

2016 Annual Report



Town of Edgartown

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRINTING CO.

Annual Town Meeting

February 7, 1916

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 seventh 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

One Surveyor of Highways

Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, each for three years

A member of the School Committee for three years

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 regarding a contract with the Vineyard Lighting Co.
- 13th. To see what action the town will take in regard to additional street lights.
- 14th. To see if the town will pay the firemen for the current year and provide things necessary for the fire department.
- 15th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the care of its cemeteries.
- 16th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of the park.
- 17th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the observance of Memorial Day.
- 18th. To see what action the town will take to advertise the town as a summer resort and place of residence.
- 19th. To see what action the town will take to keep its streets and ways clean.
- 20th. To see what action the town will take in regard to making repairs upon its streets and ways.
- 21st. To see what action the town will take in reference to spraying the trees for their protection.
- 22d. To see what action the town will take in regard to repairing its concrete walks.
- 23d. To see what action the town will take in relation to employing night watchmen.

- 24th. To see what action the town will take in regard to supporting the poor for the current year.
- 25th. To see if the town will instruct the Treasurer to pay out money from the town treasury only upon order from the Selectmen.
- 26th. 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.
- 27th. 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.
- 28th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty dollars for the salary of the Inspector of Slaughtering.
- 29th. To see if the town will raise the sum of twenty dollars for the salary of the Inspector of Producers and Sellers of Milk.
- 30th. To see what action the town will take in regard to destroying Gypsy Moths.
- 31st. To see what action the town will take in regard to a contract with the Edgartown Water Co.
- 32d. To see what action the town will take in regard to the permanent repair of South Summer Street. (On petition of Benjamin Hall and others.)
- 33d. To see if the town will accept the way known as Simpson's Lane as a town Way. (On petition of Charles S. Simpson and others.)
- 34th. To see if the town will vote to make permanent repairs on Main Street, by concreting from Pease's Point Way to Summer Street, at an estimated cost of \$1000. (By request of Finance Committee.)
- 35th. To see if the town will vote to make permanent repairs on South Water Street, by concreting from the Bank corner south, at the expense of \$500. (By request of the Finance Committee.)
- 36th. To see if the town will vote to expend \$300 in repairs on the Edgartown and Vineyard Haven road and extending to the first hill on road or beyond. (By request of the Finance Committee.)
- 37th. To see if the town will vote to curb South Summer Street on the west side thereof with cement curbing, and grade said sidewalk from Commercial Street (so called) to High Street. (By request of the Finance Committee.)
- 38th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the salary of one policeman. Said policeman to be required to be on duty each night during the current year for such hours as the Selectmen shall deem proper and perform the duties of the summer police. (By request of the Finance Committee.)
- 39th. To see if the town will vote to put a cement curb alongside the walk in front of the North School yard and residence of James E. Chadwick. (By request of the Finance Committee.)
- 40th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17.50 for the purpose of reimbursing M. Silva, Jr., one-half of the cost of the concrete sidewalk in front of his store on South Summer Street.

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-fourth day of January A.D. 1916.

EDWIN COFFIN
THEODORE S. WIMPENNEY
ALFRED A. AVERILL
Selectmen of Edgartown

A true copy:

Attest: FREDERICK H. WORDEN, Constable
Edgartown, January 24, 1916

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Captain Levi Jackson

Before the daylight
hints it's slow return
on death bed winter nights as
brutal gusts spit flakes
upon the sheets
beneath the draft of hollow
hand hewn eaves
we stir
girded to the blast
And as the mind collects
where it left off in rest
life's flood braces for the worst
The coastal gale is stiffening
Severe it spurts it's way
through the flimsy oak tree wood
Scouring our little valley
with bitter wrath
Stiff hearts rise
gear up and
head for town

The sea coast steers our lives
as we guide old rusted
salted trucks and
anticipate the worst
Each hoary breeze whales
ships ashore
to pound
somewhere
And how in distant days
as great hulks lumbered
all along this
harsh New England coast
the wrack and ruin was extreme
Broken timber bones
littered every stretch
Just as on that frigid day
in Edgartown
so many years
so many gales ago
The call went out
while dawn cracked
in the grey and silver East
From the harbor
could be seen
tall sticks heeled unnaturally
a vessel ran aground
The breeze and set had
pushed the laden beast
chock full of coal from Baltimore and
Boston bound
way past the Block
Now our South shore's shifting shoal
had snagged her fast
Six great masts

leaned useless
pointed out the sight
across Katama's
sprawling fields
visible from town
They marked the spot
where 400 foot of hull lay cracked
and reeling In the winter surf
A pilot on an anchored ship rang out
the news
And how the crew
was stranded
high up in the doomed and
hammered rig
A women hung there too
skirts swirling in the
freezing breeze
the captains wife
no doubt

Before the great ship's name
or hailing port
was clear
a big cat boat was jogging
by the harbor light
into the breeze
As those on shore huddled
with brave prayers
Pricilla proudly sailed towards history
RieDeeDieDee gripped
the helm
Ready to die
he had become
he'd rescued men before
Now with a solid
four man crew
from town
the Kelly boys
Doucette and Benefit
on board
He headed the wide sloop North East
with Chappy off the beam
around Cape Pogue
they tacked outside the stony point
her big gaff slapping
as they came round

The details are well known of
how in the frozen
winter light
they made up to the stricken ship
Mertie B Crowley
doomed and leaning
in the bursting surf
Levi steered up in the lee

the massive hull allowed
The men rowed dories
between the ships
one by one
Captain Haskell
his wife
and the 12 man crew
were safely hauled aboard
Packed and stowed
another human load
was plucked from winter's maw
delivered to the pier
intact
alive and sound
While all our town
when word got out
the island round
was proud
of Levi and his fearless men

This rescue stands
the greatest test
Steadfast in the face of
losing all
they point the boat into
the howling winter gale
no thought of gain
driven by the self same wind that
blew the big ship
hard and fast
they leap
off that mortal cliff that binds us
Love of life
and man

Now in this town of ours
many years ago
a rich and generous soul
saw fit to grace
us with a noble gift
A Carnegie library full of
books and built
of solid brick
peers out above
the hill that holds the harbor
in its grip
Caroline Warren owned this
Southern rise
and likewise endowed
the town her own prize
Those days when folks of means
would share their wealth
for the common good
and in the spirit of
that time

this Andrew Carnegie
realized
the courage of the
common man
was rich
So from his heart
out into the land
he cast
a medal in his name
bestowed for acts
devoid of selfish gain

The Hero's Prize
it was called
for those who risked
their lives
to save others
on the sea and otherwise
Captain Jackson
qualified
and in due course
Levi and the catboat crew
justly received their own
Carnegie Medal
their own
Hero's Prize

Sandy waves of time have
shrouded crumpled wrecks
still the sea spits
splinters from our proud
and storied past
up on beaches where bathers
gawk and crudely trace
brave shadows cast
from the dark
and fearful deep
The shiny medal Levi
gained that cold and
stormy day
sailed away to another
salty port
to languish in some
forgotten dusty drawer
Just as great seas reveal
their ancient wrath
so time has shipped
this glory back
to the island where
it did proclaim the hero's
courage and his
local fame
Now that our new library

has been filled
with all the books from
on the harbors' hill
there is room for
memories of our past
Andrew Carnegie
has said it best
for in his old library Jackson's
prize will soon return

(after the post office
moves back
to out of town)

Inscribed for all to learn

No greater love
has man shown
than to risk his life
for another

This was true in days
long gone
Truer still in days
we've yet to know

STEVE EWING
Edgartown Poet Laureate
Town Meeting, 2016





By William C. Bishop IV

TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS AND APPOINTED STAFF

Moderator

PHILIP J. NORTON, JR.

Term Expires 2018

Board of Selectmen

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

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

Town Administrator

PAMELA M. DOLBY

Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen

KRISTY ROSE
KAREN FULLER
GAIL F. AVAKIAN

Board of Assessors

ALAN GOWELL, Chairman
LAURENCE A. MERCIER
DONNA GOODALE

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

Assessor/Appraiser

JO-ANN RESENDES, Principal Assessor

Administrative Assistant to Assessors

CYNTHIA E. BONNELL
EDWARD PIERCE, Data Collector

Board of Health

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

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

Health Agent

MATTHEW E. POOLE

Town Collector

MELISSA A. KUEHNE

Term Expires 2018

Assistant Collector

DEBORAH WILLOUGHBY
HEIDI S. BOYD

Planning Board

ALAN O. WILSON, Chairman
ROBERT M. CAVALLO
ROBERT V. SPARKS
JAMES CISEK, Alternate
FRED D. MASCALO
MICHAEL MCCOURT
GEORGIANA GREENOUGH, Administrative Assistant
LUCY MORRISON, Part-time Clerk

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2019
Term Expires 2020
Term Expires 2021

School Committee

SUSAN MERCIER, Chairman
MEGAN ANDERSON
KELLY MCCRACKEN

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

Edgartown Library Trustees

DEANNA AHEARN-LAIRD, Chairman
ROBERT AVAKIAN
JULIE LIVELY, Vice-Chair
HERBERT L. FOSTER, Secretary
JUSTINE SHEMETH DEOLIVEIRA
OLGA CHURCH

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

Library

LISA HORTON SHERMAN, Director
DEBORAH MACINNIS, Children’s Librarian/ Assistant Director
ELYCE BONNELL, Circulation Supervisor
ALISON LESLIE, Technical Services Librarian
ERIC J. ALEXANDER, Department Assistant
NIS KILDEGAARD, Reference Librarian
TOM IGNACIO, Library Assistant II
DEBBIE STRAUSS, Library Assistant II
AMY VAUGHN, Library Assistant II
VIRGINIA MUNRO, Library Assistant II
NEUSETH CLEARY, Custodian
*DONNA BLACKBURN, Library Assistant II
**RACHEL CONVERY, Library Assistant II

Park Commissioners

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

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

Wastewater Treatment Commission

SCOTT ELLIS
SEAN MURPHY
GLEN SEARLE, Chairman

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

Wastewater Treatment Facility

DAVID THOMPSON, Chief Operator
THEODORE M. VANGERVEN, Plant Operator
DALE R. MORGAN, Plant Operator
JOSEPH ROCK, Plant Operator
JEREMY R. OSBORN, Plant Operator
STEVEN VANCOUR, Plant Operator
MATTHEW PARKER, Assistant
PIA WEBSTER, Administrative Assistant

Water Commissioners

DAVID BURKE
JIM KELLEHER, Chairman
SCOTT ELLIS
*JOHN S. LOVEWELL

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2019

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, Operator in Training
SHEILA BEN DAVID, Department Assistant IV
LINDSEY MERCIER, Administrative Assistant I

Constables

SCOTT ELLIS Term Expires 2018
WILLIAM C. BISHOP IV Term Expires 2019
**JONATHAN SEARLE

Financial Advisory Committee

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT Term Expires 2017
LESLIE BAYNES Term Expires 2017
PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, Chairman Term Expires 2018
ROBERT COAD Term Expires 2018
MORTON FEAREY, JR. Term Expires 2018
JIM CARTER, Alternate Term Expires 2018
STEVEN C. JORDAN Term Expires 2019
THOMAS DURAWA, Vice-Chairman Term Expires 2019
GAIL AVAKIAN, Assistant

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
*ROBERT E. WARD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS

Accountant

KIMBERLY G. KANE

Accountant's Assistant

LAURI MATHER

Affordable Housing Committee

MARK HESS, Chairman	Term Expires 2017
CHRISTINA BROWN	Term Expires 2017
TIMOTHY RUSH, Vice-Chair	Term Expires 2017
NANCY TRIMPER	Term Expires 2017
MELISSA NORTON VINCENT	Term Expires 2018
CHRISTINE WHITE	Term Expires 2019
JOSEPH ROBERTS	Term Expires 2019
LUCY MORRISON, Administrator	

Affordable Housing Trust

CHRISTINE WHITE, Member Affordable Housing Committee	Term Expires 2017
TIMOTHY RUSH, Member Affordable Housing Committee	Term Expires 2018
MARK HESS, Member Affordable Housing Committee	Term Expires 2019
MARGARET E. SERPA, Board of Selectmen Representative	Term Expires 2019
JOSEPH ROBERTS, Member Affordable Housing Committee	Term Expires 2019

Airfield Commission

PATRICK BRADLEY	Term Expires 2017
MICHAEL NAGLE	Term Expires 2018
HARALD FINLEY, Chairman	Term Expires 2018
JAMES CRAIG	Term Expires 2019
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Representative for the Conservation Commission	Term Expires 2019
** JAMES HARRISON	

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

LEONARD JASON, JR.

Beautification Advisory Committee

CAROL FLIGOR	Term Expires 2017
GERRET C. CONOVER	Term Expires 2017
CAMMIE NAYLOR	Term Expires 2017
RENEE CLERMONT	Term Expires 2017
GERI SMITH	Term Expires 2017
DORRIS WARD	Term Expires 2017

Board of Fire Engineers

PETER SHEMETH, Chief Engineer	
ALEX SCHAEFFER, Deputy Fire Chief	
ANDREW KELLY, Assistant Chief	Term Expires 2017
RICHARD J. KELLY, Retired Captain	Term Expires 2017
LAWRENCE THOMAS, Retired Deputy Chief	Term Expires 2017
GEOFFREY FREEMAN, Captain	Term Expires 2017
CHARLIE SMITH, Retired Senior Captain	Term Expires 2017
SCOTT ELLIS, Retired Assistant Chief	Term Expires 2017
TREVOR SCANLAN, EMS Representative	Term Expires 2017

Fire Department Ambulance Service

ALEX SCHAEFFER, EMT-Paramedic, Ambulance Coordinator
KATE CONDE FOSTER, EMT-Paramedic
HADLEY ANTIK, 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

IRENE RESENDES	Term Expires 2017
JO-ANN RESENDES	Term Expires 2018
PHYLLIS E. LOOK	Term Expires 2019

Building Inspector

LEONARD JASON, JR.

Building Inspector's Assistant

AKEYAH NUNES

By-Ways Committee

ROBERT M. GREEN, JR.	Term Expires 2017
JONATHAN THIBODEAU	Term Expires 2017
ELLEN BLODGETT	Term Expires 2017
LINDA DEWITT	Term Expires 2017

Capital Programs Committee

NANCY SHEMETH	Term Expires 2019
JANE BARBINI	Term Expires 2019
JONATHAN LAIRD	Term Expires 2019
ROBERT M. CAVALLO	Term Expires 2019

Cemetery Commissioners

SUSAN C. BROWN	Term Expires 2017
ELIZABETH VILLARD	Term Expires 2018
DEBRA MANLEY-SMITH, Alternate	Term Expires 2018
ANDREW KELLY, Chairman	Term Expires 2019

Cemetery Superintendent

**JENNIFER MORGAN

Local Census Director

WANDA M. WILLIAMS

Christmas Decorations Committee

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

Community Preservation Committee

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman, Board of Selectmen Representative	Term Expires 2017
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR., Conservation Commission Representative	Term Expires 2017
TIMOTHY RUSH, Affordable Housing Committee Representative	Term Expires 2018
MORTON FEAREY, JR., Vice-Chairman, Financial Advisory Representative	Term Expires 2018
ALAN O. WILSON, Planning Board Representative	Term Expires 2018
EDITH BLAKE, Historic District Commission Representative	Term Expires 2019
GLEN SEARLE, Park Department Representative	Term Expires 2019
KRISTY ROSE, Administrator	

Computer Advisory Committee

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

Computer Systems Manager

ADAM DARACK

Conservation Commission

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

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

Council on Aging

JAY SIGLER
HEIDI BOYD
KEVIN RYAN, Chairman
OLGA CHURCH
GLEN CARPENTER
PAUL MOHAIR, Administrator
WENDY BENEDETTO, Director of Senior Services
VICTORIA HAESELBARTH, Outreach Worker and Custodian
DIANNE WALL, Nutrition/Cook
DONNA PAULSON, Secretary/ Receptionist
**CHRISTINE WHITE

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

Dredging Advisory Committee

DUDLEY LEVICK, Member at Large
LES BAYNES, Representative for the Shellfish Committee
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR, Representative for the Conservation Commission
J. HOWELL KELLY, Chairman, Member at Large
ED HANDY, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee
JULIET MULINARE, Administrator

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

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

BILL SEABOURNE
TIMOTHY CONNELLY
DONALD BENEFIT
THOMAS WALLACE, Chairman
DAVID LUENING
PAUL BAGNALL, Shellfish Constable/Marine Biologist
JANE M. VARKONDA, Special Assistant

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

Edgartown Transfer Station Scale Weighers

DONALD CASEY
MARY DONLAVEY
DON HATCH
STEVE DOURIAN
SCOTT AMARAL
JOHN CASEY
CHRIS AVERILL
RYAN ROSE
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
S. BAILEY NORTON, Representative for the Marine Advisory Committee

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
ERIC BARNES, Assistant
SCOTT BOWN, Assistant
DOUGLAS FLIGOR, Assistant
GREGORY FLIGOR, Assistant
HANNAH HARRISON, Assistant
DAVID CONWAY, Assistant
WILLIAM HARRISON, Assistant
CONOR SMITH, Assistant
FREDERICK POWERS

Harbormaster's Clerk/Wharfingers

DANIEL GAINES
TALBOT HILDNER
WILLIAM DAVIS
LUCAS DEBETTENCOURT
JOHN KENT
LOUISE LYNN
WILLIAM MACCLARENCE
MAREN MELLEN
RILEY BESAW
SEAN HEGARTY
AUGUSTE PIZZANO
PAUL SCHULTZ
JACK SIERPUTOSKI

Harbormaster's Special Assistants

WARREN GAINES
PAUL BAGNALL

WILLIAM ROMAN
CRAIG A. EDWARDS
ANTONE A. BETTENCOURT
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
PAUL LINDERSON
JAMES MASEDA
JOHN O'DONNELL
*CHARLES SMITH

Historic District Commission

CASSIE BRADLEY	Term Expires 2017
KEN MAGNUSON	Term Expires 2017
CAROLE BERGER	Term Expires 2018
SUSAN CATLING, Chairman	Term Expires 2018
EDITH BLAKE	Term Expires 2018
ANN FLOYD, Alternate	Term Expires 2018
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT	Term Expires 2019
ROBERTA HUTCHINSON	Term Expires 2019
JULIA CELESTE, Alternate	Term Expires 2019
BRICQUE GARBER, Administrative Assistant	
** BEVERLY FEAREY	
**JAMES CISEK	

Independence Day Committee

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

Inspector of Animals

BARBARA PRADA	Term Expires 2017
JENNIFER MORGAN, Assistant	Term Expires 2017
CATHERINE BUCK, VMD	Term Expires 2017

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	Term Expires 2018
MARTIN V. TOMMASSIAN, JR	Term Expires 2018

BRUCE MCINTOSH, Chairman Term Expires 2019
ED HANDY, Alternate Term Expires 2019

Martha's Vineyard Commission Designee for the Board of Selectmen

JAMES JOYCE Term Expires 2017

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 2017

Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council

DIANA MULDAUR Term Expires 2017
WILLIAM VENO Term Expires 2018
LORI STONE Term Expires 2019
**BRIAN DITCHFIELD
** JANET POGUE

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

JENNIFER MORGAN
CATHERINE BUCK, VMD

Oil Spill First Response Team

CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.
ANTONE J. BETTENCOURT

Parking Ticket Clerk

DONNA MICHALKSKI

Personnel Board

DIANE DURAWA Term Expires 2017
SUZANNE CIOFFI Term Expires 2017
MAUREEN HILL Term Expires 2018
PAUL D. MOREAU, Chairman Term Expires 2019
ELYCE BONNELL, Employee Representative Term Expires 2019
ELAINE GRAVES, Human Resource Coordinator

Police Officers

DAVID ROSSI Chief
CHRISTOPHER M. DOLBY Lieutenant
CRAIG A. EDWARDS Sergeant
THOMAS L. SMITH Sergeant
MICHAEL D. GAZAILLE Sergeant
JOEL M. DEROCHE Sergeant
JONATHAN M. SEARLE Detective
MICHAEL SNOWDEN, II Detective
JAMES S. CRAIG Officer

WILLIAM D. OTERI	Officer
STEPHANIE IMMELT	Officer
WILLIAM C. BISHOP, IV	Officer
NICHOLAS PHELPS	Officer
DAYCE MOORE	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
R. NEAL CONDLIN	Summer Traffic Officer
GAVIN FYNBO	Summer Traffic Officer
DAN COSTELLO	Summer Traffic Officer
NOAH PHELPS	Summer Traffic Officer
RYAN CUTILLO	Summer Traffic Officer
PAUL JEFFERS MAYHEW	Summer Traffic Officer
LUKE MCCRAKEN	Summer Traffic Officer
WILLIAM JACOB	Summer Traffic Officer

Plumbing Inspectors

GEORGE APOSTOLIDES
CHARLES DAY

Procurement Officer

JULIET MULINARE

Shellfish Committee

LES BAYNES
CHRISTIAN THORNTON, Chairman
RYAN SMITH
COOPER GILKES
DONALD BENEFIT

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

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 OCYCZ
WILLIAM BASSETT
FLOYD NORTON
PAUL SCHULTZ
NELSON C. SMITH
JERRY JEFFERS
PETER WELLS
ROY HAYES

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Sick Leave Bank

PAMELA M. DOLBY, Secretary
RICHELLE O'NEIL, Employee Representative
CHARLES J. BLAIR, JR.

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017

Sign Advisory Committee

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

Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2018
Term Expires 2018

Town Clerk

WANDA M. WILLIAMS

Term Expires 2018

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

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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

*Retired
**Resigned
***Deceased

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Edgartown:

It is my pleasure to report activities of our board in 2016. Our usual weekly action involves permits, licenses and reviews of departments and employees.

The year began as usual with meetings of the Selectmen, Finance Committee and department heads in preparation of the budget for FY17. The department heads are very conscientious of the impact of their budgets on the total town expenditures.

The library staff moved into the new library in March. They had a brief ceremony to leave the old Carnegie Library with a walk to the new Library, where a brief welcome ceremony was held.

In March the Carnegie Library was awarded to the only bidder, The Preservation Trust, who will restore the building for a public information and history of Edgartown venue.

The Selectmen participated in the Mayors for Meals by enjoying lunch at the Council on Aging this year.

Once again the Fourth of July parade and fireworks had great weather. The December Christmas in Edgartown parade and activities overseen by the Board of Trade was also a great success.

An added attraction for the Fourth was a dead whale washed ashore on South Beach. Town Administrator, Pam Dolby and Harbormaster, Charlie Blair along with Donny Benefit and Steve Handy were able to get the whale back out to sea.

