commonwealth approved management plans for the Little Duarte's Preserve and the expanded Fulling Mill Brook Preserve. The Land Bank applied for, and received, a permit for the grassland-protection fence at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve. Pending is the management plan for the Middle Line Woods Preserve.

The final phase of trail installation was completed at the expanded Manaquayak Preserve. In 2016 the Land Bank opened the preserve's new trailhead, on the Lamberts Cove Road, plus its new pond-access trail; in 2017 a loop spotlighting an unusual slough that only intermittently earns its name — Rainwater Pond — was finished.

The Land Bank hunting subcommittee recommended, and the Land Bank commission approved, revisions to the agency hunting policy; the goal is to increase the deer harvest.

Pines were removed from the grassland at the Trade Wind Fields Preserve; pine is a particularly invasive species and will overwhelm a field if not controlled. Similar prophylaxis led the Land Bank to remove woody vegetation along the rock embankment at the Priester's Pond Preserve dam.

The Land Bank renovated the cottage at the Ocean View Farm Preserve, which serves as housing for several of its summer rangers, in order to extend its working life.

The Land Bank continued specialized grassland management at its Waskosim's Rock Reservation and

Fulling Mill Brook Preserve via its goat herd, boosted this year by 75 kids.

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

**Cross-island hike:**

To celebrate the twenty-fifth — the first took place in 1992 — of its annual cross-island hikes observing National Trails Day, the Land Bank in 2017 guided hikers on a

peregrination that passed through each of the six island towns. Quirks helped: 66% of the towns were checked off by executing a gyre around the Four-Town Bound, and hikers kept their feet dry by simply padding onto the 0.4 acres of Aquinnah that happens to be located on the Chilmark side of the Menemsha Creek. The trek began at South Beach and ended at Menemsha Beach. Some 80 individuals hiked at least some of the route; 30 completed the entire 25-mile course. Thirteen ancient ways were utilized and 20 conservation properties were crossed.

**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:

	FY 2017 budgeted amount and % of total	FY 2017 actual amount and % of total	FY 2018 budgeted amount and % of total
Revenues	\$11,075,000	\$13,635,100	\$10,075,000 *
Administrative expenses	5% (\$ 539,605)	4% (\$ 505,230)	5% (\$ 544,201)
Land Management	11% (\$ 1,173,898)	8% (\$ 1,093,851)	11% (\$ 1,112,886)
Debt Service expenses	55% (\$6,127,000)	45% (\$ 6,205,614)	51% (\$ 5,140,046)
Reserve expenses	0% (\$ 30,000)		1% (\$ 30,000)
Unencumbered new receipts	29% \$ 3,179,497	43% \$ 5,919,392	32% \$ 3,247,867

*The asterisk (\*) indicates the land bank’s revenue projection.*

As of December 1, 2017 the land bank treasury contained some \$12.7 million in cash, to fund all expenses including new acquisitions and the payment of debt service for existing properties.

**Gifts:**

The Land Bank gratefully accepted a gift of \$100 in memory of Wayne Kallman; and a gift of \$14,000 from H. Keasby Bramhall, Jr. and Elizabeth Bramhall.

**Transfer fee revenues:**

Fiscal Year 2017 transfer fee revenues were:

	Revenues received 7/1/16 -6/30/17	Percent of total
Aquinnah Fund	\$143,969	1 %
Chilmark Fund	\$1,199,647	9 %
Edgartown Fund	\$2,785,812	20 %
Oak Bluffs Fund	\$968,693	7 %
Tisbury Fund	\$911,342	7 %
West Tisbury Fund	\$808,087	6 %
<i>Central fund</i>	<i>\$6,817,550</i>	<i>50%</i>
	\$13,635,100	100%

This represented a 3% increase over the previous year.

**Commissioners and staff:**

The Land Bank commission comprises the following members: Pamela Goff, Chilmark; Wesley Mott, commonwealth; John Anthony 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; Jeffrey Komarinetz, conservation land assistant; Cynthia Krauss, fiscal officer; James Lengyel, executive director; Ian Peach, superintendent; and Julie Russell, ecologist.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL  
Executive Director

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Edgartown:

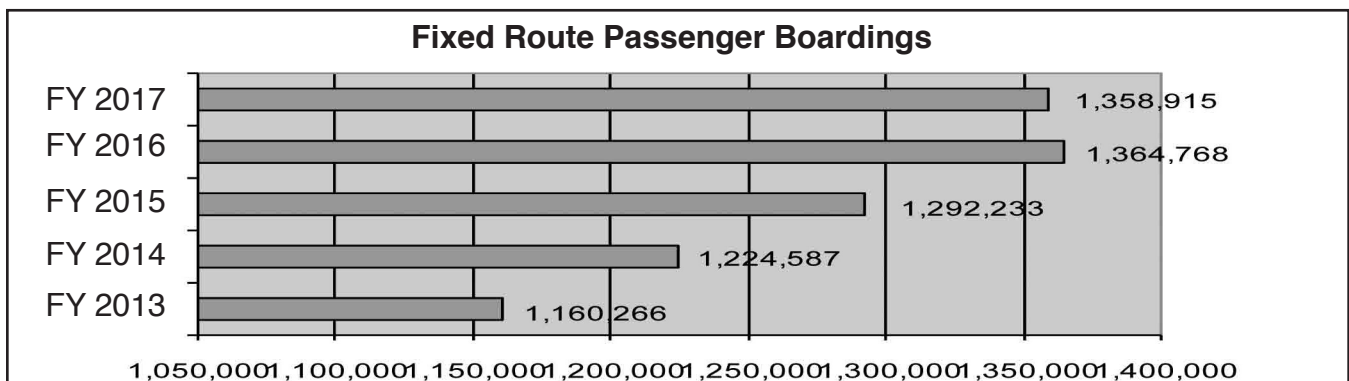
### Ridership

Fiscal Year 2017 showed an overall decrease of 0.42%, or 5,853, passenger boardings from FY 2016.

Passenger boarding analysis showed a 3.11% increase in the FY 2017 off-season ridership from FY 2016 and a continuing increase of multi-day travel passes, specifically one, three and seven day passes.

### Fixed Route Ridership

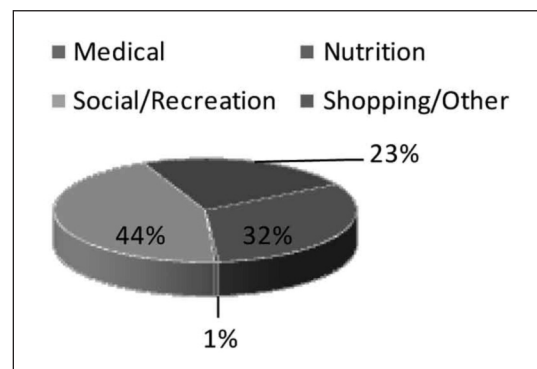
	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY2017
July	275,455	282,606	293,708	311,650	313,181
August	291,568	303,175	323,949	330,173	327,343
September	126,859	129,661	140,739	162,236	153,404
October	57,637	71,666	76,286	72,149	78,144
November	29,986	30,053	32,380	34,625	35,234
December	24,661	24,617	28,628	31,295	29,946
January	22,162	21,299	22,395	24,683	26,601
February	20,106	21,624	20,032	23,816	24,580
March	27,036	26,033	26,877	31,708	29,941
April	39,240	41,834	42,506	43,062	45,035
May	87,167	92,847	106,798	104,230	97,394
June	158,389	179,172	177,935	195,141	198,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,160,266</b>	<b>1,224,587</b>	<b>1,292,233</b>	<b>1,364,768</b>	<b>1,358,915</b>



### “Lift” Ridership

Fiscal Year 2017 showed a decrease in nutrition and social/recreational service trips on “The Lift” resulting in an overall decrease of 4.1% from FY 2016.

Fiscal Year	Ridership	Change
FY 2007	14,408	
FY 2008	15,265	5.9%
FY 2009	14,578	-4.5%
FY 2010	15,997	9.7%
FY 2011	15,577	-2.6%
FY 2012	14,681	-5.8%
FY 2013	13,219	-10.0%
FY 2014	13,302	0.6%
FY 2015	14,471	8.8%
FY 2016	16,381	13.2%
FY 2017	15,707	-4.1%



**Fare Increase**

The VTA is now in the final year of their multi-year fare increase, which began in January 2014, as approved by the VTA Advisory Board.