The Wharf Restoration Committee gave their report on the first stage of restoration of Memorial Wharf. Hopefully, to take place early in 2017.

The Town once again obtained a Community Development Grant to help Edgartown home owners who qualify to get repairs up to a maximum amount. Included in the grant are also funds to assist families with child care expenses.

Nobody will forget the sudden closure of the Edgartown Post Office after a serious water leak through the roof. After many phone calls made by our Administrator, Pam Dolby, and the assistance of the Preservation Trust and Postal service, the Carnegie Library became the temporary Post Office until the end of May.

There are many departments, employees, board members, and volunteers who provide services for the town. They are a dedicated group and I thank them all.

In closing, I want to thank our Town Administrator, Pamela Dolby, for her service to our town. I also would like to thank our office staff, Kristy Rose, Karen Fuller and Gail Avakian for keeping us informed and on track. Also, Adam Darack, our tech person who gets information to everyone via the town website. Finally, a sincere thank you to my fellow board members Michael Donaroma and Arthur Smadbeck.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To Honorable Board of Selectmen and
the Citizens of Edgartown:

2016 was destined to be a very busy year as Presidential years always are. Work began as usual with dog licenses and Town Censes being our first big push. We began getting ready for all the elections that were in the early months. Our local candidates took out papers, gathering signatures and returning them for certification. We worked on sending out absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary. The Primary went well with a very good showing of our voters. Our next events were Annual Town Meetings and Election. The Special and Annual were both accomplished in one night with Moderator Jeff Norton, moving things along in his usual manner. There were not many questions on the budget this year. The Articles did bring up some discussions on various topics.

It was a very busy year with couples filing their intentions and getting married. September was this year's winner for marriages as we recorded thirty-three (33) certificates. September also brought another election, our State Primary was held on the 9th, another good election with no problems.

Moving on to the next event October 24, to November 4, 2016 it was our first adventure into Early Voting. In an effort to relieve some of the pressure on the November election, voters were allowed to vote early at the Clerk's Office in Town Hall. The ballots were sealed in special envelopes and processed by the Constables/Election Officers on voting day. This process did work very well.

As first time procedures go it was not bad, but in the future elections there are some problems to be resolved.

Thanks to all of the Election Workers, Constables and Board of Registrars: Phyllis Look, Irene Resendes and Joann Resendes, for their assistance and dedication with every election this year.

It is a pleasure to give a huge thanks to Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk, for all her hard work with Elections and the Early Voting Program. Karen is an asset to the Clerk's Office and the Town.

The following is a list of the events held during 2016 and a report of the licenses sold for the year.

Presidential Primary	March 1, 2016
Special Town Meeting	April 12, 2016
Annual Town Meeting	April 12, 2016
Annual Town Election	April 14, 2016
State Primary	September 8, 2016
State Election (Presidential)	November 8, 2016
Dog Licenses	987
Kennel Licenses	0
Marriage Licenses	126

The following is a complete report of minutes for all Town Meetings and Elections held in 2016. Included are the Marriage and Death reports for 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

WANDA M. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
HELD ON
MARCH 1, 2016**

Pursuant to the above Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place, the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room (Town Hall) on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 A.M., for the purpose of bringing their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

Scott Ellis Constable/Warden, Jonathan Searle Constable/Warden Jean Andrews, Cindy Bonnell, Audrey Harding, Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk, Ursula Prada, Irene Resendes, JoAnn Resendes, Ann Tyra and Chris White served as checkers, tabulators and counters.

The Polls were declared open at 7:00 A.M. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant by Town Clerk Wanda M. Williams. The Polls were closed at 8:00 P.M.

1444 voters were checked as having voted, and 1444 Ballots were cast of which (129) were Absentee Ballots.

At 10:30 P.M., all ballots having been counted and tallied the Town Clerk announced the result of the election

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOTS CAST

Presidential Preference

Bernie Sanders	549
Martin O'Malley	2
Hillary Clinton	473
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	1
No Preference	2
Blanks	3
	1030

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Cape & Islands District

Miscellaneous Votes	18
Blanks	1012
	1030

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Cape & Islands District

Robin Louise Hubbard	602
Miscellaneous Votes	2
Blanks	426
	1030

TOWN COMMITTEE –

EDGARTOWN VOTER FOR TEN

Group	0
Diane G. Drake	524
Rhonda I. Cohen	511
Eric H. Stricoff	474
Christina Brown	630
Gertrude C. Carter	504
David Jeffrey Holway	476
Miscellaneous Voter	10
Blank	7171
	10300

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Presidential Preference

Jim Gilmore	2
Donald J. Trump	189
Ted Cruz	38
George Pataki	2
Ben Carson	10
Mike Huckabee	2
Rand Paul	0
Carly Fiorina	3
Rick Santorum	0
Chris Christie	1
Marco Rubio	61
Jeb Bush	9
John R. Kasich	82
No Preference	5
Write-ins:	
Bernie Sanders	2
Michael Bloomberg	1
Hillary Clinton	1
Blanks	1
	409

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Cape & Islands District

Francis P.A. Manzelli	168
Roland R. Beaty Jr.	84
Devin Manning	55
Blanks	102
	409

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Cape & Islands District

Judith A. Crocker	264
Write-ins:	
Devin Manning	1
Blanks	144
	409

TOWN COMMITTEE EDGARTOWN VOTE FOR 10

Miscellaneous	26
Blanks	4064
	4090

GREEN RAINBOW PARTY

Presidential Preference

Sedinam Kinamo C. M. Curry	0
Jill Stein	2
William P. Kreml	0
Kent Mesplay	0
Darryl Cherney	0
Write-ins:	
Bernie Sanders	3
	5

BALLOTS CAST

ARTICLE 10. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Library Salary Account to fund additional staff coverage in the new library for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016.

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

ARTICLE 11. Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$67,000.00 from the sale of cemetery lots receipts reserve fund, for the expansion and landscaping project in the New Westside Cemetery.

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

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Department Expense Account to replace the loader bucket on the Highway Department's 1985 loader.

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

ARTICLE 13. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Tree Warden's Public Shade Tree Maintenance Account to continue stump grinding and tree removal from the Gall Wasp infestation.

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

ARTICLE 14. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$35,456.00 to be placed in the Wastewater Department Expense Account, to reimburse the account for funds used to repair the electric supply cables at

the Dock Street Pump Station and to cover additional sludge cake disposal due to high septage receiving volume and a rise in disposal costs for Fiscal Year 2016.

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

ARTICLE 15. Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Water Department's Surplus to the Water Departments Fiscal Year 2016 Expense Account to cover the cost of emergency repairs and a new pump for the Lily Pond 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 16. Moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$133,800.00 from the Water Department's Surplus Account to be added to \$900,000.00 appropriated in Article 50 of the Annual Town Meeting held April 9, 2013 to paint the standpipe as all bids came in too high. 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.

The Special Town Meeting was declared closed by the Moderator at 7:22p.m..

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON APRIL 12, 2016

The Moderator began the Annual Town Meeting at 7:25 p.m. The quorum of one hundred sixty-six (166) was still in attendance. Moderator Norton read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service

ARTICLE 1. Being the Election Officers and three (3) Ballot Questions, Article 2 was taken up at this time.

1. One Selectmen for Three Years
2. One Assessor for Three Years
3. One Member of the Board of Health for Three Years
4. One Member of the Planning Board for Five Years
5. One Member of the School Committee for Three Years
6. Two Trustees of the Edgartown Free Public Library for Three Years
7. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
8. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years

9. One Water Commissioner for Three Years
10. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
11. Town Constable for Three Years

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Selectman Donaroma gave a report on the opening of the New Library and all the work and cooperation that the Library Building Committee had provided. He thanked all the members for working together on the great project. The building is a large addition to the Town and will be an asset to the Edgartown School. There is ample parking for all who wish to use the new facility. He stated that another opening would be held this summer when many of our residents had returned home and seasonal residents were on Island.

A report was given on where the Post Office was to be set up until their facility was re-opened. The hope was for the old Library Building to be set up for Edgartown postal delivery. Mrs. Dolby was given a round of applause for all her hard work on getting a place in Edgartown to use.

Wanda Williams Town Clerk gave the following report; at the close of the Polls on Thursday a forty-seven year tradition will end.

In 1968 George L Searle was elected Constable for the Town. He remained in that position for the next twenty-eight years until his death. His replacement was elected at our Annual Town Election in 1997, at which time his son Jonathan was elected to fill his father's unexpired term. Over the past nineteen years Jonathan was re-elected each time his term was to expire, until this year when he has chosen not to run. So to Jonathan many thanks for all the services you have provided over the years. We will miss you at Town Meeting and Election days.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers who are elected from the floor of the Town Meeting.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

Robert Avakian Fred B. Morgan, Jr.

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

At this time Benjamin L Hall, Jr. asked the question why there is only one Fence Viewer. He stated that in past years there have always been three. A small discussion took place and two other persons agreed to become Fence Viewers

FENCE VIEWERS

Robert E. Ward Gertrude C. Carter Paul Bagnall

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. Moved that the Town vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2017 and to make appropriations therefore.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR

1. Salary Elected \$ 300.00

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT-TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

2. Selectmen's Salaries (3) Elected 13,500.00
3. Other Salaries (2FT, 2PT) 224,832.42
4. Expense 7,115.00

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5. Salary (1PT) 5,602.10
6. Expense 4,867.73
7. Reserve Fund 40,000.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT.

8. Salaries (2FT) 138,963.57
9. Expense 13,955.00

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

10. Assessors' Salaries (3) – Elected 3,300.00
11. Other Salaries (3FT) 190,744.11
12. Expense 29,885.00

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

13. Salaries (2FT) 119,002.20
14. Expense 25,075.00

TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

15. Collector's Salary – Elected 69,917.61
16. Other Salaries (2FT) 99,842.74
17. Expense 12,220.00

PERSONNEL BOARD

18. Salary (1FT) 44,765.40
19. Expense 2,250.00

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

20. Town Clerk is now on line 21
21. Salaries (2 FT) 135,548.72
22. Expense 3,260.00

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

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

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

25. Salaries (2FT) 116,964.44
26. Expense 26,700.00

PLANNING BOARD

27. Salary (1FT,1PT) 71,209.78
28. Expense 10,150.00

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

29. Salary (1 PT) 23,382.57
30. Expense 1,000.00

TOWN HALL AND

VISITOR'S CENTER MAINTENANCE

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

COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER

33. Computer System Administrator (1FT) 102,115.84
34. Computer System Expense 103,365.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

35. Salaries (5FT. 1PT) 278,914.66
36. Expense 38,240.00

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	
37. Salaries (1PT)	30,524.83
38. Expense	1,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
39. Expense	25,000.00
BY-WAYS COMMITTEE	
40. Expense	1,100.00
41. LEGAL EXPENSE	147,500.00
42. Tax Title/Foreclosure	10,000.00
Total for General Government:	\$2,330,501.32

Lines 1 to 42 without Lines 36 and 37 were moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor with the Moderator declaring that 1-42 without Lines 36 & 37 CARRIED. Line 36 was passed in error, Line 37 the question was 'if the Historic District did not pass would the salary be increased.'

Answer: there would be no increase in hours or pay. Line 36 & 37 were moved and seconded thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that Lines 36 and 36 Carried

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT	
43. Salaries (21FT 2PT 5S)	2,805,591.04
44. Expense	309,222.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT	
45. Salaries (1FT, 3 Chiefs & 46 Firefighters)	336,110.35
46. Expense	205,400.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE	
47. Salaries (5FT, 26 EMTs)	632,815.28
48. Expense	91,450.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT	
49. Salaries (2 FT, 1 PT)	136,134.94
50. Expense	8,000.00

INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE & FIRE)	
51. Salaries (5PT)	115,000.00
52. Expense	1,000.00

CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
53. Salaries	500.00
54. Expense	7,563.00

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT	
55. Salaries (1FT, 2 PT)	94,636.46
56. Expense	8,100.00

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

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT	
61. Salaries (3fFT, 2S)	251,821.55
62. Expense	27,100.00

Total Protection of Persons and Property: 5,086,033.62

<u>HARBORMASTER'S DEPARTMENT</u>	
63. Salaries (4 FT, 6-8S)	332,026.90
64. Expense	105,850.00

65. Marine Adv. Comm. Expense	2,100.00
Total for Harbor Department:	439,976.90

<u>DREDGE</u>	
66. Salaries (4-6S)	124,161.00
67. Expense	136,000.00
Total for Dredge	260,161.00

<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>	
68. Salaries (7FT)	539,930.88
69. Street Lights	20,500.00
70. Snow & Ice	58,200.00
71. Expense	212,550.00
Total for Highway Department:	830,180.88

<u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>	
TRANSFER STATION & SITE MAINTENANCE	
72. MV Refuse District Assessment	516,901.00
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	
73. Salaries (7FT)	532,425.31
74. Expense	479,295.60
BOARD OF HEALTH	
75. Salaries (2FT)	140,347.02
76. Expense	125,606.00
Total for Health & Sanitation	1,794,574.93

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

<u>EDUCATION</u>	
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
78. Salaries	5,601,050.76
79. Expense	801,053.00
80. Superintendent's Office	1,303,805.9

M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT	
81. Assessment	4,410,858.27
Total for Education:	12,116,767.96

Lines 43 to 81 without Line 66 were moved and seconded, thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that 43-81 without 66 CARRIED. Line 66 was passed for discussion, a voter wanted to know why the salaries had increased. The increase was due to contract negotiations with the men who worked for the Dredge Department. Line 66 was moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that Line 66 CARRIED.

<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Edg. Public Library Dept.	
82. Salaries (6FR, 4 PT)	490,710.76
83. Expense	281,940.44
Total for Library:	772,651.20

<u>PARK AND BEACHES</u>	
PARK AND BEACHES	
84. Salaries (1PT, 25-30S)	323,360.64
85. Expense	60,000.00
Total for Parks & Beaches	383,360.64

CEMETERY

Cemetery Department

86. Salary (1FT, 2S)	81,685.84
87. Expense	16,939.00
Total for Cemeteries:	98,624.84

UNCLASSIFIED

88. Insurance-Fire, Liability, Workers' Compensation	325,000.00
89. Unemployment Compensation Insurance	10,000.00
90. Care of Town Clock	6,000.00
91. Annual Town Reports	9,000.00
92. Holidays Expense	15,250.00
93. Ponds Area Advisory Committee Expense	2,750.00
94. Care of Town Flags	3,000.00
95. Internal & External Audit Town Accounts	61,000.00
96. Airfield Commission Expense	20,400.00
97. Christmas Decorations Expense	34,542.50
98. M.V. Commission Assessment	373,250.00
99. M.V. Cultural Council	2,500.00
100. Dukes County Regional Housing	93,298.00
101. Beautification Committee	25,000.00

D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

102. Pension Fund	1,317,022.18
103. Other Post Employment Benefits	250,000.00

GROUP INSURANCE

104. Health – Town Share	2,950,000.00
105. Medicare – Town Share	170,000.00
106. Life Insurance – Town Share	2,000.00
Total for Unclassified:	5,670,012.68

INTEREST AND DEBT

PRINCIPAL

107. Wastewater UBS 2004	
108. Municipal Purpose 2005	
109. Municipal Purpose 2006	
110. GOB 2008	88,000.00
111. GOB 2010	100,000.00
112. MPL 2010 Series B	28,000.00
113. MPL 2010 Series A	95,000.00
114. Wastewater 2011	11,411.00
115. MPL 2015 Series A	506,900.00
116. MPL 2015 Series B	600,000.00
117. MLP 2016	250,000.00

INTEREST

118. Wastewater UBS 2004	
119. Municipal Purpose 2005	
120. Municipal Purpose 2006	
121. GOB 2008	21,760.50
122. GOB 2010	17,625.00
123. MLP2010 Series B	6,105.00
124. MLP 2010 Series A	
125. Wastewater 2011	12,608.21
126. MPL 2015 Series A	145,260.00
127. MPL 2015 Series B	155,225.00
128. MPL 2016	102,586.25
129. Interest Temporary Loans	15,000.00

Totals for Interest and Debt	2,060,480.96
Sub-totals	31,873,326.93

WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND024)

130. Salaries (8FT)	525,738.03
131. Expense	590,153.00
132. Principal	255,525.08
133. Interest	235,992.05
Total for Water Department	1,607,408.16

Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee \$ 33,480,735.09

Lines 83 to 133 without Line 128 were moved and seconded; thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring Line 83-133 without 128 CARRIED. A motion was made to amend Line 128 by decreasing the MPL 2016 from \$158,697.71 to a lower amount \$102,586.35. The motion was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS vote. All Line Items 1 thru 133 were voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. 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 2017 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves:
\$110,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;
\$110,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;
\$110,000.00 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 6. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$90,000.00 to be paid to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown families during Fiscal Year 2017.

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

ARTICLE 7. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$20,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$80,000.00 for a total of \$100,000.00 to go toward the purchase of land for the Island Housing Trust's "Kuehne's Way Project" in Vineyard Haven in exchange for preference in one unit for a family either employed in or currently living in Edgartown.

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

ARTICLE 8. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$40,000.00 for restoration of the benches and chairs at the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association Tabernacle located in Oak Bluffs which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Historic District Commission has deemed the Tabernacle historically important to Edgartown.

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

ARTICLE 9. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$100,000.00 to relocate the electrical box in front of the Edgartown Carnegie Library as a part of the historical restoration project on North Water Street.

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

ARTICLE 10. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$110,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$390,000.00, a total of \$500,000.00, for historic preservation and capital improvements to Edgartown Memorial Wharf.

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 \$20,000.00 to further implement recommendations made in a 2014 study prepared for the Edgartown Cemetery Commissioners regarding restoration of historic gravestones in Edgartown.

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

ARTICLE 12. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$350,000.00 for capital improvements and restoration to the interior of the Edgartown Town Hall.

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

ARTICLE 13. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unreserved fund the sum of \$17,800.00 for new fencing around the tennis courts at the Robinson Road Recreation Area.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$125,000.00 to be used by the Dredge Committee for beach nourishment at Fuller Street Beach.

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

ARTICLE 15. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 to create a Sensory and Literary Garden at the new Edgartown Library.

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

ARTICLE 16. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$100,000.00 as the Town of Edgartown's share for the construction of restrooms at the "Vineyard Baseball Park" located at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School in Oak Bluffs.

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

ARTICLE 17. Moved that the Town vote to close out the following amounts to the specified Community Preservation accounts from the specified Community Preservation project accounts:

Article 12 – Annual Town Meeting 2014 - \$14,655.00 from the Dukes County Regional Housing Rental Assistance Account to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Account.

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

ARTICLE 18. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 19. Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22F, allowing Boards and Commissions to set reasonable fees. If the Board or Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Selectmen would review the proposed fees. All fee increases would require a Public Hearing.

Moved and seconded; thereafter voted by a standing vote count YES 150 NO 81 the Moderator declared that the Article CARRIED.

ARTICLE 20. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from overlay surplus the sum of \$45,000.00 to be used for valuation updates of real and personal property, revaluations, and Department of Revenue recertification.

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

ARTICLE 21. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 22. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 with the Moderator declaring that the Article CARRIED.

ARTICLE 23. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2017, the sum of \$15,200.00 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 25. Move that Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,245.00 to renovate seven two story bay units at the Edgartown School. These bay units are exhibiting wood rot in several places and must be renovated to prevent further damage and additional costly repair.

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

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$22,850.63, as the Town's proportionate share (29.68%), of the Fiscal Year 2017 adjusted cost of \$91,553.40 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 27. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from overlay surplus the sum of \$144,135.64, as the Town's proportionate share (29.68%) of the Fiscal year 2017 adjusted cost of \$485,632.21 to fund the Martha's Vineyard Senior Services (provided through a contract with M.V. Center for Living).

Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the Article by the amount in line one to the following amount \$128,953.11. The amendment was moved and seconded, thereafter voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE. The main Article as amended was voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 28. Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,297.44 as the Town's proportionate share (29.68%) of the net cost of the Vineyard Health Care Access Program for Fiscal Year 2017 (\$307,605.92), 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 29. Moved that the Town re-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; after much discussion and comments a motion was made to Indefinitely Postpone the Article. The vote was taken by a standing count vote YES 151 NO 68, the Article was INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

ARTICLE 30. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$2,000.00 for Sick/Injured Animal Emergency care.

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

ARTICLE 31. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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. Moved the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 to fund a new roof and exterior repairs to the Edgartown Police Station.

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

ARTICLE 33. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase and equip a 2016 or current year Sports Utility Vehicle to replace the 2006 Sports Utility Vehicle and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2006 Sports Utility Vehicle in the best interest(s) of the Town.

Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the type of vehicle, in line 2 remove the following Sports Utility Vehicle and replace it with *Emergency Response Vehicle* the motion was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in FAVOR of the amendment. The main Article as amended was thereafter voted by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 34. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$16,000.00 to replace 8 sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). PPE has a maximum lifespan of 10 years and is no longer compliant with NFPA standards.

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

ARTICLE 35. Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000.00, to purchase and equip a new ambulance, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 14, 2016, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2017 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2005 Ford ambulance in the best interest(s) of the Town.

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

BALLOT QUESTION #1 YES 281 NO 99 BLANKS 7

ARTICLE 36. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$37,000.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2017 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

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

ARTICLE 38. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2017, the sum of \$7,850.00 to purchase a new outboard to replace the 2002 20 HP Yamaha outboard and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing engine in the best interest(s) of the Town.

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

ARTICLE 39. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2017, the sum of \$32,000.00 to purchase a new pickup truck for use of the Shellfish Department.

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

ARTICLE 40. 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 2017.

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

ARTICLE 41. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the

sum of \$50,000.00 and from Receipts Reserved for Waterways the sum of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$60,000.00 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 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$25,000.00 to purchase and rig a new outboard engine for the patrol vessel and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing engine in the best interest(s) of the town.

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

ARTICLE 43. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$425,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

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

ARTICLE 44. Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 14, 2016, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal year 2017 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap, for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

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

BALLOT QUESTION 2

YES 293 NO 88 BLANKS 6

ARTICLE 45. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 46. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from overlay surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$20,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

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

ARTICLE 47. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from overlay surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$15,000.00 to replace all roof fasteners for the steel sheathing on the Highway Department's main building.

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

ARTICLE 48. Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for

the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of the Town infrastructure, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008, in the amount of \$236,529.00).

Moved and seconded; thereafter an amendment was made to the amount in line four of the Article, change the amount to \$236,663.00 the amendment was moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by UNANIMOUS VOTE. The main Article as amended was voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 49. Move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000.00 to pay the costs of constructing a bike path along Meetinghouse Way, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 14, 2016, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2017 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

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

BALLOT QUESTION 3
YES 250 NO 131 BLANKS 6

ARTICLE 50. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 voted in favor by a UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 51. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$4,000.00 to tear down and replace concrete steps and a porch, that do not meet code, at the Katama Airport.

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

ARTICLE 52. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$2,000.00 to replace the doors to the restaurant at Katama Airport as they do not comply with the ADA code.

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

ARTICLE 53. Moved that the Town of Edgartown vote to amend Edgartown Zoning Bylaw Article XIX. FLOOD PLAIN ZONE as follows:

To replace the panel number suffixes from H to J; add panel “#25007CO138J” and replace the “effective date” from “July 6, 2010” to “July 20, 2016” as follows:

19.1 Purpose

The map panels of the Dukes County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Edgartown are panel numbers:

25007C0111J, 25007C0112J, 25007C0113J, 25007C0114J, 25007C0116J, 25007C0117J, 25007C0118J, 25007C0119J, 25007C0136J, 25007C0137J, 25007C0138J, 25007C0139J, 25007C0201J, 25007C0202J, 25007C0206J, 25007C0207J, 25007C0226J, and 25007C0227J, dated July 20, 2016.

To add the following paragraph and e) and f) as follows:

19.4 Requirements

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the M.G.L. and with the following: Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address flood plain and coastal high hazard areas; Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00); Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00); Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00); Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5). All Flood Plain Permits granted under Section 19.3 shall be subject to the following provisions: [sentence remains the same]

a) – d) [remains the same]

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

Adjacent Communities; Bordering States (optional); NFIP State Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street – Suite 600-700, Boston, MA 02114-2104; and NFIP Program Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Regional 1, 99 High Street – 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

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

To add b. & c. to Article 19.5 as follows:

19.5 Additional Requirements in V (Velocity) Zones – VE

b. Man-made alteration of sand dunes within Zones V1-30, VE, and V which would increase potential flood damage are prohibited.

c. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

1) such proposals minimize flood damage;

2) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and

3) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

To replace the "effective date" from "July 6, 2010" to "July 20, 2016" in article 19.9 Definitions.

Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to Indefinitely Postpone the Article the amendment did not CARRY. The Article was voted by a standing vote count YES 283 NO 1, the Article passed by the required two-thirds requirement.

ARTICLE 54. Moved that the town vote to expand the Edgartown Historic District as proposed and reflected on the map dated September 1, 2015 and filed with the Town Clerk entitled, "Historic District-Adopted September 1, 2015."

Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to Indefinitely Postpone the Article, moved and seconded, thereafter voted with the Moderator declaring that the Amendment did not CARRY. The main Article was thereafter voted by a standing count vote YES 169 NO 48, the Article passed by the required two thirds requirement.

ARTICLE 55. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$4,995.00 for three signs, required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to post as you are entering the Historic District.

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

ARTICLE 56. Move that the Town vote to adopt the following plastic bag bylaw:

1. Findings and Purpose

- 1.1 Single-use plastic bags are an environmental nuisance; adversely affect public health; are a detriment to tourism; and impair the overall quality of life of the Town's residents and visitors.
- Because plastic bags are lightweight, they easily become airborne even when properly disposed of, littering beaches, roadsides and sidewalks. They clog storm drainage systems, contribute to marine and terrestrial pollution, and detract from the natural beauty of the Town for visitors and residents alike.
 - Plastic bags photo-degrade, disintegrating into minute particles which absorb toxins and pose a threat to riparian and marine environments, contaminating the food chain, water and soil. They are also a menace to marine life, killing birds, marine mammals, sea turtles and fish each year through ingestion and entanglement.
 - The vast majority of plastic bags are not recycled, and recycling of plastic bags is not available on Martha's Vineyard. Their disposal adds to the Town's waste management expense, both through the cost of transporting waste to off-island landfills and due to their contamination of the single-stream recycling system.

1.2 Single-use plastic bag ordinances have proven to be effective in reducing plastic bag consumption and litter and are part of a growing global movement towards sustainability.

1.3 The Town is committed to protecting the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. The goal of this bylaw is to reduce the common use of plastic checkout bags and to encourage the use of reusable bags by consumers, thereby reducing local land and marine pollution, advancing solid waste reduction, protecting the Town's unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Town.

2. Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

3. Use Regulations

3.1 No Store in the Town shall provide to any customer a Plastic Checkout Bag.

3.2 If a Store provides Checkout Bags, they may only provide Recyclable Paper Bags or Reusable Bags.

3.3 This bylaw does not apply to the clear or opaque plastic bags without handles provided to a customer:

- a. to transport loose produce, prepared food, bulk food, or small unpackaged products (e.g. beads and nails or other small hardware items) to the point of sale; or

b. to contain or wrap foods to retain moisture or to segregate foods (like meat or ice cream) or other items to prevent contamination or damage when the items are placed together in a Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag.

3.4 Stores may charge and retain a fee for any Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag that they provide. The fee could be used to recover the costs of the bag and/or as an incentive to customers to bring their own Reusable Bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own Reusable Bags when they shop, and Stores may offer a credit to customers who bring their own bags.

4. Administration and Enforcement

4.1 This bylaw may be enforced by any Town Police Officer or agent of the Board of Health.

4.2 A person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:

- first violation: a written warning.
- second violation: \$50 fine.
- third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine.

Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

5. Effective Date

5.1 This bylaw takes effect on January 1, 2017.

Moved and seconded; thereafter a motion was made to amend the Article. In Section 4.1 remove the words "Town Police Officer", and change 4.1 to read; This regulation may be enforced by any Agent of the Board of Health. Add a new section 6.WAIVER as follows 6.1 The Board of Health may waive the effective date for a Store for up to one year if the Store's inventory on non-compliant bags will not be able to be used prior to January 2017. Also an amendment to the last line of Section 6.1 it should read January 2018.

The amendments were moved and seconded, thereafter voted in favor with the Moderator declaring that the amendment CARRIED. The main Article as amended was voted in favor with the Moderator declaring that the Article carried.

ARTICLE 57. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Commission's property maintenance.

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

ARTICLE 58. 2017, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Land Acquisition.

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

ARTICLE 59. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance.

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

ARTICLE 60. Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,383.20 to be added to \$131,000.00 appropriated in Article 60 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to fund Edgartown's portion of a Hazard Mitigation Grant to upgrade and protect the Dock Street sewer pump station against flood related damage.

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

ARTICLE 61. Moved that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$6,500.00 for audit expenses associated with the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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 2017, the sum of \$17,000.00 to replace a failed 18 inch effluent bed valve and several process valves on the verge of failure.

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

ARTICLE 63. Move that the Town vote to appropriate from overlay surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$72,000.00 to rebuild and replace worn out parts of the mechanical bar screen at the Wastewater Facility.

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

ARTICLE 64. 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 2017. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or tax rate.

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

ARTICLE 65. Move that the Town authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$40,000.00 to purchase a new pickup truck to replace the 2008 pickup truck and further to authorize the Water Commissioners to dispose of the 2008 pickup truck in the best interests of the Town. This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

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

ARTICLE 66. Move that the Town authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's

Surplus, the sum of \$3,000.00 to purchase a mower to maintain the grounds and facilities and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

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

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HELD ON
APRIL 14, 2016**

Purstant 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 fourteenth day of April, Two thousand sixteen, 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, Cindy Bonnell, Melody Cunningham, Scott Ellis, Constable, Audrey Harding, Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk, Ursula Prada, JoAnn Resendes, and Ann Tyra were sworn in as Warden, Tellers, Checkers, Ballot Clerk, and Officer of the Day.

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

At 8:30 a.m. all ballots having been accounted for and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the results of the Election.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Michael J. Donaroma	270
Blanks	106
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>11</u>
	387
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Donna L. Goodale	316
Blanks	67
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>4</u>
	387
BOARD OF HEALTH	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Harold T. Zadeh	305
Blanks	80
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>2</u>
	387
CONSTABLE	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
William C. Bishop, IV	315
Blanks	70
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>2</u>
	387

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR TWO	
Thomas A. Durawa	321
Steven C. Jordan	261
Blanks	191
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>1</u>
	774
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR TWO	
Olga M. Church	202
Stephen W. Miller	137
Justine Shemeth DeOliveira	271
Blanks	164
Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>
	774
PARK COMMISSIONER	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Glen Searle	333
Blanks	52
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>2</u>
	387
PLANNING BOARD	FOR FIVE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Michael Jon Mc Court	270
Blanks	114
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>3</u>
	387
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Kelly M. McCracken	300
Blanks	87
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>0</u>
	387
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER	FOR THREE YEARS
VOTE FOR ONE	
Glen Searle	5
Blanks	363
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>19</u>
	387

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

Scott Ellis	319
Blanks	68
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	0
	<u>387</u>

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD FOR THREE YEARS
LAND BANK REPRESENTATIVE
VOTE FOR ONE**

Edward W. Vincent, Jr.	234
Blanks	147
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	6
	<u>387</u>

BALLOT QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$260,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new ambulance?

YES	281
NO	99
BLANKS	7
	<u>387</u>

BALLOT QUESTION #2

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to access an additional \$350,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to rebuild and resurface town streets?

YES	293
NO	88
BLANKS	6
	<u>387</u>

BALLOT QUESTION #3

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$210,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to construct a bike path on Meetinghouse Way?

YES	250
NO	131
BLANKS	6
	<u>387</u>

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF STATE PRIMARY
HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016**

Pursuant to the Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Edgartown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Polling Place in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room, (Town Hall) 70 Main Street, on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of bringing their ballots to the Elections Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties.

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

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

1019 Voters were checked as having voted, 837 Democratic Ballots were cast of which ---were Absentee

Ballots. 1 Green Rainbow ballot was casted. 180 Republican ballots were cast of which ---were Absentee Ballots, 1 United Independent Party ballot was cast.

At 10:15 p.m. all ballots having been counted and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the results of the Election

DEMOCRATIC PARTY REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	BALLOTS CAST
William Richard Keating	661
Blanks	167
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	9
	<u>837</u>

COUNCILLOR	
Joseph C. Ferreira	570
Blanks	266
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
	<u>837</u>

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Julian Andre Cry	250
Shelia R. Lyons	301
Brian R. Mannal	94
Blanks	187
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>5</u>
	837

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Dylan A. Fernandes	243
Michael G. Heylin	14
T. Ewell Hopkins, Jr.	414
Jessica G. Lambert	54
Timothy M. Soverino	16
Blanks	96
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>0</u>
	837

SHERIFF

Robert Ogden	567
Marc Richard Rivers	225
Blanks	40
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>5</u>
	837

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

John S. Alley	495
Leon A. Brathwaite II	345
David Jeffrey Holway	373
Christine C. Todd	375
Gretchen T. Underwood	363
Blanks	3886
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>22</u>
	5859

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Paulo C. DeOliveira	607
Laura H. Hairston	22
Candace A. Nichols	121
Eve Lauren Vincent	64
Blanks	17
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	1
Martina Thornton	<u>7</u>
	837

REPUBLICAN PARTY**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Mark C. Alliegro	74
Thomas J. O'Malley, Jr.	73
Blanks	29
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>4</u>
	180

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	174
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>6</u>
	180

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

James H. Crocker, Jr.	0
Anthony E. Schiavi	0
Blanks	0
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>0</u>
	180

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	177
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>3</u>
	180

SHERIFF

Blanks	83
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	
Robert Ogden	64
Marc Rivers	23
Neal Maciel	8
Kenneth Scott	<u>2</u>
	180

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Norman L. Perry	105
Blanks	1133
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>22</u>
	1260

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Blanks	75
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	4
Paulo DeOliveira	86
Eve Vincent	6
Candy Nichols	7
Martina Thornton	<u>2</u>
	180

GREEN RAINBOW PARTY**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	<u>1</u>
	1

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	1
	<u>1</u>
	1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blank	0
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	<u>1</u>
	1

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	0
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	
Dylan Fernandes	<u>1</u>
	1

SHERIFF

Blanks	0
Miscellaneous Write-Ins	
Robert Ogden	<u>1</u>
	1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Blanks	<u>7</u>
	7

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Blanks	0
Miscellaneous Write Ins	
Paulo DeOliveira	<u>1</u>
	1

**UNITED INDEPENDENT PARTY
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Blanks 1

1

COUNCILLOR

Blanks 1

1

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 0
Miscellaneous Write-Ins 1

1

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 1

1

SHERIFF

Blanks 1

1

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Blanks 7

7

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Blanks 1

1

Attest:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

**REPORT OF STATE ELECTION
HELD ON
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

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Jean Andrews, Cindy Bonnell, Melody Cunningham, Phyllis Look, Karen Medeiros, Assistant Town Clerk Ursula Prada, Irene Resendes, JoAnn Resendes, Ann Tyra, Chris White and Maria Williams were sworn in as Tellers, Checkers and Ballot Clerks for the Day.

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

The Polls were declared open at 6:55 a.m., after a vote was taken, not to have the Warrant read by Wanda M. Williams, Town Clerk, and declared closed at 8:00 p.m..

At 11:10 p.m., all ballots having been accounted for and tallied, the Town Clerk announced the results of the Election

**ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
VOTE FOR ONE**

Clinton and Kane	Democratic	1787
Johnson and Weld	Libertarian	99
Stein and Baraka	Green-Rainbow	53
Trump and Pence	Republican	779
Blanks		51

Miscellaneous Write-Ins:	
Bernie Sanders	21
Miscellaneous	20
	<hr/> 2810

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

NINTH DISTRICT VOTE FOR ONE

William R. Keating	Candidate for Re-election	1809
	Democratic	
Mark C. Alliegro	Republican	663
Christopher D. Cataldo	Unenrolled	16
Paul J. Harrington	Independent	119
Anna Grace Raduc	Unenrolled	19
Blanks		183
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:		1
		<hr/> 2810

COUNCILLOR

FIRST DISTRICT VOTE FOR ONE

Joseph C. Ferreira	Candidate for Re-election	1962
	Democratic	
Blanks		839
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:		9
		<hr/> 2810

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
CAPE & ISLANDS DISTRICT**

Julian Andre Cyr	Democratic	1670
Anthony E. Schiavi	Republican	823
Blanks		317
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:		0
		<hr/> 2810

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

VOTE FOR ONE

BARNSTABLE, DUKES AND NANTUCKET DISTRICT

Dylan A. Fernandes	Democratic	997
Jacob N. Ferry	Independent	446
Tobias B. Glidden	Independent	1074
Blanks		290
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:		<u>3</u>
		2810

SHERIFF VOTE FOR ONE

DUKES COUNTY

Robert Ogden	Democratic	1762
Neal J. Maciel	Independent	858
Blanks		190
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:		<u>0</u>
		2810

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTE for not more than SEVEN

DUKES COUNTY

John S. Alley	Candidate for Re-election Democratic	1624
Leon Arthur Brathwaite, II	Candidate for Re-election Democratic	1177
David Jeffrey Holway	Candidate for Re-election Democratic	1284
Tristan R. Israel	Candidate for Re-election Unenrolled	1316
Christine Catherine Todd	Candidate for Re-election Democratic	1266
Gretchen T. Underwood	Candidate for Re-election Democratic	1169
Norman L. Perry	Republican	891
Robert Zeltzer	Independent	991
Blanks		9935
Miscellaneous Write-In:		<u>17</u>
		19670

REGISTER OF DEEDS (TO FILL VACANCY) VOTE FOR ONE

Paulo C. DeOliveira	Democratic	2023
Martina Thornton	Independent	553
Blanks		230
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:		<u>4</u>
		2810

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION VOTE for not more than NINE

Clarence A. Barnes, III	Candidate for Re-election	1726
Christina Brown	Candidate for Re-election	1503
Robert McMillen Doyle	Candidate for Re-election	925
Joshua Seth Goldstein	Candidate for Re-election	960
Fred J. Hancock	Candidate for Re-election	931
Ernest Douglas Sederholm	Candidate for Re-election	915
Linda Bauer Sibley	Candidate for Re-election	1024
James Vercruyse	Candidate for Re-election	798
John Robert Breckenridge		469
Susan Desmarais		752

Myron Garfinkle	531
Allen M. Look	684
Brian C. Smith	578
Richard J. Toole	696
Blanks	12780
Miscellaneous Write-Ins:	<u>18</u>
	25290

QUESTION #1

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines.

The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request application for the additional licenses to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheater, and bleachers, (iii) where a hours racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

YES	734
NO	1897
BLANKS	179

2810

QUESTION #2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total state wide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled

in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A **YES VOTE** would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expended enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools

YES	1356
NO	1347
BLANKS	107
	2810

QUESTION #3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from laying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around feely. The purposed law would prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combined veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; 4-H programs; slaughter noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations;

medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets, and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposed not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceeding, the purposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A **YES VOTE** would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevent them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs or turning around freely.

A **NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

YES	2283
NO	413
BLANKS	114
	2810

QUESTION #4

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken in the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. Provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and the marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residence; give one once or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate

regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments.

The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays, required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in the communities. A city or town would hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be use subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law. Marijuana related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created on unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public building or at or schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the currents laws relative to marijuana.

YES	1672
NO	1061
BLANKS	77
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	2810

ATTEST:

WANDA M. WILLIAMS
Town Clerk

BIRTHS 2016

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 2016 was 36.

MARRIAGES - DEATHS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 2016

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
JANUARY		
25	Austin Kurt Carlson Miona Subotic	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
FEBRUARY		
09	Valentina Globa Curtis Allen Duquette	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
MARCH		
04	Sebastiao Sereiano Ferreira Leontina Candida de Paula Ferreira	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
07	Kyle Andrew Mulvey Darya Grusha	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
30	Jennifer Ann Cavanaugh William James Carrow	Chesapeake City, MD Elkton, MD
APRIL		
06	Mark Calvin Corwin III Denise Marie Pirani	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
06	Marina Jurcevic Daniel Ryan Snyder	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
MAY		
21	Alexandra Katharine Pirozzi James Salvatore Corrigan	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
21	Anna Claire Littlejohn Shawn Patrick Ash	Durham, NC Durham, NC
29	Jacqueline Tamara Leaird Joseph Harold Schiltz	Forest Hills, NY Forest Hills, NY
JUNE		
04	William Edmond Eger Maren Alissa Shapiro	Boston, MA Boston, MA
04	Alyssa Quillan Colbert Gregory Paige Barrett	Singer Island, FL Indianapolis, IN
04	Bennett Mundell Coffey Charles Johnson Blair IV	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
JUNE		
06	Juliet Kathryn Mulinare Bora Islami	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
11	Lauren Elizabeth White Tyler Joseph Casciato	Denver, CO Denver, CO
11	Amanda Katlyn Fennell Scott Joseph Allen	Raleigh, NC Raleigh, NC
11	Charles Alexander Riley Claire Marie Lawlor	New Orleans, LA Amherst, MA
12	Stephen James Foster Kate Jennifer Conde	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
17	Ronald Kent Richardson Hua Jin	Newton, MA Nanjing, PR, China
17	Jaime Elizabeth Catanzaro Peter Christy Foster	Pittsburg, PA Pittsburg, PA
18	Jenna Marie Crawford John Bedros Robichau	Astoria, NY Astoria, NY
23	Nora Leigh Donahue Alan Gerard Cusack	Donnybrook, Dublin, Ireland Donnybrook, Dublin, Ireland
25	Russell Rudolph Busse Brit Elizabet Hvide	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
25	Jamie Kae Kanai Clarence Alfred Barnes IV	Beverly Hills, CA Beverly Hills, CA
25	Caroline Elizabeth Homlish John Dennis O'Shea III	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
25	Loring Hammond Allen Stuart Spalding Randall	Rye Brook, NY Rye Brook, NY
JULY		
03	Julia Corbett Zitz Donald Jay Marcus	Ipswich, MA Charlestown, MA
03	Lucy Amelia Volkmar Brian Pete	Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
03	Lisa Katherine Elliott Michael Montgomery Daniels	New York, NY New York, NY

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
JULY		
09	Erin Marie Garza Ian Kyle Jochems	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
09	Brianna Marie Manning Matthew Brian Pierce	Boston, MA Boston, MA
14	Jeffery Wells Scheller Kristen Anne Menard	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
15	Colin Miles Whyte Deanna Candace Withers	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
16	Robert Arthur Young, Jr. Lisa Jean Lawson	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
16	Elisabeth Stuart Summers Christopher Ralph Castelli	New York, NY Fairfield, CT
22	Sean Gerard Murphy Heather Aileen Sherard	Reston, VA Reston, VA
23	Caitlin Anderson Jorge Contreras	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
24	Jane Marie Burnett-LeClair William Ross Zisa	St. Petersburg, FL St. Petersburg, FL
28	Joyce Marie Campbell Dale Iavaughn Whyte	Atlanta, GA Atlanta, GA
29	Karen Tyra Green James Brogan Brady	Carpentersville, IL Carpentersville, IL
AUGUST		
04	Katherine Elizabeth Hansen John Anthony DeTore Jr.	Fort Worth, TX Fort Worth, TX
06	Amanda Cuppi Peter Philip Jordan	Mahwah, NJ Mahwah, NJ
07	Jackilyn Rose Melanson Dusan Mijatovic	Oak Bluffs, MA Edgartown, MA
09	Ronald Lee Briggs Jr. Tamu Danielle Davis	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
13	Gary Stephen Chang Sharon Anne Grancey	Wakefield, NH Charlestown, MA
13	Cilas Soares Batista Alessandra Silva Pungirum	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
AUGUST		
13	Christopher Robert Hutchison Kate Lizabeth Lefer	Brookline, MA Edgartown, MA
13	Robert Stanley Russell Pamel Sue Newton	Longboat Key, FL Longboat Key, FL
17	Robert Allen Sidoti Larisa Stinga	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
20	Leigh Bonilla Braude Marek Borowski	Boston, MA Boston, MA
22	Stacey-Ann Farquharson Davian Miguel Miller	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
22	Nicholas Scott Ewing Rachael Noemie Curtin	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
27	Natasha Rae Serrano Erik Peter Dreyer	Easton, PA Easton, PA
27	Paul Stephen Boyce Ronnie Alexandra Gosselin	Atlanta, GA Atlanta, GA
31	Khash-Erdene Ganbat Alma Zhantleuova	Ulaanbahtar, Mongolia Pavlodar, Kazakhstan
SEPTEMBER		
03	Ann Walsh Randall Craig Glick	Rathfarnham, Dublin, Ireland Rathfarnham, Dublin, Ireland
03	Richard Joseph Bowles Kelly Renee McDermott	Denver, CO Denver, CO
06	Paul Albert Santopietro Carole Leigh Norville	Daytona Beach, FL New Smyrna Beach, FL
08	Tiffany Michelle Harris Vaughn Dajaun Bryan-Webb	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
09	Joseph Scott Majchrowski Erin Margaret O'Connor	Mount Prospect, IL Mount Prospect, IL
10	Jessica Marie Fluharty Evan Joseph Wimmert	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
10	Kelly Jane O'Neill David Lindsey Swanson	New York, NY New York, NY
10	Kelly Anne Virgulto James Robert McNeil	Weymouth, MA Weymouth, MA