	<b>Date of Last Increase</b>	<b>Current Fare</b>	<b>1/1/2018</b>
One Day Pass	January 2015	\$8.00	same
Three Day Pass	January 2014	\$18.00	same
Seven Day Pass	January 2016	\$30.00	same
31 Day Pass	August 2017	\$60.00	same
Annual Pass	January 2017	\$140.00	\$150.00
Senior Annual - Island	January 2017	\$35.00	\$40.00
Youth Annual - Island	January 2017	\$45.00	\$50.00
Zone Fare - Fixed Route	January 2015	\$1.25	same
Zone Fare - Lift	January 2015	\$2.00	same
Senior/Disabled Zone Fare	January 2015	\$0.75	same
Medivan	January 2015	\$15.00	same

**Electric Bus Project**

The VTA placed an order for four (4) battery all-electric transit buses with the California bus manufacturer Build Your Dreams (BYD) Motors. The VTA’s order of four buses is the first step in a larger project, Electric Drives the Future, in which the VTA plans to transition its entire fleet to all-electric. This will include installing solar canopies in the parking lot and solar roof panels at their Operations & Maintenance Facility to charge an onsite energy storage system so the buses can be charged with renewable energy.

The BYD buses ordered by the VTA are approximately the same size as the buses in their current fleet, but

can hold more passengers because they don’t need room for an engine. The batteries on BYD buses have an iron phosphate chemistry and are guaranteed to last the 12-year life cycle of the buses.

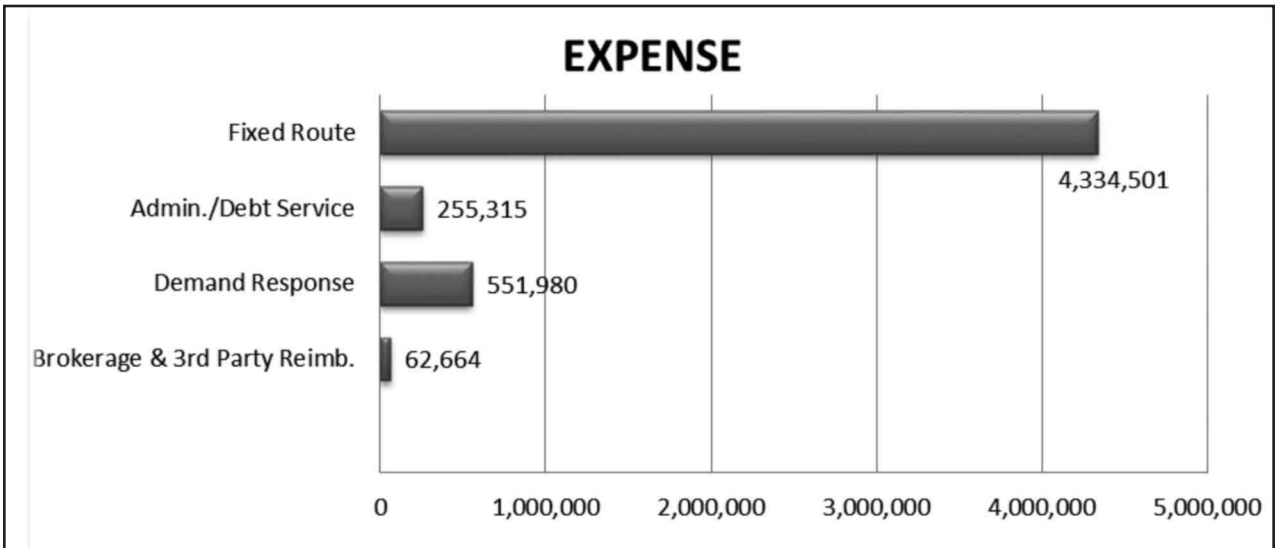
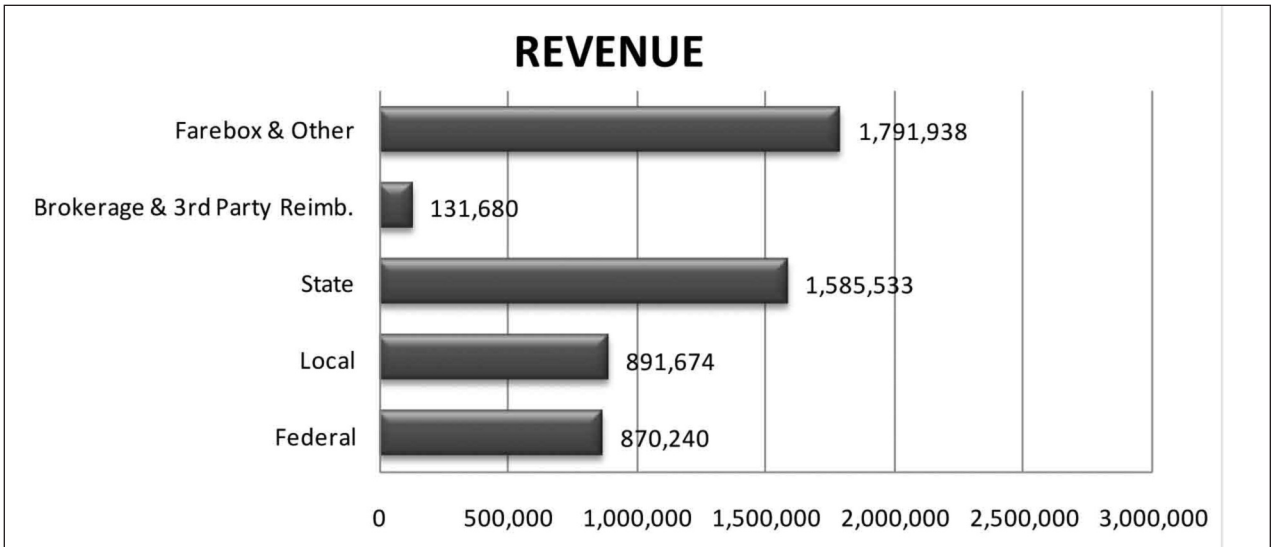
This first order of all-electric transit buses will be delivered in June 2018 and put into operation next summer. Moving forward, the VTA plans to pursue funding to expand the number of all-electric vehicles in their fleet and invest in the charging infrastructure needed to support these vehicles on route. The VTA has applied for various grants for assistance in these areas.

**Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report**

**Statement of Net Position - June 30, 2017 and 2016**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 899,588	\$ 959,025
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,903,787	\$ 1,797,504
Other current assets	\$ 568,263	\$ 488,750
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ -	\$ 284,966
Total current assets	\$ 3,371,638	\$ 3,530,245
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 194,386	\$ 168,288
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 2,224,684	\$ 1,788,713
Total restricted assets	\$ 2,419,070	\$ 1,957,001
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 333,117	\$ 387,325

Capital assets, net	\$12,118,141	\$ 10,778,886
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$14,870,328	\$ 13,123,212
Total assets	\$18,241,966	\$ 16,653,457
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 87,849	\$ 45,785
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$18,329,815</u>	<u>\$ 16,699,242</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 308,983	\$ 207,224
Total current liabilities	\$ 308,983	\$ 207,224
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,979,117	\$ 1,674,899
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,979,117	\$ 1,674,899
Other post-employment benefits	\$ 39,104	\$ 257,178
Net pension liability	\$ 314,025	\$ 267,629
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,504,027	\$ 1,500,000
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,836,273	\$ 3,699,706
Total liabilities	\$ 4,145,256	\$ 3,906,930
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 4,145,256</u>	<u>\$ 3,906,930</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in capital assets	\$12,118,141	\$ 10,778,886
Restricted	\$ 439,953	\$ 282,102
Other current assets	\$ 1,626,465	\$ 1,731,324
Total net position	<u>\$14,184,559</u>	<u>\$ 12,792,312</u>



***Advisory Board***

- ALICE BUTLER, Chairman - Oak Bluffs
- JOHN ALLEY - West Tisbury
- JUNE MANNING - Aquinnah
- JAY GRANDE - Tisbury
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- LOUIS PACIELLO - Edgartown
- VACANT - Rider Community Representative
- VACANT - Disabled Community Representative
- ANGELA E. GRANT, Administrator - Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

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