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
SEPTEMBER		
10	Robert Douglas Pickett Jr. Whitney Emelie Weeks	New York, NY New York, NY
10	Natasha Marie Snowden Bryan Philip Paul Cornock	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10	Adrienne Hoagland Rudkin Robert Andrew DeSena	New York, NY New York, NY
12	Colleen Brigitt Shea Chad Wesley Jones	Great Falls, VA Great Falls, VA
13	Aleksandar Janjic Ivana Mesulam	West Tisbury, MA Beograd, Serbia
14	Albert John Vieira Kelley Ann LaBarre	Newington, CT East Hampton, CT
17	Matthew Taylor Rogers Kimberly McMorrow Homlish	New York, NY New York, NY
17	Amanda Marie Kempa Charles Francis Kane	Hopkinton, MA Hopkinton, MA
17	Anna Ruth Duncan Matthew Joseph Marr	Philadelphia, PA Philadelphia, PA
17	John Michael O'Toole Molly Fair McAlvanah	Washington, DC Washington, DC
17	Stephanie Marie Barrett Travis Austin French	New York, NY New York, NY
17	Brian Daniel Scott Elsie Catherine Christina Fantasia	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
17	John Aloysius Connelly Brittany Nicole Breur	Pequannock, NJ Pequannock, NJ
17	Christina Louise Slater Samuel Henry Hubley	Boulder, CO Boulder, CO
17	Anthony Joseph Lewis Julia Megan Milner	Kingston, NY Kingston, NY
17	Kirstin Brigitte Schwaegerl Kristy Anne Robert	Pembroke, Bermuda Pembroke, Bermuda
17	Catherine Elise Pugnair Jones Jorge Antonio Figueroa Solarte	Harvard, MA Quito, Ecuador

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
SEPTEMBER		
17	Margery Ann Fairchild Kindrid Morris Parker	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
22	Sorin Stefan Maha Alyssa Sue Patterson	Edgartown, MA West Tisbury, MA
23	Carrie Elizabeth DePalma Jason Lee Priano	Danbury, CT Danbury, CT
24	Dana Faughnan James Anthony Kokoska	Salem, MA Salem, MA
24	Lauren Carson Courtney Kevin Thomas Schneider	Arlington, VA Arlington, VA
24	John Douglas Baclawski Brittany Watson Cohan	Darien, CT Darien, CT
24	Alex Christopher Avakian Emily Marie Norberg	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
OCTOBER		
01	Sarah Ann Webb Terrence Patrick Kehoe	Weare, NH Weare, NH
01	Alexandra Penniman Hodges Hunter Tallon Stokes	Conway, SC Conway, SC
08	Madelyne Mary Zollo Nathan Charles Rusbosin	Orlando, FL Orlando, FL
08	Cynthia Thomas Jeffrey Robert Williams	Palm Beach, FL Palm Beach, FL
08	Erin Lee Dykman Travis Gibson Ritchie	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
11	Maurizio Ferro Miriam Celeste Ellenburg	Ft. Myers, FL Ft. Myers, FL
15	John Christopher Burk Caitlin Kelly Morrison	Clarksville, TN Clarksville, TN
15	Lauren Lillian Corbo John David Pelham	Conshohocken, PA Conshohocken, PA
16	Mattia Hayley Phaneuf William Drew Newman	Austin, TX Austin, TX
16	Kristin Elizabeth Fontaine David Michael McGlynn	Cincinnati, OH Cincinnati, OH

MARRIAGES- Continued

DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
OCTOBER		
17	Victor Edward Buckley Amy Jo Howes	Massanutten, VA Massanutten, VA
17	Polioma Justino Buzette Lucas Candido da Silva	Vineyard Haven, MA Vineyard Haven, MA
19	Orlando Korey Hernayz Adriana-Valentina Eftimie	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
22	Noel Cerard Costigan Kristy Ann Nicholas	Barley Mount Killarney, Ireland Barley Mount Killarney, Ireland
22	Taylor Jensen Acosta Matthew Alexander Loftus	Minneapolis, MN Minneapolis, MN
23	Corrigan Munro Mello Doron Amichai Klingensmith	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
23	Suzanne Metell Stephan Samuel Pond	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
24	Wanderlei Abarecido Rita Bozzetti	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
28	Cassio da Silva Lucio Alicineia Moreira de Andrade	Oak Bluffs, MA Oak Bluffs, MA
NOVEMBER		
15	Anna Catherine Carringer Shawn Christopher Barber	West Tisbury, MA West Tisbury, MA
19	Mallory Anne Fauteux Dante Andrew Calamare	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
DECEMBER		
05	Leonardo Ferreira Marino Eredes Maria da Silva	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
10	Kara Elizabeth Shemeth Thomas Parker Ignacio	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
22	Kathryn Mary Hennigan John Frank Fiorito	Edgartown, MA Edgartown, MA
28	Steven Ross Durham Ksenia Alekseyevna Stigutskaya	Minneola, FL Minneola, FL

DEATHS RECORDED IN 2016

DATE	NAME	AGE	DATE	NAME	AGE
JANUARY			AUGUST		
	Hugh James MacInnis Jr.	74		Deborah Ann Montambault	54
	Agnes Louise Luce	92		Mildred Alyne Brown	96
				Clinton Peterson Griesser	32
FEBRUARY			SEPTEMBER		
	Michael Joseph Medeiros	47		Samuel Bailey Norton, Jr.	95
MARCH				Ingrid Thomas	80
	Estey Look Teller	83		Sandra June Isenstein	88
	Ethel Bynum	91		Alice Theresa Williams	84
	Raymond J. Gailey	68		Sylvia Virginia Thomas	80
APRIL				Audrey Olive Dow	93
	Joseph Artist Whittier III	65		Ethel S. Wolff	88
	Herbert Randolph Mercier Jr.	84		Earl Bradford Richards	85
	Louise Therese Davies	91	OCTOBER		
	Lorna J. Giles	62		Mark Vincent Peters, Jr.	37
MAY				Marylyn Frances Humphrey	85
	Rita Marie Klingensmith	73		Lucille Ann Gross	71
	Eileen Sullivan Mayhew	101	NOVEMBER		
JUNE				Samuel Tatelbaum	71
	Bryan J. Welz	68		Ruth Welch	91
JULY				Richard Joseph Andrade Jr.	57
	Vernon Jernegan	81		Anne Virginia Langley	85
	John Jude Carbon	70	DECEMBER		
	Marianne Holmes Thomas	90		Mary Haigazian	91
				George Francis Cowan	86
				Irene C. MacKenty	91

PERSONNEL BOARD

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

In 2016, the Personnel Board continued its efforts to maintain a system of public personnel management that is based on merit and that meets the social, economic and program needs of the Town of Edgartown. Throughout the year, the Board worked with department heads and employees to assist with clarification and interpretation of the Personnel By-Law.

In the first few months of the year, the Human Resources Coordinator finalized the setup of the computerized process by which the tracking of health coverage offers is made to all benefits-eligible employees and retirees, as well as the producing of new forms to report this information. Starting in 2016, new IRS regulations under the Affordable Care Act, required all applicable large employers to furnish eligible employees and retirees with new forms called 1095-C's showing the health care coverage that was offered to them throughout the year.

In June, the Board embarked on a seven month review of the current Classification Plan and Compensation Schedule. The Board contracted the services of the Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management located at UMass Boston, to administer this review. Through this process, every job description that falls under the discretion of the Personnel Board was reviewed for accuracy in terms of the essential functions, skill level, and requirements of the position. Each employee was given the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire listing the duties and requirements of their job and most met with the consultant to review the information together. The position descriptions were then rewritten in a new format to reflect the updated information and to comply with current statutory regulations. Employees were given the opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the drafts before they were finalized and approved by the Board. The Collins Center then classified each of the positions using a point factor analysis system applied to the new job descriptions.

The next phase of the project entailed surveying other comparable municipalities on the Cape and Islands to determine and recommend a salary schedule that was commensurate with fair market value for the positions. In the final phase of the project, the consultants will submit a report to the Personnel Board and Board of Selectmen recommending a new Classification Plan and Salary Schedule which will be subject to the approval of the taxpayers at their annual town meeting in April 2017.

The Board wishes to thank all of the employees and the department heads for their participation and assistance in the classification review process. The Board also wishes to thank Mary Aicardi of the Collins Center for Public Management for her hard work and diligent efforts in assisting them with this process.

In addition to these other larger projects, the Personnel Board continued to perform more routine tasks throughout the year such as processing paperwork for all new full-time, part-time, and seasonal employees hired by various departments of the Town and administering benefits. This year, the benefits offered to employees included medical, medical gap, dental, vision, life, accident, short-term disability, and cancer insurance plans. In addition to these insurance plans, the employees also had the opportunity to enroll in additional deferred compensation plans and flexible spending accounts for dependent care and/or medical expenses.

In the spring of 2016, we conducted the annual Open Enrollment period, which allows active employees as well as retirees the opportunity to enroll in any plans offered by the Town that they may not have enrolled in previously. A second Open Enrollment period took place in December, for any Town Retirees wishing to enroll in the supplemental medical insurance offered through the Town to supplement their Medicare coverage. On behalf of the Coordinator, the Board would like to specifically thank the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for their continued support and assistance with benefits administration.

Lastly, the Board wishes to thank its Human Resources Coordinator for her continued efforts on its behalf and commend her for an outstanding first year in the position. We look forward to the following year with great comfort in the fact that she has taken the reigns of the department with the knowledge and skill necessary to assist all Town employees with their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

SUZANNE CIOFFI, Chairman
PAUL MOREAU, Vice Chairman
DIANNE DURAWA
MAUREEN MCMANUS HILL
ELYCE BONNELL,
Employee Representative
ELAINE GRAVES,
Human Resources Coordinator

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

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

This past year was punctuated by a new version of Windows to contend with, the Town stepping in to assist with a Post Office building disaster, a large dead whale as a July 4th surprise, and improved cell phone coverage on Chappaquiddick.

Windows 10 was the Microsoft story of the year for Town computers. I spent countless hours either fending off Microsoft's efforts to automatically update to Windows 10 or customizing this operating system to function and appear more like Windows 7. This caused a fair number of headaches but with some tweaking it is a solid operating system and my fears of a repeat of what was a very negative Windows 8 experience did not come to fruition, thankfully.

During a construction project on the Post Office building, the building itself flooded, including water raining from the ceilings. The Post Office is a federal agency, not a Town department, but when something isn't right in town, our townspeople come to Town Hall and we react. The Town, US Postal Service, and Preservation Trust all worked together to allow the Post Office to move into the newly vacated Carnegie building on North Water Street which had previously housed the Edgartown Library. The Town handled much of the local communication when public opinions and emotions ran hot about this temporary move. Once the rumor mill slowed down and people saw how things played out with parking, hours, and the timeline for moving back to post office square, people quite enjoyed having the Post Office here in the middle of town.

July 4th is always a festive time in Edgartown, with the parade and fireworks being the highlights. Beachgoers received an uninvited guest sometime the night of July 3rd when a 40-foot deceased fin whale washed up at South Beach's left fork near the ever popular Norton Point. The Town worked with the Trustees of Reservations and other organizations to coordinate multiple updates with the press, visitors, and townspeople (including having to convince people that this was not a joke given the incredible timing). While taking pictures of the whale carcass, I discovered first hand that the unique smell of a decaying whale is not merely an urban legend, it is in fact truly legendary. It took a lengthy shower to remove and a bottle of air freshener to make my car usable once again.

Finally, after many years of hard work, the Chappaquiddick Cell Committee was able to work with AT&T to assist in coming up with a solution to provide better cellular coverage on Chappaquiddick. An immense amount of work was put into this by all parties involved and coverage was greatly improved thanks to a temporary tower installed in the spring of 2016. Within a week of this temporary tower going live, emergency responders had already called to let me know about how the improved coverage made a difference in situations they had responded to.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2017.

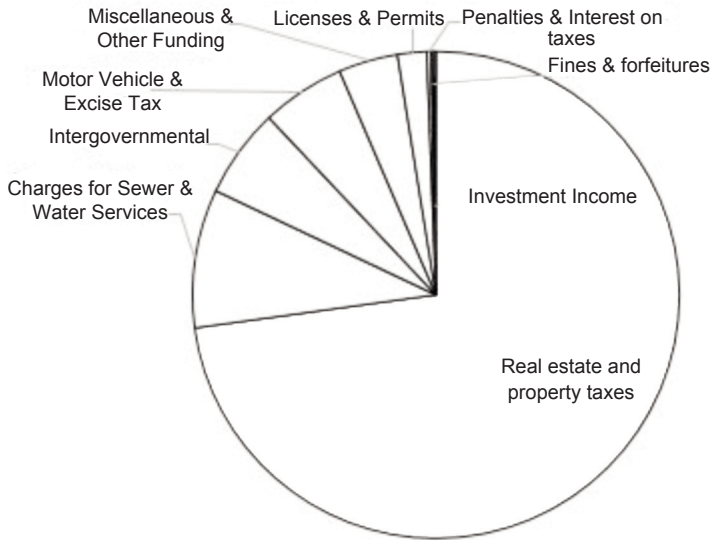
Respectfully submitted,

ADAM DARACK
Information Technology Manager
& Public Information Officer



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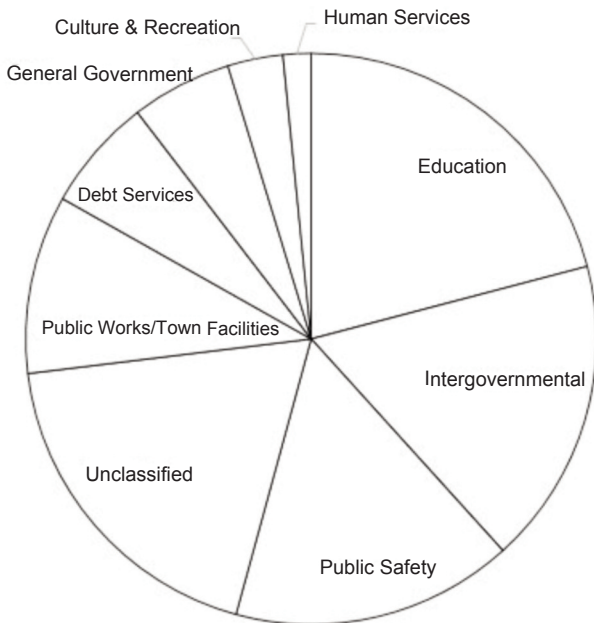
FY16 REVENUES



Revenue Category

Real estate and property taxes	\$ 26,221,124.20
Charges for Sewer & Water Services	\$ 3,314,062.74
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,139,112.00
Motor Vehicle & Excise Tax	\$ 2,003,038.24
Miscellaneous & Other Funding	\$ 1,419,365.23
Licenses & Permits	\$ 693,682.25
Penalties & Interest on taxes	\$ 101,242.23
Fines & forfeitures	\$ 56,403.72
Investment Income	\$ 57,048.11
Totals	\$ 36,005,078.72

FY16 EXPENSES



Expense Category

Education	\$ 7,834,187.99
Intergovernmental	\$ 6,263,280.02
Public Safety	\$ 5,750,361.24
Unclassified	\$ 6,783,720.10
Public Works/Town Facilities	\$ 3,642,689.08
Debt Services	\$ 2,309,508.31
General Government	\$ 2,054,324.62
Culture & Recreation	\$ 1,130,263.42
Human Services	\$ 569,201.67
Totals	\$ 36,037,536.45

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

Property values were adjusted based on property sales during calendar years 2016 and 2015, for the property assessment and taxes as of January 1, 2016 for FY2017. This was an interim adjustment of property values which is required by the Department of Revenue each of the two years between DOR's triennial certification of property values.

We noted in our report a year ago that the Governor filed a bill which would change the schedule of recertification from every three years to every five years. That bill, the Municipal Modernization Bill, did indeed pass the Legislature and was signed into law in August 2016. Edgartown's next certification is still scheduled for FY2018, but the following certification will now not be until FY2023. In any case, the Town will still be required to annually adjust values to ensure that values are supported with current market evidence.

Our experience with the number of abatements filed and cases taken to the Appellate Tax Board continues to be very good. For FY2014 we received 28 applications, granting 18 and abating only .08% of taxable value (\$5,259,351). 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). In the last several years the Town has not lost a case at the ATB, and for the last two fiscal years no cases have been filed.

We have 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 nine 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 and FY2017.

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%

The FY2017 tax rate is \$3.55, a decrease from the FY2016 rate of \$3.62. 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 FY2017 is from building permits issued in 2015 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 \$411,415 for FY2017, an increase of \$42,719 from the FY2016 amount of \$368,696. The average over the last five years is \$298,549.

Our work also includes responsibility for maintaining ownership records, conducting the required amount of property reinspections, handling abatement and exemption requests, 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. 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. 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.

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,
 ALAN GOWELL, Chairman
 LAURENCE A. MERCIER
 DONNA GOODALE

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION SUMMARIES

	FY2016 (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016)	FY2017 (7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017)
APPROPRIATIONS		
Raise & Appropriate	\$33,424,909	\$34,642,661
Free Cash	\$1,647,002	\$1,475,861
Available Funds	\$779,764	\$851,386
Other--CPA	\$1,940,065	\$2,432,800
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$37,791,739</u>	<u>\$39,402,707</u>
Other Amounts to be Raised:		
Cherry Sheet Offset	\$79,774	\$68,442
Overlay Deficits/Snow Removal Deficits/Other	\$59,555	\$26
State/County Charges (Cherry Sheet)	\$1,329,105	\$1,522,555
Overlay	\$233,348	\$242,234
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	<u>\$39,493,521</u>	<u>\$41,235,964</u>
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE		
State Reimbursements (Cherry Sheet)	\$2,091,078	\$2,165,759
Estimated Local Receipts	\$6,493,955	\$6,603,409
Community Preservation Funds	\$1,940,065	\$2,432,800
Appropriations From Free Cash	\$1,647,002	\$1,475,861
Appropriations From Other Available Funds	\$779,764	\$851,386
Free Cash Appropriated to Reduce Tax Rate	\$200,000	\$-
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS/OTHER REVENUE	<u>\$13,151,864</u>	<u>\$13,529,215</u>
NET TAX LEVY & TAX RATE		
Total To Be Raised	\$39,493,521	\$41,235,964
Less Total Estimated Receipts/Other Revenue	\$13,151,864	\$13,529,215
TAX LEVY	<u>\$26,341,658</u>	<u>\$27,706,749</u>
TAXABLE VALUE		
Real Property	\$7,148,090,600	\$7,668,781,970
Personal Property	\$128,610,478	\$135,936,167
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	<u>\$7,276,701,078</u>	<u>\$7,804,718,137</u>
TAX RATE	\$3.62	\$3.55

ABATEMENTS & STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN FY2016

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2008	\$25.84
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2009	\$99.12
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2012	\$392.32
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2013	\$494.69
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2014	\$1,404.28

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2015	\$1,158.11
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2016	\$19,478.40
Total Real Estate & Personal Property Abatements Granted in FY2016		\$23,052.76

STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS

Clause 41 C (Elderly)	Against Levy of FY	2016	\$8,000.00
Clause 18 (Hardship)	Against Levy of FY	2016	\$12,590.57
Clause 22 (Veteran)	Against Levy of FY	2016	\$15,000.00
Clause 37 (Blind)	Against Levy of FY	2016	\$1,000.00
Total Statutory Exemptions Granted in FY2016			\$36,590.57

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SURTAX ABATED OR EXEMPTED

Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2015	\$104.80
Against Tax Levy of Fiscal Year	2016	\$2,021.31
Total CPA abated or exempted in FY2016		\$2,126.11

Total All Abatements & Exemptions Granted In FY2016		\$61,769.44
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BOAT EXCISE FISCAL YEAR 2016

Boat Excise Commitments	No. of Boats	
FY 2016 Boat Excise	613	\$28,870.00
Total Boat Excise Issued		\$28,870.00

Boat Excise Abatements

Against Levy of FY	2011	\$93.00
Against Levy of FY	2012	\$93.00
Against Levy of FY	2013	\$241.00
Against Levy of FY	2014	\$241.00
Against Levy of FY	2015	\$256.00
Against Levy of FY	2016	\$1,725.58
Total Boat Excise Abatements Granted in FY2016		\$2,649.58

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE CALENDAR YEAR 2016

Issued in Calendar	2016	No. of Vehicles	
2015 Excise		190	\$6,306.63
2016 Excise		8622	\$1,121,305.84
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Issued			\$1,127,612.47

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2016

Against Levy of	2007	\$3,275.83
Against Levy of	2008	\$1,649.06
Against Levy of	2009	\$457.50
Against Levy of	2012	\$253.13
Against Levy of	2013	\$121.67
Against Levy of	2014	\$278.65
Against Levy of	2015	\$2,870.19
Against Levy of	2016	\$41,323.98
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements Granted in Calendar 2016		\$50,230.01



NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

EDGARTOWN

A. EDUCATION:**Distributions and Reimbursements**

Chapter 70	684,494
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursements	61,065
Smart Growth	0

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

School Choice Receiving Tuition	63,812
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Sub-Total, All Education Items

809,371

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Unrestricted General Government Aid	64,046
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans' Benefits	14,916
Exempt: VBS and Elderly	14,016
State Owned Land	1,258,780

Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

Public Libraries	4,630
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Sub-Total, All General Government

1,356,388

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

\$2,165,759



NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES

General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

EDGARTOWN

A. County Assessments:

County Tax	184,986
Suffolk County Retirement	0
Essex County Reg Comm Center	0
Sub-Total, County Assessments	184,986

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution	8,483
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	12,920
Sub-Total, State Assessments	21,403

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	224,990
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments	224,990

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

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

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

School Choice Sending Tuition	189,264
Charter School Sending Tuition	901,912
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments	903,422

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES

1,522,555

TOWN COLLECTOR

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

I herewith submit the annual report for the fiscal year
2016 for the Town Collector.

Total Collections Fiscal 2016

	Real Estate & CPA	Personal Property Betterments & Liens	Motor Vehicle
2012		13.67	430.00
2013		524.33	1,821.59
2014		1,475.68	12,721.53
2015	196,008.85	5,753.43	229,151.78
2016	25,592,282.77	460,391.66	808,039.08
 Sewer User Charges			
2015	21,717.81		
2016	1,181,860.57		
 Boat Excise Tax			
2016	25,435.42		
Pilot	28,983.55		
MCL's	10,265.00		
Late Fees	34,487.60		
Interest	118,133.75		

I would like to thank my assistants for their continued professionalism and for all of the hard work they do for the Town. Welcome to all of our new Homeowners in Town.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the dedicated taxpayers of the Town, who make our jobs enjoyable. I hope to continue serving you for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

MELISSA A. KUEHNE
Town Collector

TOWN TREASURER

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

Hereby submitted is the Town Treasurer’s reconcili- ation of cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016:

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Edgartown National Bank	\$15,553,997.91
MV Savings Bank	27,174.90
Unibank for Savings	325,426.36
Morgan Stanley	2,606,463.84
Bristol County Savings Bank	1,787,992.49

TRUST/AGENCY ACCOUNTS

Edgartown National Bank	\$10,000.00
MV Savings Bank	178,430.80
Bristol County Savings Bank	789,219.93
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	<u>\$ 21,278,706.23</u>

Three bonds were refunded on September 1, 2015 resulting in a debt service savings of \$654,383.52 from FY16 through FY26. The total outstanding debt as of June 30, 2016 was \$19,785,819.00.

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

would also like to thank Assistant Treasurer, Cindy Sherman for her assistance and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

PAMELA J. AMARAL
Treasurer

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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

I hereby submit the 97th Annual Report of the Accounting Department in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The fiscal year ended well with General Fund revenues exceeding projections Federal revenue received was in excess of \$657K requiring a single federal audit. The Town will start FY17 with \$1,683,969 in Free Cash. My assistant and I continue to attend seminars and continuing educational courses to keep up to date on all changes in software, Massachusetts General Laws and to maintain certification.

I would like to thank the Selectmen, Town Administrator and all department personnel for their cooperation during this fiscal year. I would like to thank my assistant Lauri Mather for her continued profession- alism and attention to detail. She is an asset to this department.

The following is the consolidated balance sheet for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

KIMBERLY G. KANE
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 2016**

<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	7,191,775.66	5,605,354.09	3,279,772.77	816,017.19	4,320,152.04	65,634.97		21,278,706.72
RECEIVABLES								
PPT	11,852.05							11,852.05
RE	345,773.71							345,773.71
TAX TITLE	165,916.97							165,916.97
MVE	241,190.38							241,190.38
BOAT	2,435.00							2,435.00
SEWER USER CHG	20,741.33							20,741.33
SEWER LIENS	1,133.88							1,133.88
SEPTAGE BILLED	8,832.51							8,832.51
AMBULANCE	148,724.32							148,724.32
HARBOR	1,050.00							1,050.00
TOWN WHARF	3,500.00							3,500.00
BETTERMENT	891.72		334.01					1,225.73
BETTERMENT NYD	209,993.26		42,084.00					252,077.26
CH 59 SEC 38D	1,011.67							1,011.67
TAX POSSESSIONS	446,561.58							446,561.58
CPA		8,890.87						8,890.87
POLICE DETAIL		336.00						336.00
WATER			39,502.61					39,502.61
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS								(706,605.52)
ACCRUED PROPERTY TAXES								0.00
AMT TO BE PROVIDED								18,753,319.47
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>8,094,778.52</u>	<u>5,614,580.96</u>	<u>3,279,772.77</u>	<u>897,937.81</u>	<u>4,320,152.04</u>	<u>65,634.97</u>	<u>18,753,319.47</u>	<u>41,026,176.54</u>

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 2016**

	<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>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>								
WARRANTS PAYABLE	783,063.69	135,482.74	416,697.61	15,983.69	2,494.02	10,232.68		1,363,954.43
ACCOUNTS PAYROLL	625,756.28							625,756.28
ACCRUED PAYROLL	573,542.56							573,542.56
PAYROLL W/H	186,651.94							186,651.94
TAILINGS	14,872.54			2,159.29				17,031.83
DEFERRED REVENUE	903,002.86	9,226.87		81,920.62		55,402.29		994,150.35
AGENCY FUNDS								55,402.29
NOTES PAYABLE			1,032,500.00					1,032,500.00
BONDS PAYABLE							18,753,319.47	18,753,319.47
TOTAL LIAB	3,086,889.87	144,709.61	1,449,197.61	100,063.60	2,494.92	65,634.97	18,753,319.47	23,602,309.15
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>								
RES FOR EXPENDITURE	1,543,273.74			103,000.00				1,646,273.74
RES OF ENCUMBRANCE	8,703.50							8,703.50
RES FOR CONT APPROP	783,225.81				234,642.50			1,017,868.31
RES FOR DEBT SERVICE	40,103.42							40,103.42
RES FOR SPEC REV		5,469,871.35						5,469,871.35
RES FOR CAP PROJ.			1,830,575.16					1,830,575.16
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST					452,782.71			452,782.71
EXPENDABLE TRUST								0.00
DESIGNATED FOR SNOW & ICE								0.00
DESIGNATED OVERLAY DEFICITS	(25.84)							(25.84)
UNRESERVED	2,632,608.02			694,874.21	3,630,232.81			6,957,715.04
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	5,007,888.65	5,469,871.35	1,830,575.16	797,874.21	4,317,658.02	0.00	0.00	17,423,867.39
TOTAL LIAB & FB	8,094,778.52	5,614,580.96	3,279,772.77	897,937.81	4,320,152.04	65,634.97	18,753,319.47	41,026,176.54
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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 FY16 as well as reimbursing the Reserve Fund \$20,000.00 for unexpected requests.

The accounting for said funds is as follows:

\$40,000.00 ATM appropriation	\$40,000.00
STM reimburse Reserve Fund (wastewater/emergency)	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$60,000.00

TRANSFERS FY16

School – repair gym floor (06300258-534000)	7,500.00
Wastewater –emergency repairs (0144006-585010)	20,000.00
Personnel Board –consultant study (0115205-578000)	4,500.00
Historic District – meeting expense (0169105-530008)	316.00

Building – inspectors’ salaries (0124202-511011)	20,760.00
Medicare – shortfall final payroll year-end adj. (0191005-517007)	4,000.00
Tax Collector – salary adjustment (0114601-511010)	<u>1.00</u>
Total:	\$57,077.00

Balance Reserve Fund 6/30/16 **\$2,923.00**
returned to Free Cash

Respectfully submitted,

PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, Chairman
THOMAS DURAWA, Co-Chairman
MORTON FEAREY, JR.
DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT
ROBERT COAD
LESLIE BAYNES
STEVEN JORDAN
JAMES CARTER, Alternate



PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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

On behalf of the members of the Edgartown Fire Department and Board of Fire Engineers, it is my pleasure to present the annual report of the activities for the year 2016.

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 well seasoned firefighters leave the department. Lieutenant James Crave and Firefighter Rob Kagan both retired in 2016. Lt. Crave joined the department in 1982 and served on Engine 2 before moving to Engine 4. He ended his career as a lieutenant on the Rescue after 34 years of service. Firefighter Kagan started out serving the Town as an EMT and later joined the Fire Department in 2000. He is retiring with 16 years of service. Between these two dedicated members, they have a combined total of 50 years of service to the Town and I would like to state JOB WELL DONE!!

Continuing Education & Training:

Our department continues to strive for professional development. Each month we hold two "all department" drills and one specialized rescue drill. We again have participated in many All Island and State run drills. Our members kept busy throughout the fall attending Mass Fire Academy classes including: Small Aircraft Hazards, Emergency Vehicle Operations, High Voltage Emergencies and Rapid Intervention.

Vehicles and Equipment:

In early 2016 we finally took possession of the pickup truck utility vehicle. It was put right to work as the snow started to fall. With it we were able to expedite several ambulance responses during snow storms. The front and rear winch points allowed us to make some vehicle recoveries that previously would have been impossible. The special wheel and tire combination was installed to allow for extremely low tire pressures while responding to beach emergencies and the scene lights have been used to illuminate remote areas. A one hundred foot hose reel was added to the 100gal water tank and small pump to enhance its firefighting capabilities. This truck has also allowed for us to make a quick response of essential personnel to

Chappaquiddick on multiple emergencies. Later in the year another response vehicle arrived to replace the 2006 Expedition we had repurposed from the Police Department. This truck was set up with a radio bank to allow coordination of resources. It carries a mobile data terminal for our staff to document ambulance runs and a tablet that utilizes software that gives directions to emergencies dispatched from the Dukes County Communication Center. The cab configuration and cap allows for personal protective equipment to be transported easily without exposing passengers to contaminants. Our department was the lead agency coordinating NFPA fire apparatus pump testing for the Island. We were able to receive the service for a discounted rate because of the group purchase. With cooperation of the Police Department, all of our department vehicles now have AEDs on board. Our Ladder truck was sent away for its NFPA mandated annual ladder service and inspection. The auxiliary braking system was found to be inoperable and we had to spend a considerable amount of time troubleshooting this issue before it was resolved.

Fires & Call Statistics:

We responded to 21 reports of fire this year. Several of these fires were structure related, causing significant damage. Other fires included several brush fires, motor vehicle fires and appliance fires.

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

Alarms (Fire, Gas & CO2)	340
Motor Vehicle Accidents	39
Public Assists	14
Investigations & Illegal Burns	38
Miscellaneous Calls	31
(Arching Wires, Propane/Gas leaks, Oil/Fuel spills, water emergencies)	
Medical Emergencies	667

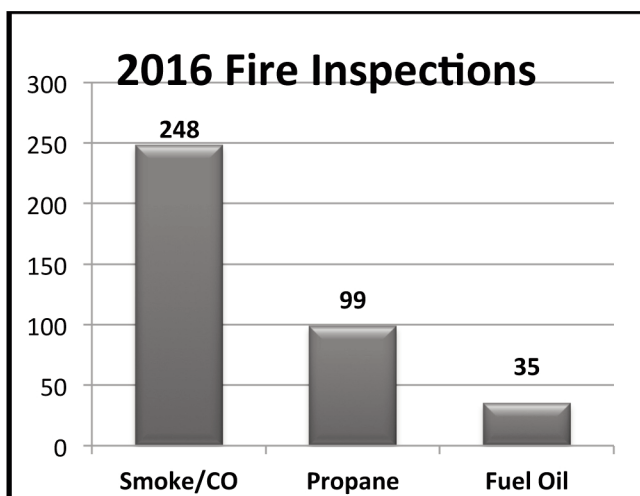
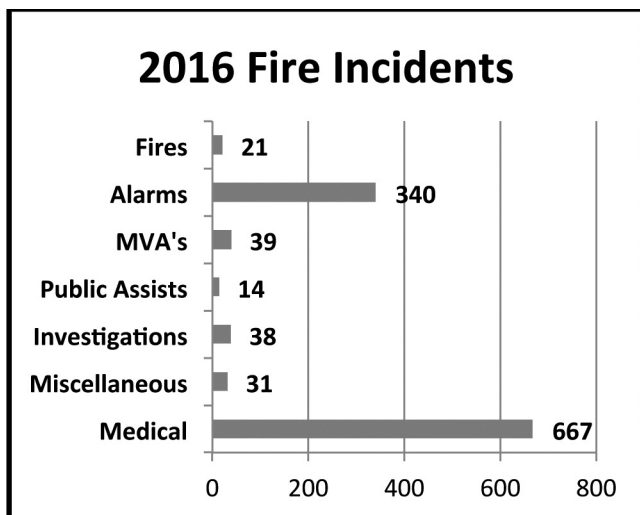
The Fire Department completed the following inspections in 2016:

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide	248
Propane	99
Fuel Oil	35

Community Outreach:

We continue to provide support to the Edgartown Elementary School and Council on Aging. Our Student Awareness of Fire Safety (S.A.F.E.) program led by

Paramedic Hadley Antik is in its second year. The program funded by annual grant monies from the State, educates fourth grade students about several aspects of fire safety. Paramedic Brenden Cooney continues to assist the seniors in our Town in having the most up to date medication records, fire prevention and disaster preparedness.



Forestry:

The Department continues to respond to forest and brush fires when called upon. The Island fire departments realize the need to work together in the event of a large forest fire. They are quicker to activate other departments

that could be needed to help confine and extinguish any forest fires.

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 extend a special thank you to all of the department members and their supporting families for their understanding and dedication to the ever-increasing time and effort required so that we may continue to be prepared and maintain a safe community.

Respectfully submitted,
 PETER G. SHEMETH
 Fire Chief

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 of 2016.

Mass Police Accreditation Commission

In September 2015, the Edgartown Police Department embarked on the Certification Program of the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. The majority of this process has been completed by our accreditation manager, Lieutenant Chris Dolby. Lt. Dolby has dedicated many hours of work throughout the year of 2016 and he has brought us to the point where our department is prepared for an On-Site Assessment at the end of January or the beginning of February 2017.

The Certification Program consists of 159 standards, all of which are mandatory. 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. These standards prescribe “what” agencies should be doing but not “how” they should be doing it. This decision is left up to each agency to determine. The benefits of certification are many and will be based on the state of the agency when it enters the process. The benefits will be more fully known when we quantify the changes that were made to meet the program standards. These changes involve policy writing, minor facility improvements and some equipment purchases. Some of the benefits for EPD will be:

- Provides a norm for EPD to judge its performance.
- Provides a basis to correct deficiencies in EPD operations before they become public problems.
- Requires EPD to commit policies and procedures to writing.
- Provides EPD with a means of independent evaluation of our operations.
- Provides a quality assurance review of EPD.
- Enhances the reputation of our police department and promotes public confidence in it.

This has been a very time consuming process. It initially involved a great deal of policy writing; and now we will be assessed and required to demonstrate compliance with the standards. Complete department involvement in this process has solidified professional best practices and acceptance of the accreditation standards that will make the Edgartown Police proficient in all areas. It

will enable us to improve our police services to the residents and visitors of the Town of Edgartown.

Opioid Crisis

I mentioned last year that it was going to take a collaborative effort of multiple agencies to combat the issue of the opioid crisis and pill epidemic on the island. In May 2016, a grassroots effort led to the development of a working group that has met bimonthly to identify and bridge gaps in services for those suffering from substance abuse disorder. This substance abuse disorder working group has had consistent representation from over fifteen (15) different community groups, including the Edgartown Police Department. Though these representatives may have different missions, the group has been able to establish and prioritize goals. They are:

- 1) **Increase access to detox beds:** There are limited beds off-island and admission from the island is cumbersome and involved. This increases the potential for patients not to seek recovery while awaiting placement in a treatment facility. Through the generosity of private donations and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Martha’s Vineyard Hospital, Martha’s Vineyard Community Services, Gosnold, Inc., and Stanley Street Treatment and Resources, Inc., this arrangement will make it possible for islanders to have immediate access to a detox bed and the opportunity to be accompanied to the facility by a recovery coach.
- 2) **Improve services and communication amongst agencies:** To improve these areas, consistent group meetings will continue to be held. The group has created cards that have been and will continue to be distributed throughout the community. These cards contain contact numbers that can get the detox bed access in motion immediately after medical appropriateness has been determined, including intake and contacting recovery coaches.
- 3) **Increase prevention and community awareness:** Community forums have been held and will continue in the future. The school system is reviewing the island wide health curriculum to integrate prevention and awareness in making healthy life style choices. The Martha’s Vineyard Youth Task Force is planning a series of speakers for students and parents for 2017.

There are future goals and emerging issues that will continue to be addressed including more support for people returning to the island from detox or residential treatment. The progress made in this brief period of time is nothing short of amazing. This has been a collaborative effort among many community organizations and the Edgartown Police Department is proud to be a part of it. Detective Searle and Officer Chandler received training as recovery

coaches in the event that law enforcement personnel on the island require their services.

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. All officers have received the required veteran in-service training that is coordinated by the Massachusetts Police Training Council, which includes state mandatory topics for all Massachusetts municipal law enforcement officers. All officers attended a two and a half day leadership program conducted by Public Safety Leadership, Inc. Areas discussed were leadership frameworks, management tools, and surviving and thriving through a law enforcement career. All officers also attended a one day seminar, hosted by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. This training provided critical information for those who respond to a missing child report and whose knowledge, skill and ability may make the difference between recovery and a protracted investigation. All officers were provided with a missing child investigative checklist. The Edgartown Police partnered with the Oak Bluffs Police for a night shoot training, which consisted of several stations the officers rotated through requiring different skills at each point.

All Sergeants attended the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute this year. The Institute covered establishing and maintaining credibility, discipline, the five dysfunctions of a team and DISC behavioral management. This group also attended a one day workshop taught by Ret. Chief Ron Glidden entitled Bullet Proof Leadership. This class is designed to help employee motivation, morale, accountability and performance. Lt. Dolby earned the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award this year for successfully completing the FBI-LEEDA's Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute.

Sergeants Gazaille and Deroche attended a Supervisor Use of Force class, which discussed the policy and administration of use of force incidents.

Most of the officers assigned to the Marine Unit attended a felony boat stop class conducted by Maritime Tactical Training along with Oak Bluffs P.D., Quincy P.D., Boston P.D., Mass State Police and the Massachusetts Environmental Police. All the units became familiar with tactics, procedures and safeguards associated with boarding and securing vessels occupied by high risk individuals, and were also trained in suspect management on the water. Officer Ruley was fortunate enough to attend the Marine Law Enforcement Training Program at the Federal Training Center in Georgia, paid by a federal grant. This program provided marine law enforcement training for officers involved in marine regulation, protection and law

enforcement responsibilities. The major emphasis of this comprehensive program was on the safe and proper operation of marine patrol vessels, with specific training in law enforcement.

K-9 Officer Trudel continues to run the K-9 program island-wide with his dog, Buster. K-9 Officers train on a monthly basis on the cape and this program requires an ongoing training process. Officer Phelps, who is often working evening and overnight shifts attended an advanced OUI detection class. Detective Snowden attended training from the D.A.'s office CPAC Unit, as well as the P.A.C.E. drug detection class with Officer Moore. Officers Townes and Chandler received training in the Reid Interview and Interrogation Techniques. This training is highly-respected in law enforcement nationally.

Tactical Response Team Commander Officer Craig and TRT Officer Chandler attended a TRT in-service training, as well as a TRT conference in New York this year to stay current with the units best practices. Officer Craig also attended a School Shooter Response training, along with SRO Officer Townes. They will share some of this knowledge gained with school staff in regards to enhancing their survival in an incident such as an active shooter. SROs also attended the basic SRO class offered by the National Association of School Resource Officers. SRO Officer Immelt also attended a Domestic High Risk conference with representatives from Connect to End Violence.

Many recertification classes were attended for department instructors this year:

- Child Car Seat Technicians
- Taser Instructor
- Patrol Rifle Instructor
- Applied Patrol Procedure Instructor
- Emergency Medical Technician

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, day in and day out, for this community. Our engagement with the citizens of Edgartown is a sign of our commitment to you. I would like to thank the Dukes County Sheriff's Department for all the support provided throughout the year, and say farewell and best wishes to Ret. Sheriff Michael McCormack for his many years of service. At the same time, I would like to welcome in the newly elected Sheriff, Robert Ogden; our department looks forward to working with him in the future. I would also like to thank the Edgartown Fire Department and EMS, and all Town Departments and Boards for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. ROSSI
Chief of Police

GENERAL SERVICE CALLS

- 1222 ALARMS
- 40 DISTURBANCE/FIGHTS
- 457 MEDICAL ASSISTS
- 333 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES
- 158 NOISE COMPLAINTS

POLICE INTERVENTION

- 197 ASSIST CITIZENS
- 64 DOMESTICS
- 55 DISPUTES/CIVIL MATTERS
- 75 INTOXICATED PERSONS
- 15 PROTECTIVE CUSTODIES
- 20 WEAPON COMPLAINTS
- 22 ELDER ASSISTS
- 4 SEXUALT ASSAULTS

PROPERTY CRIMES

- 20 BREAK AND ENTERINGS
- 3 STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES
- 57 STOLEN PROPERTIES
- 21 TRESPASSINGS
- 30 VANDALISMS
- 4 STOLEN BOATS

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY

- 234 MV ACCIDENTS
- 151 MV COMPLAINTS
- 459 MV STOPS
- 200 LOCKOUTS
- 2 SUICIDE THREATS
- 86 LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT CALLS
- 108 PARKING COMPLAINTS

6063 TOTAL CALLS



picture provided by Edgartown Police

ANIMAL CONTROL

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

2016 gave me a new experience as ACO. I was bitten by a dog for the first time since I started this job! Ironically, I was at the owner's home to issue a quarantine order on the dog for biting someone else the day before. I know how to "read" a dog's body language and the "look" in their eyes. This dog was happy, wagging her tail with a happy expression, when she suddenly turned and chomped down on my hand. Yikes, this dog gave no warning whatsoever!

Bat calls topped the list for the first time in the "other animals" category with 14 calls. I call August "Bat Month" because that is when we tend to get the bat calls. Bats feed on mosquitoes; therefore, the mosquitoes must be more prolific in August. Two bats were sent off for Rabies testing and fortunately both tested negative for Rabies.

One of the funny calls we got was when we had a call about loose cows one night. I responded and met an Edgartown Police Officer already at the scene. He was surrounded by cows that were looming over the cruiser and the officer said "wow, these cows are bigger than my cruiser", which they were! We started rounding them up with the help of the owners, but one black calf kept going in the opposite direction from the herd. I was tasked with keeping track of her, but because it was so overcast and pitch black out, I kept losing her. I need to remember to grab a flashlight next time! She was a challenge because she was bottle-raised, and had no sense of proper herd behavior.

The big thing nowadays is to use goats and pigs to clear land in an environmental way. Therefore, one night I had a call from an older woman saying that the goats she was leasing had gotten loose. I responded over, but the woman had done an amazing job of keeping the goats in the immediate location. I now call her the "Goat Lady" whenever I see her. A week or two later, I had another call about another older woman that was leasing nine 400 lb. pigs to clear roots that the leased goats hadn't eaten, but they too, got loose. I offer many, many thanks to the Edgartown Police Officers that responded and rounded up all the pigs while I acted as gate keeper. The last thing we wanted was for them to get out onto the main road and cause an accident. It would not have been pretty!

Two bizarre calls: a dog that somehow had gotten up on top the second story roof of its house. I still don't know how or why, a real head scratcher. Then we were called for a swan that fell out of the sky, dead. The MA Department of Fish and Wildlife examined the body and we concluded that the swan flew into a power line and was electrocuted.

In July the State changed its Rabies Protocol and has made it less burdensome for us to enforce. It also lowered one form of quarantine from 6 months to 4 months.

Spay Waggin' News: the island ACO'S continue to have the Animal Rescue League's Spay Waggin' come to the island. Island-wide this past year, we had 90 dogs and cats spayed and neutered with this low-cost service 18 of the dogs and cats belonged to Edgartown residents. It's a win-win for the island community!

BREAKDOWN OF CALLS FOR 2016:

of dog calls: 837
of dog/livestock calls: 6 (went up this year!)
of cat calls: 219
of calls other animals: 98
bats: 14; horses: 11; cows: 8; squirrel: 6; seagulls: 6; turkeys: 5; birds: 4; ducks: 4; llamas: 4; peacocks: 4; osprey: 4; chickens: 4; deer: 3; swans: 3; zebras/giraffes: 2; rabbits: 3; geese: 2; parrots: 2; cockatiels: 2; seal: 1; snake: 1 turtle: 1 mole: 1; owl: 1; dove: 1; rooster: 1; pig: 1.
of skunk calls: 20
of raccoon calls: 9
of dogs impounded: 50 (males: 8, neutered males: 23, females: 4, spayed females: 15)
of cats impounded: 7
of dogs adopted/Animal Shelter: 0
of cats adopted/Animal Shelter: 3
of dogs hit and killed: 1
of dogs hit and injured: 1
of dogs sick/injured (not by car): 0
of cats hit and killed: 8
of cats hit and injured: 1
of cats sick/injured (not by car): 0
of other animals hit and killed: 5 (seagulls: 4, duck: 1)
of calls – dead animals: 21
cats: 9; deer: 3; dogs: 2 (1 washed up on beach – never claimed); seagulls: 2; skunks: 2; crow: 1; squirrel: 1; swan: 1; owl: 1.
of miscellaneous calls: 164
of dog bites reported: 24
of dogs biting dogs reported: 3
of dogs attacking dogs reported: 3
of cat bites reported: 4
of cats biting cats reported: 1
of quarantines issued for 45-day or 6-months: 12 (45-day: 11, 6-months: 1)
of dog licenses sold by the Town Clerk: 987
Money turned into the Town Treasurer
for Impound Fees: \$650.00

FARM CENSUS:

cows: 72; goats: 9; sheep: 97; swine: 31; horses: 49 (14 are miniature horses); ponies: 6; donkeys: 3; llamas: 3;

alpacas: 3; chickens: 1,278; turkeys: 40; game birds: 55; waterfowl: 76; rabbits: 9.

LEASH LAW VIOLATIONS:

of tickets issued: 44 (impounded dog total was 50 dogs, but 6 dogs were impounded for quarantines or a medical emergency or an arrest where the dog(s) were in the owner's car).

of warning tickets issued: 38

of money tickets issued: 5

of voided tickets: 1

Face Value of tickets issued: \$250.00

\$ amount of tickets paid to date: \$200.00

\$ amount of tickets unpaid to date: \$50.00

In Court: none

Under 21 days: \$50.00

Okay, I've thrown enough facts and figures at you, so I'll shut up now. I wish to thank the following awesome people and/or department for all their assistance. First and foremost, my Assistant's Jennifer Morgan and Betsy Buck, the Edgartown Police Department, Wanda and Karen in the Town Clerk's Office, the Animal Shelter of M.V. (they host the Spay Waggin' and also the Annual Rabies Clinic) and all the Veterinarian's and their staff. Together we all can make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA PRADA
Officer of Animal Control
Inspector of Animals



Animal control photo of officer with pigs

By Zachary Townes

HARBORMASTER

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

It is with great pleasure for me to report to you that the Harbor had more yachtsmen visit this year than ever before. Beautiful weather prevailed with the only named storms just putting a fear in us during the fall months. In 2016 we experimented with a new reservation system from a Newport RI based Company called Dockwa. Starting in March we used Dockwa exclusively as our primary platform and I am pleased to report that the software performed flawlessly throughout the season. Being able to make same day reservations from any mobile device has put us on the leading edge of mooring management. Being able to swipe credit cards afloat saved hundreds of man hours which let the Assistant Harbormasters serve the public better. For the first time we had a NO cash policy which made our accounting more transparent and easier to manage.

Old Port Marine once again was issued a launch license to be the sole launch operator in the harbor. Old Port has been our provider for over twenty years and this summer they added a third launch to their Edgartown fleet. R. M. Packer leased the fueling operation at North Wharf and successfully serviced our customers' needs throughout the season always opening on time and never missing a day. We depend on these two vendors heavily as without great service from them we could not have a successful summer season.

I can never say enough about our three other full time employees, Sara Tiemann, Mike Hathaway, and Shelly

O'Neil. Without this core group I would flounder as Harbormaster. They anticipate problems and solve unique situations, which often arise daily. I have complete trust in their judgements as they have worked for the Town for a combined 54 years. It is through their efforts that I know that our customers are being dealt with in a friendly but firm manner.

Assistant Harbormasters and Wharfingers are the upfront workers who man the vessels, docks, and office. Our personnel list is long but our two Head Assistants Michaela Gaines and Will Schrade helped to make the transfer to the new Dockwa reservation system work. Tweaking our system, mostly from the patrol vessels as they worked, made for a seamless move. They also trained our other Assistants and even brought me up to speed with our cloud based system. Michaela and Will both have twelve seasonal years in the Department.

The Board of Selectmen formed a Memorial Wharf Restoration Committee (MWRC) last year to plan and restore Memorial Wharf back to her greatness. I am happy to report that the first bid package has gone out with work to the pavilion starting in April 2017. The MWRC has made sure in its effort to keep the project simple so that the wharf will visually look the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLIE BLAIR
Harbormaster



By William C. Bishop IV

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, 2016.

Building Permits Issued	#	Increase/Decrease
New Single Family Residence	42	(decrease of 25)
Multi-Family Residence	0	(no change)
Single Family Residence	238	(increase of 3)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (63 major/127 minor)		
Garage/Barn++	57	(increase of 5)
++Includes 21 Detached Bedrooms & Pool Houses		
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	83	(increase of 13)
New Commercial	4	(increase of 1)
Commercial	34	(increase of 14)
Additions/Alterations/Renovations (6 major/28 minor)		
Swimming Pool/Tennis Court	35	(increase of 1)
Miscellaneous:		
Shingle	56	
Demolition/Move	23	
Municipal	6	
Foundation	13	
Solar Array	43	
Tent	9	
Total	643	(increase of 50)

Total Building Permits Receipts: \$201,420.25
(increase of \$24,795.25)

Miscellaneous Permits & Fees

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

Total Miscellaneous Fees \$1075.00
(decrease of \$117.00)

Trench Permits \$1050.00
(decrease of \$100.00)

Total Building Inspector's Receipts: \$203,545.25
(increase of \$24,585.25)

Fees Collected by the Building Department for:

Gas Inspector \$48,500.00

Plumbing Inspector \$59,100.00

Electrical Inspector \$115,375.00

Total Receipts Collected by the Building Department: \$426,520.25
(increase of \$31,060.25)

We experienced a modest increase of 8.5% in building activity in 2016. Our current activity for fiscal year 2017 indicates a possible increase of 18%. The noticeable trend is the size of single family homes being built today.

Fewer homes of 2500 square feet or less are being built. The trend appears to be towards larger homes, we have experienced 25% of the homes being built are over 4000 square feet. We have had several exceed 5000 square feet.

Special thanks to our plumbing and gas inspectors George Apostolides and Charles Day, and wiring inspectors Robert Young, Michael Dolby, and David Schwab for their professionalism, and to our able assistant Akeyah Lucas. She is the driving force that keeps this department functioning smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD JASON, JR.
Inspector of Buildings

BUILDING PERMITS 2004-2015												
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
New Single Family Residence	765	57	95	31	41	45	36	30	41	49	67	42
Multi-Family Building	0	21	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Single Family Residence	91	101	101	79	91	130	150	191	217	231	235	190
Additions/Alterations												
Garage/Barn	26	42	73	14	13	24	27	22	25	38	52	50
Shed/Deck/Porch/Fence	71	53	70	52	53	50	55	63	63	78	70	83
New Commercial	3	0	6	3	0	2	4	2	3	2	3	4
Commercial	2	8	23	11	12	18	18	32	28	21	20	34
Additions/Alterations												
Swimming Pools	14	22	13	20	12	14	18	23	28	31	34	35
Miscellaneous	11	8	30	15	42	57	66	64	116	74	112	206
TOTALS	283	312	393	227	264	342	365	427	521	524	593	643

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 2016.

Plumbing Permits:	306	\$15,150.00 (increase of 9)
Plumbing Inspections:	586	\$43,950.00 (decrease of 11)
Total Plumbing Receipts:		\$58,100.00 (decrease of \$525.00)

Gas Permits:	253	\$12,650.00 (decrease of 14)
Gas Inspections:	478	\$35,850.00 (increase of 30)
Total Gas Receipts:		\$48,500.00 (increase of \$1,550.00)

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 2016.

Electrical Permits:	502	\$24,850.00 (increase of 42)
Electrical Inspections:	1207	\$90,525.00 (increase of 48)
Total Electrical Receipts:		\$115,375.00 (increase of \$5,450.00)

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 submit the Annual Report for the Edgartown Highway Department for 2016.

2016 was a typical year where the winter months were spent doing snow removal, and when weather permits, we trim and prune trees and shrubs along the shoulders of the roads. The 2016 winter weather was normal in terms of snow storms, which was a relief compared to the extremely severe winter of 2015. After the winter we spent a good amount of time sweeping up the sand and debris from the winter and the snow removal activities.

The first project that we completed in 2016 was the expansion of the New West Side Cemetery. This involved tree and stump removal, grading, loaming and road building for the newly expanded area. We completed a similar expansion in the cemetery about 12 years ago.

The rebuilding of a section of Katama Road was the next project that we completed in 2016. This section was about 2800 feet in length and is between Aero Drive, which is the entrance into Katama Farm, and the beginning of the Mattakesett Condos. This area of the road was pulverized, re-graded, compacted and repaved. Over the past several years about 2.5 miles of Katama Road have been rebuilt, and about 0.5 miles more remain to be rebuilt in the future.

Teaberry Lane and Teaberry Circle were resurfaced late in the spring. Teaberry Lane is about 0.6 miles in length. Drainage improvements and properly crowning and shaping of the asphalt were part of this project. A few sections of Barnes Road had a skim layer of asphalt put down to hold the road together where it was starting to crack at the edges. A resurfacing of Barnes Road is due in the near future.

Work was done to cut in a section of 6th Street North for the three affordable home site lots that are being sold by the Town. Tree, stump, and overburden removal was followed by placing, grading and compaction of road base

material for access to these three home sites. Work continued at the Chappy Point parking lot. The dirt parking lot was shaped and graded and a geo-grid material was installed and filled with gravel. This parking lot is about 14,000 square feet, and will be better organized and delineated to provide more parking capacity than in the past.

The final paving project for 2016 was resurfacing of Edgartown Bay Road. This road is about 1.4 miles in length. A fresh layer of 1.5 inches of asphalt was placed and new centerlines were painted. Over the year we also built storm water drainage systems on Cummins Way, Pilgrim Road and 18th Street South. Failed storm drain systems on School Street and the Edgartown School were rebuilt.

In addition to these projects, the Highway Department staff remains busy with mowing grass along the road shoulders, tree and brush trimming, trash and litter removal, line painting, street sweeping, pot hole repair, asphalt patching, leaf removal, grading dirt roads, sign replacement, storm clean up etc.

Charlie Smith, the long time foreman of the Highway Department retired in 2016 after 24 years of service to the town. Charlie's dedication to the highway department over the years is truly appreciated by all. Best wishes in your retirement Charlie!

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Edgartown for their support through the year. I also thank the Board of Selectmen and all of the other Town boards and departments that we work with throughout the year. It takes a cooperative effort of all Town departments to keep the Town running efficiently. I also thank the staff of the Highway Department for their hard work and efforts throughout the year. They work with pride and dedication, and always rise to the occasion when extra effort is needed for storms and construction deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART FULLER
Highway Superintendent

TREE WARDEN

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

It is my pleasure to submit the Annual Report of the Tree Warden for 2016.

Edgartown's trees had a good year in 2016. There were no major storms or associated damage during the year. The drought that was experienced in New England over the year was less severe on the island compared to other areas in the state. As a result, there is little adverse impact expected on our trees.

The Gall Wasp infestation that we recently experienced appears to be declining and it is in its final stages. Over the past two years about 350 oak trees were removed in Edgartown. Most of these were along the Edgartown – Vineyard Haven Road and on Chappaquiddick. There were a few areas with smaller infestations. Many of those stumps were ground down in 2016. As 2016 comes to an end, there are significantly fewer trees that are being impacted due to the Gall Wasp.

Late in the year, in November and December, there was a lot of winter moth activity in various areas of the Town. This is an indicator of expected caterpillar activity

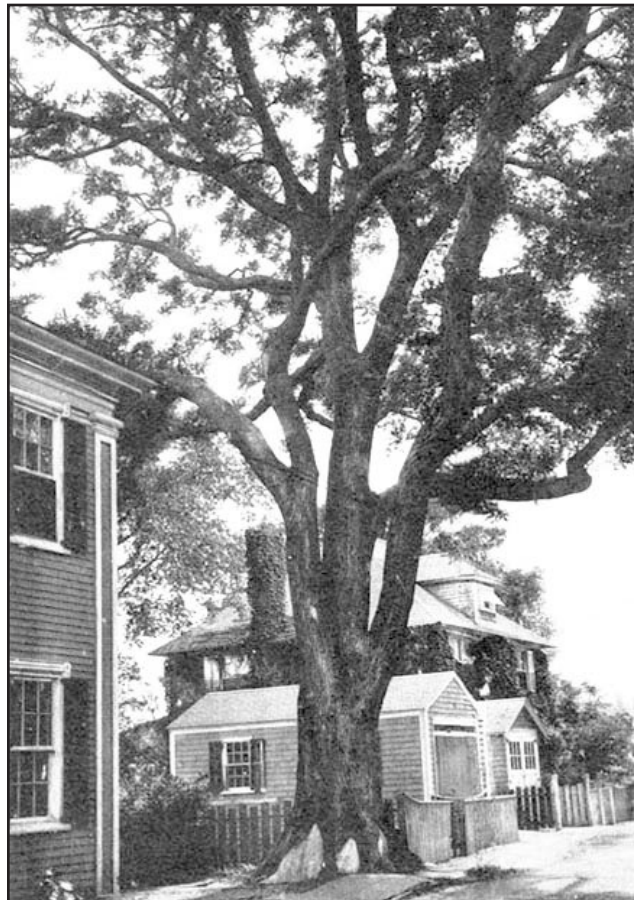
in these areas in the warmer months of this coming year. Hopefully, there will be minimal associated damage to our trees in 2017.

Structural pruning of trees was completed on Winter Street, Robinsons Road, High Street, and Main Street. This process helps to remove weak limbs and maintain tree health. Annual treatment for Dutch Elm disease takes place in the spring. No elm trees were lost to Dutch Elm disease during the year.

In closing, I would like to thank the tree care professionals who work on and care for trees throughout the Town. Local tree suppliers stock a nice inventory of trees that thrive in our climate. We have a small budget for planting street trees along public roads, and we welcome requests to plant these trees. Edgartown has a beautiful shade tree population. The property owners care for these trees and the benefits of these trees are substantial.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART FULLER
Tree Warden



Old undated postcard of the
Pagoda Tree on South Water Street

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

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

This year 19 grave lots were sold in New Westside, a record number. These sales used most of the currently developed area. In order to meet the need for more lots, the Commission requested \$67,000 be appropriated to develop the rest of the available property in New Westside. Using funds appropriated at the 2016 Town meeting, the 10th and 11th avenues were set up. The land in this area was cleared and graded, water pipes were installed, and the roads were marked out. The work was carried out by TDR Landscaping with the assistance of the Edgartown Highway Department. As there are still funds available, the Commission intends to continue this work by developing additional avenues.

Community Preservation Act grants for 2015/2016 have allowed the Commission to continue work on restoring the historic gravestones in the Revolutionary section of Old Westside. Additional CPA funds will be used to continue this work in 2106-2017. The Murray Fund provided funds to carry out similar work in Tower Hill cemetery.

The Superintendent and seasonal workers had the Cemeteries ready for Memorial Day and kept them in good order the rest of the summer and fall seasons.

Cemetery Superintendent, Jennifer Morgan, resigned in November. The Commission thanks her for her work and wishes her well in her new endeavors.

The Cemetery Commission is recommending the Edgartown Highway Department take over the maintenance of all the cemeteries with the provision that someone from the Edgartown Highway Department serve as liaison. They also recommend that a 15 hour administrative assistant be hired. The commission will continue in their same role. These recommendations will be voted on at the 2017 Town Meeting by the tax payers.

The Commission would like to thank the Selectmen for their continued assistance throughout this transitional period; and looks forward to a close and co-operative working relationship with the Edgartown Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW KELLY, Chairman
ELIZABTH VILLARD
SUSAN BROWN
DEBRA MANLEY SMITH



By William C. Bishop IV

WASTEWATER COMMISSION

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

Summary of Facility flows and Total Nitrogen:

2016	Flow	1st	2nd	Total N
Jan	3,600,159	1.91	2.06	1.99
Feb	3,474,978	1.50	2.14	1.82
March	3,603,374	1.74	1.77	1.76
April	4,397,094	1.42	1.69	1.56
May	6,351,373	1.41	1.75	1.58
June	7,787,957	1.19	1.86	1.53
July	10,710,026	9.40	3.63	6.52
Aug	11,145,572	2.33	1.65	1.99
Sept	7,102,327	3.74	1.20	2.47
Oct	5,330,640	3.12	5.06	3.59
Nov	3,967,702	2.46	2.91	2.69
Dec	3,863,277	5.50	6.83	6.16
Total/yr	71,334,479	Avg./yr.		2.81
2016	High Flow			
	Days			
3-Jul	462,519	6-Aug		421,028
4-Jul	465,315	13-Aug		422,803

This is 759.9 Kg. of nitrogen discharged for the year, of the 2200 Kg/yr. allowed in the Facility's DEP permit.

The Town and the Department commissioned a Wastewater Facility Fiscal Sustainability Plan, Plant Evaluation, and Condition Assessment last year coinciding with the 20-year anniversary of the Treatment Facility. Age and evolving technology make a substantial upgrade of existing equipment imperative, along with the DEP requirement for a comprehensive plan for continued

operation of the plant in future years to be submitted with the next Discharge Permit renewal in 2018. There are a number of Articles for the coming Fiscal Year based on (but not including all of) the Recommendations of Year 1 of the Assessment. Some of last year's Articles have already addressed some replacements identified in the Assessment, which had already become too pressing to wait until it was finalized.

The Assessment encompasses 7 years of stepped upgrades essential to the continued effective operation of the Facility, estimated at a total cost of 11-12 million dollars.

The Dock St. Pump Station Hazard Mitigation upgrade is underway. Substantially funded by a FEMA grant, it is a notable exception to the general dearth of State and Federal money presently available for wastewater projects such as those identified above.

We request that users minimize the amount of fats, oil and grease that they introduce into the sewer collection system and septic tanks. The so-called "flushables", 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 facilities nationwide, and our facility is no exception.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID THOMPSON,
Facility Manager,
Edgartown Wastewater Treatment Facility

WATER DEPARTMENT

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

The Edgartown Water Department continues to strive to meet our goals and objectives; 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. Additional objectives include the adherence to regulatory and analytical standards, system compliance, financial management, source protection and the minimized environmental impacts of our operations. These goals may sometimes be a moving target and have associated financial costs, but the team of individuals at the Edgartown Water Department is committed to these ideals and responsibilities and continues to meet the task. As stewards of the earth, it is our intent to meet the present needs of the community, while always keeping the future needs in mind. The responsibilities are great and the health and well-being of the community are of our highest priorities. It is this team of qualified and professional individuals that consistently display a high degree of ability, dedication and knowledge. I credit the continued success and the well deserved reputation of this department to them.

As is the norm, the Edgartown Water Department has had a very busy year in all aspects of the department. Water main projects, improved procedures and policies, maintenance projects and overall improvements in our operations were the topics targeted for 2016. Some of the highlights and notable accomplishments/activities of the department include:

- A new roof was installed on Wintucket Pumping Station.
 - The rehabilitation, improvement and painting of the Mill Hill Standpipe.
 - In a cooperative effort with school employees, lead and copper analysis was performed on all potable fixtures within the Edgartown Elementary School. This voluntary effort far exceeds the requirements of state regulators.
 - The retirement of John Lovewell as a Commissioner and the welcome of Scott Ellis as a new Commissioner and member of our team.
 - 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 13.1% to 5.3%. The acceptable standard is a maximum of 10%.
 - Discussions took place to secure a site for a future well and pumping station.
 - Phillip Levesque acquired the Water Operator D2 Full and T1 Full licenses. These licenses meet the MassDEP classification of the Edgartown Water Department.
 - The Christmas party was hosted by the Water Department with fantastic attendance and much enjoyment.
- Operations were near 100% with no interruptions to service in spite of statewide drought conditions.
 - A leak detection survey was conducted on the distribution system with favorable results.

Construction projects continued throughout 2016 to address concerns of the aging infrastructure, diminished system hydraulics, developmental requirements, water quality, fire protection and the undersized water mains of the distribution system. Several of these improvements were performed through in-house operations, minimizing overall expenses. 2016 projects included: the installation of 600' of 8" main on Planting Field Way, 800' of 8" main on 8th Street North, 2,260' of 12" main on Navy Way and 200' of 8" main on 11th Street South. Planting Field Way, Navy Way and 8th Street North were also benefited by the inclusion of fire protection by the means of new fire hydrants. In total, 7 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, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Water Use – Wells

Meshacket Well #4 (Start-up 1959)

Gallons Pumped – 407,000
Peak Day Demand – 153,000 (5/26/16)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 1,115

Lily Pond Well #5 (Start-up 1978)

Gallons Pumped – 61,575,000
Peak Day Demand – 745,000 (4/30/16)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 168,699

Wintucket Well #6 (Start-up 1990)

Gallons Pumped – 53,746,000
Peak Day Demand – 569,000 (7/4/16)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 147,249

Quenomica Well #7 (Start-up 1995)

Gallons Pumped – 131,600,000
Peak Day Demand – 1,019,000 (9/11/16)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 360,548

Nunnepog Well #8 (Start-up 2007)

Gallons Pumped – 122,956,000
Peak Day Demand – 1,180,000 (6/11/16)
Minimum Day Demand – 0 **
Average Daily Flow – 336,866

Water Use – All Sources Combined

Total Gallons Pumped – 370,284,000
 Peak Day Demand – 3,168,000 (7/4/16)
 Minimum Day Demand – 0 (11/9/16 - 11/13/16)
 Average Daily Flow – 1,014,477
 Maximum Week Pumpage – 18.575 MG / 7/16/16
 Winter Average (October-May) – 13.953 MG / Month or .46 MG / Day
 Summer Average (June-September) - 64.661 MG / Month or 2.118393 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 - 2
 New Mains – Contracted by Town of Edgartown – 0
 New mains – Installed by Town Crews – (2) 2,460 feet
 Antiquated Mains Replaced – 0 feet
 Total Main Installed – 3,860 feet
 Total Main Abandoned – 0
 Total Miles of Main in Town of Edgartown – Approx. 71
 Fire Hydrants Installed – 7
 Fire Hydrants Replaced – 0
 Fire Hydrants in Service – 326
 New Water Service Activations – 42
 Number of Current Water Accounts – 3,226

WATER MAINS INSTALLED 2017

LOCATION	SIZE/FOOTAGE
Planting Field Way	8” 600’
8 th Street North	8” 800’
Navy Way	12” 2,260’
11 th Street South	8” 200’
TOTAL	3,860’

**WATER CONSUMPTION MAXIMUM DAY
Gallons**

July 8, 2012	2,942,000
July 18, 2013	2,549,000
August 17, 2014	2,919,000
August 1, 2015	3,230,000
July 4, 2016	3,168,000

YEARLY TOTALS

Gallons

2012	325,168,000
2013	310,122,000
2014	341,447,000
2015	398,964,000
2016	370,284,000

2016 ACTUAL WATER PRODUCTION

MONTH	MESHACKET WELL 4 *	LILLY POND WELL 5	WINTUCKET WELL 6	QUENOMICA WELL 7	NUNNEPOG WELL 8	TOTAL PUMPING
January	0	1,726,000	2,491,000	2,849,000	1,521,000	8,587,000
February	0	3,034,000	56,000	2,490,000	2,735,000	8,315,000
March	0	2,120,000	1,797,000	2,050,000	2,034,000	8,001,000
April	2,000	4,221,000	6,696,000	1,539,000	106,000	12,564,000
May	175,000	7,101,000	1,165,000	8,455,000	15,783,000	32,679,000
June	70,000	8,203,000	7,888,000	18,282,000	27,843,000	62,286,000
July	49,000	10,022,000	13,831,000	23,636,000	28,958,000	76,496,000
August	62,000	14,542,000	14,076,000	19,250,000	28,182,000	76,112,000
September	0	9,142,000	4,441,000	19,277,000	10,690,000	43,550,000
October	0	1,225,000	310,000	19,324,000	715,000	21,574,000
November	48,000	12,000	711,000	8,133,000	18,000	8,922,000
December	1,000	1,300	284,000	6,315,000	4,371,000	10,984,000
TOTAL	407,000	61,575,000	53,746,000	131,600,000	122,956,000	370,284,000
Monthly Ave.	58,143	5,131,250	4,478,833	10,966,667	10,246,333	30,853,917
Daily Ave.	40,700	322,382	295,308	514,063	614,780	1,028,567
Days Pumped	10	191	182	256	200	360

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 2016					
	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	64.0	39.0	61.0	27.0
FEB	0	110.0	1.0	52.0	47.0
MAR	0	89.0	21.0	45.0	35.0
APR	0	160.0	144.0	34.0	2.0
MAY	0	268.0	24.0	207.0	282.0
JUN	0	316.0	138.0	489.0	534.0
JUL	0	366.0	237.0	599.0	583.0
AUG	0	552.0	246.0	483.0	607.0
SEP	0	345.0	80.0	480.0	224.00
OCT	0	48.0	5.0	481.0	14.0
NOV	0	0	30.0	198.0	0
DEC	0	0	5.0	159.0	64.0
TOTALS	0	2,318.0	970.0	3,288.0	2,419.

* 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 2016, the well was run for testing and analytical purposes only. The water was not chemically treated and did not enter the distribution system.

Although previously mentioned, the retirement of John Lovewell as a Water Commissioner deserves more discussion. In addition to serving the Town of Edgartown in several other capacities, Mr. Lovewell served and volunteered as a Water Commissioner for 24 years. This is an extremely long period to serve on a voluntary Board, but it is clear that he had a vested interest in both the department and the community. His efforts, tireless dedication and sense of community involvement will be appreciated and evident for many years to come.

Another item previously mentioned that deserves more discussion is the rehabilitation and improvements to the Mill Hill Standpipe. As one of the most critical assets of the community, it was necessary to recondition it and ensure that we would prolong the service life of the tank. The project seemed relatively simple in concept, but was met with many challenges. However, several individuals, Boards, departments and the community as a whole contributed to the success of the project. I am pleased with the outcome and the finished product and feel that collectively, we received 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 like to extend my heartfelt and sincere appreciation to the employees and Commissioners of the Edgartown Water Department, as well as the Town Boards and Departments, the residents and the businesses of Edgartown. Together, our collective efforts, operational standards and conservation minded practices will protect and preserve this most valuable resource now and for generations to come. We look forward to serving the community in the best manner possible for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. CHAPMAN
Water Superintendent

**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 7,000 tons of waste and construction material in 2016. Over 6,000 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, 200 tons of various metals, over 200 batteries, 15 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 2016. After 27 years, the program continues to grow and provide Island residents the opportunity to dispose of hazardous material in an environmentally correct and safe way.

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

May, July and November.

September event will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month 9/9/17.

Each event is from 9am – 12pm for residents.

12pm – 12:30pm for commercial
(fee, please call for appointment)

Mercury Elements and Florescent light bulbs accepted at all four District drop-off center at no charge during regular business hours. (Please watch our local newspaper for dates and any changes to come)

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

Respectfully submitted,

DON HATCH
MARY DONLAVEY



EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

Dear Ms. McAndrews:

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

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

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

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

One of my goals as the Superintendent of Schools has been to conduct a needs assessment of our shared services programs. The intent of the study is to determine our areas of strength and to identify areas in which we could make

improvements in both the Bridge and Social Skills programs. Mr. James Shillinglaw, an Educational Consultant, was here in mid-December to lead us through the evaluation. Mr. Shillinglaw has been in education for almost 40 years. He has served as a Director of Student Support Services for 25 of those years and has been a consultant for over six years, leading several districts through program evaluations. The process included interviews with staff, administration, and parents, along with observations of our programs. We expect to receive Mr. Shillinglaw's report in late January or early February. The assessment will be an excellent means to make any necessary changes to our programs, but also to educate the Island community about the services we provide compared to districts across the State. We have excellent special education programs on the Island, and I hope that a needs assessment will help us to make our successful programs even better.

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

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

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

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

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 2016-2017 school year in this year's Town Report.

The Edgartown School continues to provide the communities' 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 off-campus learning experiences relevant to all learners. The school works closely with the Town and its departments to maintain the campus while receiving support for purchasing and payroll services. The Police Department provides a school resource officer at the school five days a week. Chief Rossi works closely with school personnel to make the school safe and secure. 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 Susan Mercier, Megan Anderson 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 2016, the school administered the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) 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. This school performed in the 72nd percentile compared to other elementary schools in Massachusetts. Teachers analyze test data and instruction is driven by this analysis to ensure that students learn the Core Curriculum Standards.

Students who are not proficient in the English language are provided specialized instruction according to individualized plans. Learners with special needs are taught by highly trained teachers in accordance with State and Federal laws. An enrichment program challenges students with such engaging experiences such as: Mock Trial, rocketry, robotics, marine navigation, 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 Social Skills and Bridge Programs service students from across the Island with special needs.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) continues to provide remarkable support to the school under the leadership of Deanna Laird. The Halloween Party, Pizza and Bingo Night are traditional events run by the PTA. A school directory of parents with their contact information continues to be a PTA project. The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets each month to address and solve important issues. This Council, co-chaired by Kate McCormick 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.

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 Plymouth 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, and tackle the ropes course with Major Ogden 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. String and band instrument 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 85,000 square feet of space, which demands constant attention and upkeep. Community groups such as Cub Scouts, a local church, coed adult

volleyball, flag football, youth soccer, recreational basketball, and Girl Scouts 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 Spanish and two cooking classes in the home economics kitchen. 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), eighteen 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 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 during the Derby as the students enjoy eating fresh fish caught locally.

Melinda Defeo continues to manage our greenhouse and garden. Melinda also collaborates with the teachers to infuse agriculture and nutrition into the classroom curriculums. Planting, garden maintenance and harvesting

the school garden are all part of her 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 two long time educators this year as these folks retired from their service to our children: Bonnie Deitz, junior high math teacher and Alicia Tonti, classroom assistant. These educators have each left a legacy at this school and will be missed.

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
2015-2016**

Attendance	Average Daily	Average Attendance	% of Membership
SEPTEMBER	325.47	360.11	90.38
OCTOBER	345.30	361.60	95.49
NOVEMBER	342.29	359.94	95.10
DECEMBER	338.17	360.11	93.91
JANUARY	339.05	362.21	93.61
FEBRUARY	339.00	367.71	92.19
MARCH	348.78	372.34	93.67
APRIL	358.37	377.06	95.04
MAY	366.47	383.85	96.12
JUNE	350.61	368.77	95.08

**ENROLLMENT
October 1, 2016**

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
KINDERGARTEN	17	20	37
GRADE 1	15	21	36
GRADE 2	19	27	46
GRADE 3	15	27	42
GRADE 4	18	14	32
GRADE 5	17	24	41
GRADE 6	17	17	34
GRADE 7	23	11	34
GRADE 8	15	25	40
TOTAL	156	186	342

EDGARTOWN SCHOOL
Faculty and Staff Personnel 2016 – 2017

John W. Stevens	Principal	Jayne DeBettencourt.....	ESP – 2S
Anne M. Fligor.....	Assistant Principal	Jessica Estrella.....	ESP – Library
Ellie Parece.....	Treasurer	Penny Hageanon.....	ESP – 1:2 5/6 resource room
Pamela J. Alwardt.....	Administrative Assistant	Sara Hoffman.....	ESP – 7/8 resource room
Paulee Davies.....	Receptionist	Pam Hurley.....	ESP – 3C
Darren Belisle.....	Network Administrator	Lynn Khosla.....	ESP – 5/6 resource room
Nicole Barlett.....	School Nurse	Bill Jacobs.....	ESP – 4M
Eric Butler.....	Guidance	Heather Majkowski.....	ESP – 4L
Deborah DeBettencourt.....	Guidance	Judy Maynard.....	ESP – 1L
Nancy Cole.....	Librarian	Susan McCarthy.....	ESP – K/4 resource room, 1:1
Maria MacKenty.....	Grade K	Mary Beth Meehan.....	ESP – 5/6 resource room
Denise Searle.....	Grade K	Skylar Menton.....	ESP – 5/6 resource room
Gail Lachapelle.....	Grade 1	Debbie Meyerhoff.....	ESP – 2F
Ryan Leandro.....	Grade 1	Tamara Morillo.....	ESP – ELL
Jennifer Fournier.....	Grade 2	Meaghan Morris.....	ESP – 7/8 resource room
Megan McDonald.....	Grade 2	Richard Pease.....	ESP – KS
Chip Story.....	Grade 2	Tara Sykes.....	ESP – KM
Summer Clements.....	Grade 3	Teresa Temple.....	ESP – K/4 resource room, 1:1
Alicia Knight.....	Grade 3	Kim Tharpe.....	ESP – 5th grade 1:1
Kate Lefer.....	Grade 4	Lorna Ashe.....	ESP – 1Leandro
Robin Moriarty.....	Grade 4	Johanna Wooden.....	ESP – 1McD
Mary Ellen Guyther.....	Grade 5/6 Math	Dwight Kaeka.....	Head Custodian
Kara Gelinas.....	Grade 5/6 Science	Malcolm Broadbent.....	Custodian
Pati Nelson.....	Grade 5/6 Social Studies	Marjorie Hayes.....	Custodian
Erin Simmons.....	Grade 5/6 ELA	Marie Nielson.....	Custodian
Nedine Cunningham.....	Gr. 7/8 Social Studies	Gina deBettencourt.....	Head Cook/Manager
Justen Foster.....	Gr. 7/8 Math	Robin Fortes.....	Assistant Cook
David Faber.....	Gr. 7/8 Science	Stacey Gouldrup.....	Cook’s Helper
Jeffrey Majkowski.....	Gr. 7/8 LA/Reading	Dianna DeTorto.....	Cook’s Helper
Laia Roig.....	Gr. 4-8 Spanish	Shared Services	
Connie Leuenberger.....	Gr. K-3 Remedial Reading	Nancy Jephcote.....	String Instruments
Bridget Mello.....	Gr. 4-8 Remedial Reading	Liz Stobart.....	Kindergarten Grant ESP
Ellen Wanamaker.....	Gr. K-4 Remedial Math	Melissa Mahoney.....	Occupational Therapist
Terri Kominers.....	Gr. 5-8 Remedial Math	Molly Chvatal.....	Physical Therapist
Suzanne Costello.....	Health & Enrich. Coord	Linda Riley.....	Speech Therapist
Pam Melrose.....	Enrichment	Lee Macleod.....	Speech Therapist
Ken DeBettencourt.....	Enrichment Math 6-7,8 Algebra	Ann Fay Lawton.....	Social Skills Teacher
Debra Grant.....	English Language Learning	Tonya Thomas.....	Social Skills ESP
Nicole Miranda.....	English Language Learning	Ebony Goldwire.....	Social Skills ESP
Gail Gardner.....	Gr. K-8 Computer	Maria Clara Villota.....	Social Skills ESP
Nichole Shank.....	Gr. K-8 Art	Kerry Branca.....	Bridge 1 Program Teacher
Sarah Vail.....	Gr. 5-8 Family Consumer	Lyuba Avramova.....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Gregory Pattison.....	Gr. 5-8 Industrial Arts	Derek Chrebet.....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Channon Capra.....	Gr. K-2 Physical Education	Patty Grant.....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Michelle Pikor.....	Gr. 3-8 Physical Education	Rene Habekost.....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Zachary Tileston.....	Instrumental Music	Susan Tenerowicz.....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Kelly Sullivan.....	Gr. K-8 Vocal Music	Kara Thibodeau.....	Bridge 1 Program ESP
Diane Smadbeck.....	Gr. K-2 Special Needs	Kara Johnson.....	Bridge 3 Program Teacher
Laurie Pereira.....	Gr. 3-4 Special Needs	Triva Emery.....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Janet Hurley.....	Gr. 5-6 Special Needs	Brooke St. Pierre.....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Kiely Rigali.....	Gr. 7-8 Special Needs	Laura Knight.....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Melinda Rabbitt DeFeo.....	Garden Coordinator	Catie Meaney.....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Amy Baldino.....	ESP – 7/8 resource room	Kathryn Phelps.....	Bridge 3 Program ESP
Deneen Convery.....	ESP - 5/6 resource room	Edgartown School Committee	
Robin Davies.....	ESP – 3K ESP	Megan Anderson	Kelly McCracken
		Susan Mercier	

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Dr. D'Andrea:

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

Art, Design & Technology

The Art, Design & Technology Department had a full and productive year in 2016. Our annual Evening of the Arts was held in May in coordination with the Performing Arts department and a new tradition was begun: live "Art Throwdown" competitive events. The MVRHS Yearbook and our art and literary magazine, SEABREEZES, both had successful publications this year.

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

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

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

Drawing & Painting students designed a schoolwide "Unity Art Project" in November, bringing hundreds of students together for a unifying sidewalk chalk design. Design & Architecture students participated in a "Tiny House Jam" in conjunction with Island Housing Trust for publication in the *Martha's Vineyard Times*.

Five students won awards in the 2016 *Cape Cod Times*' "Classroom Times" photography contest and a sophomore won first place in the *Martha's Vineyard*

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

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

Athletics

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

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

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

Career and Technical Education

Career and Technical Education (CTE) at MVRHS offers students exposure to a variety of pathways, depending on their choices after high school. The skilled trades continue to be the hardest positions to fill, not only here on the Island, but across the Commonwealth. Middle-skill jobs, jobs that require education and training beyond high school, but less than a bachelor's degree, are a signif-

icant part of the economy. *CTE addresses the needs of high-growth industries and helps close the skills gap.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

English

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guidance

The culmination of our four-year developmental guidance program helped the 156 graduates of the Class of 2016 develop transitional plans during their post-secondary planning process. As a result, 62% of the students are attending a 4 year college; 7% attending a 2 year college/technical college/prep school; 18% entered the work force; 7% were admitted to college but taking a gap year; and 6% are pursuing other alternatives including travel. The generosity of our community was demonstrated by the \$1,555,414.00 awarded at our Class Night. Our 2016 Graduates received 517 scholarships and post-graduates received 237. Our Peer Outreach Program, which includes 108 trained students and 36 trained teachers, continues to be an effective peer-driven program to assist students in negotiating the challenges of high school. The "Sting," created to help the 8th grade students' transition into the high school, has proved to be a highly successful program. The Guidance Department is dedicated to assist and encourage students to set and meet their goals and support their academic and extracurricular success.

History

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

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

There was a cultural exchange visit with the High School of Economics and Finance in New York. In April, the students from the One World Club visited New York and participated in a series of cultural activities, and in June the New Yorkers visited the Vineyard. The annual

Brazilian-American Friendship Lunch, an event celebrating intercultural friendships and building a strong community, took place on December 9, 2016. Also during this year, groups of students traveled to the Close Up program in Washington, D.C., led by Corinne Kurtz, and to Ireland as part of their Irish History program.

Math

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

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

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

Performing Arts

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

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

Outside of scheduled classes, many students took advantage of extracurricular activities. Twenty- three students participated in the All Cape and Islands Music Festival, six performed in the Southeast District Senior Festival, and two singers were selected for the All State Concert at Symphony Hall. Over sixty students were

members of the cast of 'CHICAGO,' presenting three stellar performances in February, assisted by faculty members and several Island musicians, designers, and set builders. In May, the Minnesingers presented their Spring Shows, entitled 'Kaleidoscope,' celebrating the many diverse styles of music.

The first semester of the 2016 school year was again a busy time with all classes up and running. In October, thirty-five students attended the Boston Symphony's open rehearsal which featured Yo-Yo Ma; truly an amazing experience for everyone! At the annual Assessment Day in November, all the classes in the department were able to participate, either as performers or audiences members, with classes sharing their accomplishments. The department's winter concert on December 1st featured Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, the Woodwind Quintet, and compositions by the Sound Technology class.

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

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

Physical Education

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

Our students continue to thrive on team sports and individual fitness feats that spread enthusiasm to all students. Favorite team sports include floor hockey, team handball, pickle ball, and badminton. During each class

meeting, a brief ‘tip of the day’ is highlighted on fitness, nutrition, and safety, and this past spring our sophomores rushed to the gym to let the faculty know that information on cholesterol from the ‘tip of the day’ was part of the Biology MCAS and these sophomores were pumped that PE had shed a light on the topic!

Over 300 students in all the spring classes were very fortunate to enjoy some of the best spring weather on MV while at Felix Neck to kayak and hike as part of Physical Education. The Yard’s “Making It” program was also part of physical education this past year, with both semesters of the 9-10 grades participating in diverse experiences in movement. In addition to the talent that resides with The Yard, there were guest groups that visited our school to work with students. Yoga continues in the 11-12 grade courses thanks to a grant from the Sound Foundation.

Science

In the past 12 months, the teachers in the Science Department actively engaged in education, community outreach, and collaboration. Our science teachers took classes in educating diverse populations and in curriculum design, including general curriculum design, physics curriculum design, and computer-based STEM design. Teachers attended the National Science Teachers Association Conference, a Social Thinking Conference, and an Engineering Design Conference that focused on engaging students in STEAM-based projects. The department has worked with several local groups (on-Island and off-Island), including Biodiversity Works, Felix Neck, the Shellfish Hatchery, Island Grown Schools, and Cape Light Compact to provide project opportunities for students.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special Education

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

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

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

We are continuing to develop a transition process to meet the needs of incoming freshman with IEPs. The MVRHS Special Education Department meets regularly with representatives of each sending school. A Parents’ Meet/Greet Night was held to provide parents an oppor-

tunity to meet the staff and learn about the overview of special education services. This new event allowed teams to hold a focused individual student's transition.

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

World Language

Professional development was the theme of 2016 for teachers in the World Language Department. Pierre Bonneau attended the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) annual convention in Austin (TX) last July, where he presented a cultural session on the evolution of the Quebec society through his travel stories in Northern Quebec. Jane Sampaio participated in a Portuguese teachers' retreat at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, where she learned from experts in the field of foreign language instruction and collaborated with other Portuguese teachers. In November, six teachers attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages conference in Boston, where they learned the latest trends in language learning and acquisition. The department is currently working to share and integrate new ideas and activities from the conferences that focus on encouraging speaking in world language classrooms and

supporting an environment of proficiency that aligns with national standards.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

SARA DINGLEDY
Principal

PUBLIC LIBRARY



Selectman and building committee chairman Michael Donaroma addresses the crowd at the new library's ribbon-cutting celebration in June

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

This has been a historic year of new beginnings for Edgartown and its 125-year-old Public Library. On March 21, 2016, our Town's new facility next door to the Elementary School was officially opened and began its service to the public.

Designed by Tappé Architects and Celia Imrey, and built by general contractors Maron Construction, with the close supervision of a hard-working building committee and project managers from Pomroy Associates, the new Library was brought in on budget, featuring 15,000 square feet of public space and – for the first time in many decades – ample public parking in a dedicated Library lot nearby.

Citizens of Edgartown got a sneak preview of their new Library on March 5th, at the end of a ceremony decommissioning the 1904 Carnegie Library on North Water Street. Then came two intense weeks for the staff and a crew from National Library Relocations Inc., which moved the library's entire collection of some 40,000 items to their new shelves at 26 West Tisbury Road.

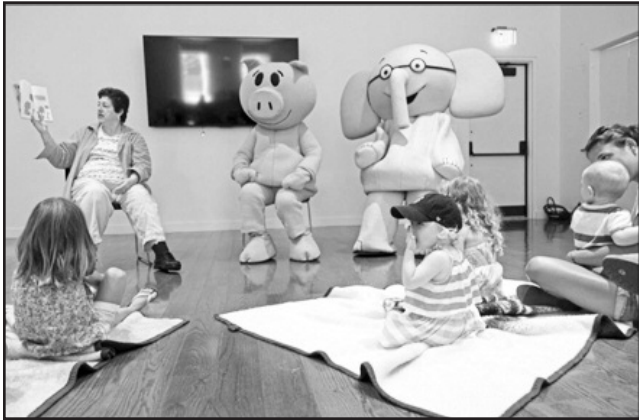
The Library saw a surge of traffic as an eager public thronged to their new community center. All through the summer and fall of 2016, traffic through the Library's doors held steady at levels roughly doubled those of the year before. With plenty of parking available, many patrons found themselves staying longer, choosing favorite spots among the new building's comfortable reading nooks, study spaces and meeting rooms. For the Library's first several months in its new space, applications for new library cards actually surged by a factor of almost ten.

From the very week of opening, the Library staff began making good use of the new program room, with its space for 100 people and its auditorium-grade sound and projection systems. The Island's AARP Tax Aid Program set out tables and counseled dozens of people in the early weeks of spring. A Shakespeare film festival, the Library's first public use of the projector and 12-foot screen, included a performance by Shakespeare for the Masses to a standing-room crowd, and concluded with a concert of period music by the Duo Marchand. The Vineyard Conservation Society held a public forum at the end of March, the Island's Sustainable Book Club met in early April, and the Vineyard's Scottish Society gave a free concert.

All this, in the Library's first few weeks, made it clear that this new facility is growing into its promise as a center for civic outreach and public engagement. Our experience during the rest of 2016 has borne out that first impression. In its new program space, the Library has presented monthly opera screenings, a vast variety of feature film events, and day-long workshops on subjects ranging from creative writing to trainings for Island Law Enforcement. Kids gathered to play classic video games on the program room's eight-foot wall monitor, and the room's advanced sound system was put to good use during a well-attended and nationally broadcast program on new approaches to preventing Lyme disease.

During the school vacation months, the Children's Department presented programs around the state's summer reading theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Read!" These ranged from science programs about sundials and whales, boats and robots to presentations by expert athletes

on such specialties as Frisbee tricks, juggling and yo-yos. Another highlight of July and August was a continuation of the Tuesday music series, “Sounds of Summer” featuring favorite Vineyard bands on the library’s front lawn.



Children gathered for a story hour with the storybook characters, Piggy and Elephant.

Our new community room brought Island organizations into new relationships with the library, and also enabled our staff to undertake new programs of outreach. The Yard, Chilmark’s center for the art of dance, led a series of free community dance classes at the library this fall. Elyce Bonnell of the library staff organized a community clothing swap in September that transformed the program room for several days into a center for trading

in children’s clothes. At the end of the year Ms. Bonnell led another community initiative, partnering with MV Community Services, DCF, First Light Child Development Center, and Rising Tide Equestrian Center to distribute some 1,200 books to children across the Island.

Throughout the summer and into the early fall, the Vineyard Colors team of photographers Moira Fitzgerald and Yann Meersseman presented an exhibit chronicling a full year of Island beauty along the 50-foot southern wall of the program room. This dramatic first use of the new gallery space drew hundreds of people to the library. The gallery hanging system for that show was provided by the Edgartown Library Foundation; and later during this year the Friends of the Edgartown Library provided funds for a small professional lighting system – it has already been used, most notably for live performances of dance in the new program room.

The Friends of the Library, an essential support organization which funds many of the programs described in this report, saw Mary Jane Carpenter step down in 2016 as president, with Ellie Bates succeeding her. The Friends raised money for library programs with several projects, the most ambitious of which were the creation of a book about the library’s history and the fourth annual running of the Pennywise Path 5K run to the library on Labor Day. At year’s end, the Friends Organization was well on its way to raising the funds to commission artist Margot Datz for a mural project in the children’s room.



On the program room’s gallery wall, a display of photographs by Vineyard Colors drew hundreds of admirers in the summer and fall of 2016.



Curled up with a classic in the children's room.

For the Edgartown Public Library, the road to 2016 has been long and winding, but our Town now has in place a solid, spacious, comfortable and conveniently located center for life-long learning and civic engagement. Our new building is here to serve patrons for generations to come; the challenge now is to maintain a level of excellence in service that matches the quality of the facility and of the collections in our care. Because in the end, a library building – even one as magnificent as the new Edgartown Public Library – is only a vessel for the community life that plays out within its walls.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgartown Free Public Library Board of Trustees
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Facts at a Glance

fiscal year ending 6/30/2016

Collection size.....	198,470
Books	34,168
Subscriptions	134
Audio CDs.....	2,687
Video	7,217
Downloadable audio	6,846
Downloadable books.....	146,514
Circulation.....	82,876
Edgartown residents holding library cards.....	2,360
Edgartown library cards total.....	7,088
Volunteers	40
Volunteer hours.....	1,082
Total attendance at programs	3,990

* These figures include the first three months in
 Edgartown's new library



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 2016 report to the voters and taxpayers of the Town of Edgartown.

The Board of Health spent the past year, again, blending a healthy volume of routine and wide ranging responsibilities with another collection of substantial special projects that were the result of unexpected events (such as a decaying whale washing up on South Beach on July 4th weekend) or a focused study of a particular topic (such as the deer harvest survey hosted by the Vineyard Gazette). As in previous years, we continued to coordinate

our work with an array of local officials and departments in Town as well as in neighboring towns along with relying on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to lend their expertise when necessary. The community continues to benefit from health department collaboration with other Town Departments as well as island, regional and state officials who all share the common goal of protecting and promoting environmental protection and the health and safety of the town’s inhabitants and visitors.

We offer the following snapshot of our work throughout the year to illustrate the range and volume of the year’s activities:

Quick Facts:

Activity	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Septic permits (total)	124	95	101	91	70
Septic permits (new construction)	28	37	22	28	18
Septic repair or upgrade permits	67	30	45	34	33
Enhanced Treatment septic system with nitrogen removal	16	10	8	4	4
Septic system abandonment permit	28	28	32	29	19
Septic application withdrawn prior to action	1	0	2	0	0
Sale and Transfer septic system inspection reports received	76	108	97	121	91
Passing transfer inspections	72	103	88	113	87
Failed transfer inspections	3	3	5	5	3
“Needs further evaluation” transfer inspections	0	2	2	0	0
“Conditionally passes” transfer inspections	1	0	2	3	1
Well Construction permits (new and replacement)	28	23	32	25	20
Food Establishment permits	95	94	94	91	89
Temporary Food Event permits	24	23	30	28	23
Tobacco sale permits	12	12	12	11	11
“Verified Under-age tobacco sale violations via compliance checks”	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Residential Pool Const.	33	33	27	33	20
Body Art Establishment (tattoo)	1	1	1	0	0
Fertilizer Application Permit (2015 first year required, 3 year lifespan)	0	30	n/a	n/a	n/a
Department revenue from fees	\$48,937	\$49,575	\$45,332	\$46,447	\$43,111

Tick Borne Illness reduction program:

The tick program, operating as an island-wide six-town program since 2011 with Edgartown serving as the fiduciary agent, had another active year. Richard “Dick” Johnson, working in collaboration with Sam Telford of Tufts University, continued to conduct the field work component of the program as well as delivering the community education component offered throughout the year. Much of the focus continued to be on educating community members about ticks and tick-borne illnesses and how to avoid them. However, we also became much more active in initiating and leading the discussion on how to reduce the number of ticks Island wide.

Once again, we provided free yard surveys where we assessed potential tick habitat by ‘flagging’ the yard to collect and count a sample of the number of ticks present combined with assessing the types of vegetation and moisture level in the yard. We then worked with the property owner on ways to reduce tick habitat and ticks. In past years we focused on tick hotspots on Chappaquiddick and in Chilmark. This year we placed advertisements in both island newspapers offering the free yard surveys to residents in all six-island towns. The response was both gratifying and somewhat overwhelming. We conducted 160 yard surveys: 7 in Aquinnah, 62 in Chilmark, 36 in Edgartown, 18 in Oak Bluffs, 20 in Tisbury and 17 in West Tisbury. Each yard survey offers an opportunity to educate the public on a range of tick avoidance and illness prevention information. We also presented public forums at the Chappaquiddick Community Center and Chilmark Library, spoke to three homeowners associations, conducted a yard survey at the Vineyard Montessori School and spoke to classes at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School. We also participated in administering a deer herd reduction survey sponsored by the Vineyard Gazette that had 1311 responses with 79% of the respondents reporting being in favor of deer herd reduction to aid in tick reduction. The survey can be found at: <https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2016/09/15/survey-shows-strong-support-culling-island-deer-herd>.

As part of the discussion about ticks and tick borne illness on an Island-wide level, we wrote a number of newspaper articles, op-ed pieces and Letters to the Editor advocating reducing the number of deer on the Island. Generally, our published opinion in the media that deer herd reduction is an integral part of tick reduction was strongly supported in the public comments and letters to the editor following a number of articles. We also worked with 15 homeowners to allow access on their private property for hunting and when asked, matched the homeowner with a responsible hunter in the area.

The Board of Health website (mvboh.org), begun as part of the tick project in 2012, has continued to experience

extensive public use. 5000 people accessed the site in 2016 with a spike in July following a front-page article in the Vineyard Gazette that referenced the website. In 2016 the website was viewed 11,000 times with 14% viewing the site at least twice. Since the site was created in 2012 there have been 15,000 unique visitors with 17% returning to view the site multiple times. The web page has been viewed over 37,000 times since it was started. We are encouraged by use of the site and plan to continue to build and refine the public health information we post here.

Plastic Checkout Bag regulation:

At the Annual Town Meeting in April 2016, the voters adopted the Plastic Checkout Bag By-law that was on the warrant. The regulation charged the Board of Health with being the enforcing authority. The by-law prohibits any Edgartown business from offering a plastic checkout bag less than 4 mils thick (very heavy). Any plastic bag greater than 4 mils thick is defined as a ‘reusable bag’ and is allowed on the premise it will get multiple uses. The regulation requires that any bag offered be a cloth/fabric reusable bag, a plastic bag greater than 4 mils thick (also considered reusable) or a recyclable paper bag and must be composed of at least 40% post consumer recycled content with smaller bags allowed 20% post consumer recycled content. The intent of the regulation, adopted by five of the six Vineyard towns, is to remove thin film plastic bags from use and to promote use of reusable bags by the consumer or to ensure that single use bags are composed of recycled content and are returned to the recycling stream. The elimination of thin film plastic bags from the environment and the damage they cause to wildlife and the environment through entanglement or degradation to tiny bits of plastic (micro plastic) was strongly supported by the voters at town meeting.

Oyster Class for Restaurateurs:

In cooperation with the Edgartown Shellfish Dept., the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Food Protection Program and the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries, in early June the Board of Health offered “Oyster Class for Restaurateurs”. The purpose of the 2½ hour class was to provide information on the naturally occurring marine organism, *Vibrio Parahaemolyticus*, which causes gastrointestinal illness when consumed raw. Restaurant operators who serve raw oysters were provided with information on the safe handling of oysters in the retail sector during the warm summer months and the potential for food borne illness caused by less than perfect handling. The class was open to any island restaurant and was held at the Edgartown Library. Each of the last several preceding summers there were approximately 10 illnesses per summer caused by *Vibrio*. In the summer of 2016, thanks to a very diligent effort from everyone involved,

including the fishermen, wholesalers, retailers and regulators, the number of cases of Vibrio illness was reduced to three. We believe the class for restaurateurs contributed to this very significant improvement and plan to offer another class at the beginning of Summer 2017. The key to offering raw oysters safely, throughout the year but especially in the summer, is to always hold and store them on ice or refrigeration at less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit as soon as they're harvested (this also includes oysters caught recreationally for personal use).

All-island six town Board of Health Members meetings:

In 2016 the elected Board of Health members from the six Vineyard towns met twice to work on regional topics. The topics addressed to date include tick borne illness, the potential MIT mouse immunization project for Lyme disease, nitrogen impairment in coastal water bodies, and the opioid misuse problem plaguing towns throughout the region. The boards understand that public health protection work crosses town lines and they anticipate scheduling future meetings in 2017.

Thanks to volunteers, staff and contributions from board members:

Annual thanks are due to John Clark and Tom Pierce who serve as Edgartown's representatives to the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District. Janet Hathaway, is the Assistant to the Board of Health and continues to manage the details of keeping the office functioning and deserves a special mention for representing the Board of Health when the whale washed up on South Beach on July 4 weekend while the Health Agent was out of the country attending a wedding. Matt Poole is the town's Health Agent and carries out the responsibilities of the Board of Health on a daily basis. Matt and Janet have a combined experience of 42 years working for the Board of Health and contribute a valuable collective knowledge and experience.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD T. ZADEH, Chairman
KATHIE N. CASE
E. GARRETT ORAZEM, D.M.D.

GET THE FACTS

- More than 20 million people in the U.S. have died from tobacco since 1964.
- Tobacco use accounts for 6 million deaths around the world every year.
- One out of every 13 children alive today – 5.6 million in total – will die early from smoking.
- Nine out of 10 smokers start by age 18 or younger.
- Seven thousand chemical compounds exist in tobacco smoke, 70 of which can cause cancer.
- Tobacco use is responsible for nearly one in three cancer deaths.
- More than 3,200 youth smoke their first cigarette every day.
- Cigars are not a safe alternative to cigarettes.
- Cigar sales increased 123 percent between 2000 and 2011, while cigarette sales decreased 33 percent.
- E-cigarettes have not been well studied and may contain unknown toxins.
- Hookah smoking is at least as harmful as cigarette smoking.
- Tobacco companies spent \$8.37 billion on advertisement and promotion of cigarettes in 2011-or about \$23 million per day.

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 2016, 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 2016, 750 seniors participated over 7,134 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, 456 elders in need over 4,000 times. Additionally, on 800 separate occasions, people signed in as “guests” and attended one program or another at the Anchors in 2016.

Moreover, the generosity of the Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging and Edgartown residents added renovations to our senior center, making it safer, appealing, and inviting for staff and guests. Among other things, improvements were made to the Anchors building exterior, steps, and handicap access. Maintenance and improvements were also made to the Anchors heating system and air conditioning, and exterior appearance. Sound proofing was added to our dining area to reduce echo and over all noise levels. A large measure of gratitude and thank yous to our Friends for making this all possible.

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD ACTIVITY

The COA five-member 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. We gratefully thank Kevin and Jay, and Board members H. Glenn Carpenter, Chris White, and Olga Church for their year (and years) of service to our community through the Council on Aging.

After years of faithful and selfless service on our Board, Chris White resigned this fall. All of us at the Anchors, both Board and staff, wish to express our great gratitude to Chris for all her generous time and efforts. She will be missed. Taking her place on the Board is Heidi Boyd, an Edgartown employee working in the Town Collector’s office. The Anchors welcomes Heidi and expresses best wishes for a long and successful tenure on our Board.

The Anchors would not be the popular, successful senior center it is without the generous donations of time, energy, and resources from our dedicated Board members.

STAFF

Donna Paulson, our secretary/receptionist is in her eighth 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. 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 is an amazing achievement.

Wendy Benedetto completed her third year as Director of Senior Services in December, 2016. 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, “vibe,” 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 provide services where appropriate.

One of the most important components of the Department is community outreach. In 2016, 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 450 seniors have been visited, served and had their case managed. 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 and certified 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. She has worked overtime to assist with the applications while continuing with her outreach duties and responsibilities.

With the assistance of a state grant and a grant from our Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging, the Anchors also employed a part-time outreach worker, Lyndsay Famariss, for nine months in 2016. Lyndsay did a tremendous job of supporting Victoria with fuel assistance and other outreach responsibilities. Lyndsay delivered services to almost 90 Edgartown seniors who, without Lyndsay's abilities, would have otherwise had their needs unmet.

NOTABLE NEW PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

Seniors Toured the New Edgartown Library: Well attended tour of the beautiful new library.

Fire Chief Peter Shemeth Visited Anchors: Chief Shemeth spoke to a room full of seniors about fire safety and smoke detectors.

Island Tour with Glenn Carpenter: Thanks to Glenn, Island tour guide for 19 years, and the generosity of MV Sightseeing, 12 seniors toured the island.

iPad, iPhone, Facebook, and Surfing the Net Instruction: Classes were taught at the Anchors to help seniors use and operate these often confusing and tricky devices. During the summer, a volunteer taught well attended iPad and Internet classes at the library.

High School Leadership students met seniors at the MV Boys & Girls Club for one-on-one tutorials about iPhone and computer use.

Growing Up in Edgartown, Interviews with Ann Bassett: Esteemed panel of life-long town residents discussed the unique experience of what it was like to grow up in Edgartown. Filmed by Ann Bassett of MVTV.

MV Boys & Girls Club: Walking and playing basketball, Wednesdays, during winter months.

Write Your Own Obituary Class: Eight sessions with Susan Klein.

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

FirstStop Introduced: With Karin Kugel, FirstStop MV Program Manager. Explanation of new website and phone service for seniors and caregivers.

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

Tour of Native Earth Teaching Farm: Seniors met in Chilmark to tour this interesting farm.

Codfish Feast at Anchors: Much appreciated codfish donated and prepared by Donald Benefit with help from Edgartown Police Officer William Bishop IV.

Stretch Class: Ray Whitaker, YMCA Elder Fitness & Services Coordinator.

Herb Foster: Presentation entitled "Yiddish and Jive in Everyday Life."

Ted Talk: Program called, "How Body Language Shapes Interactions," by volunteer Tom Sullivan.

Artistic Program with Ellie Bates: Ellie taught us how to create collage cards.

Natural Abstract Wood Program: Well attended presentation thanks to Jeff Chapman.

How to Organize Your Home Workshop: Paula Martin gave tips about organization in homes and its relation to achieving balance and harmony.

The following is a representation of the Council on Aging activities, events and programs for 2016. 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 with a menu and calendar of our delicious Tuesday and Friday lunches.

Memory Support Group: Co-led by ECOA's Outreach worker, Victoria Haeselbarth, the group continues to meet weekly and has grown to 38-plus participants. The group meets at Featherstone Center for the Arts with art therapy, music and educational materials. Attendance has increased substantially in 2016. We thank the good people at Featherstone for their support.

Patrolmen's Senior Feast: Purchased, cooked, prepared and delivered by the Edgartown Patrolmen's Association in December.

Coffee with a Cop: Organized by Edgartown Police Officer William Bishop IV with special guest Officer James Craig, who spoke about the MV Tactical Team.

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

MV Museum Tour: Seniors met at the museum to view exhibits.

High School Sociology Students visited for Intergenerational Programs: The class and our seniors interacted in “meet and greet” settings. In addition, the High School Leadership Class from Martha’s Vineyard High School visited the Anchors for discussion groups and workshops.

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, the local Boys and Girls Club thrift store and emailed to hundreds of town residents.

Tai Chi and Qigong: Well attended classes began in 2014 and are still growing 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.

Group Trips: In 2016, the Anchors coordinated group adventures to the North End, Boston; Cape Cod Canal; Charles River Cruise and Cheesecake Factory with Falmouth Council on Aging and a Martha’s Vineyard Island Bike Path Ride with Paul Mohair.

Movie Day in May: Well attended movie and popcorn at the Anchors.

Music: The COA hosted many musical performances/groups in 2016: Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Minnesingers, Edgartown Third Graders, Vintage Voices with the Princess Poo-Poo-Ly Uke Group, 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 30 families.

Surplus Food Distribution: Food from the Greater Boston Food Bank and Stop and Shop is distributed every month, feeding over 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 they are 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, Rug Hooking, 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.

Health Screenings: Screenings once monthly with 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 estimated 100 guests, included a raffle for valuable prizes.

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

VOLUNTEERS

The Council on Aging gives thanks to the 70 volunteers who donated their time in 2016. These include our board members, fish distribution assistants, friendly visitors, gleaners, kitchen helpers, day old bread deliverers, 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: 2,288 hours of volunteering provided \$34,320 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, the Estate of Ruth Welch, Edgartown Diner, The Gleaners, Donald Benefit, Seafood Shanty, Stop and Shop, Morning Glory Farm, MacPhail's Corner Cafe, Edgartown Pizza, Lucky Hank's, The Terrace, Isola Pizzeria, Katama General Store, Farmer Dick Brown, Farmer Bob Daniels, 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 \$10,000 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; subsidized a number of senior trips, which are listed herein above. Moreover, the Friends also helped to subsidize the payment of heating bills for many Edgartown families in need. The Friends also provided a \$4,000 grant to the Anchors that allowed our part-time outreach worker to continue her work through the end of September. It is through their generosity, caring, and hard work that the COA is able to offer such a diversity of wonderful programs. THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

TOWN DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER

We are grateful for the many town department 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 Senior Fall Feast put on by the Edgartown Patrolmen's Association in December and delivered (rather than hosted at the Fire Station) to over 75 Edgartown seniors. **The Fire Department and EMT's** donated time at our lunches to fill out Files of Life, updated seniors' information, 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, Featherstone Center for the Arts and the Community Solar Greenhouse (COMSOG) which are subsidized by the Friends of ECOA.

SUPPORTIVE DAY PROGRAM

The Supportive Day Program continues to hold its program in the Anchors building two days per week, Mondays and Wednesdays. The Board of Martha's Vineyard Center for Living (MVC4L) has been working tirelessly to find a new facility for the program's headquarters in order to better meet the needs of their 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 their vulnerable service population. This will also allow more available Anchors space and time to develop and expand programming.

CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

Victoria, Wendy, and Paul participated in the Massachusetts Councils On Aging annual conference in Falmouth 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 attended SNAP (food stamp) training and Fuel Assistance training. Victoria also completed graduate

level courses in Healthcare Informatics, Non-profit Management, Epidemiology and Organizational Behavior. Donna attended a training workshop on SNAP and food stamps. Wendy attended a MCOA Volunteer Manager Skills and Tools Workgroup.

MY SENIOR CENTER, AUTOMATED RECORD KEEPING

Our new senior services tracking system, MySeniorCenter, has been very successful. Among other things, the system connects and networks all the COAs, and helps determine, on an island-wide basis, the health, interests, needs, demands, concerns, and priorities of all elders. For the Anchors, MySeniorCenter is a tracking and record keeping system, much improved from the obsolete previous program.

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.

PROGRAM AND SERVICES STATISTICS

The Council On Aging statistics show that our services and programs served 750 individuals, mostly Edgartown seniors. Not incidentally, another 800 “guests” attended one program or another at the Anchors in 2016.

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

In 2016, 144 “new” seniors attended the Anchors. These are island elders who had not previously been in the Anchors for any reason. Edgartown’s aged sixty plus population is about 1,500 seniors. Of the 750 individuals served, 69% were women and 31% men; or 516 women, 234 men.

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 atten-

dance 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:

140 received advocacy for support services
88 received health insurance counseling
51 individuals received visits in their homes
114 received assistance, including fuel subsidy, family support, hospital visits

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

110 received legal services and financial management
64 received mental health support, coordinated through MV Community Services

SUPPORT SERVICES

56 received friendly visits
235 received telephone reassurance calls
24 borrowed medical equipment
63 purchased senior VTA bus passes

WELLNESS

52 attended COA sponsored memory and stroke support groups
70 attended yoga, strength training, walking and cycling
15 attended foot/pedicure clinic

NUTRITION, LUNCHESES*

88 received monthly surplus food, including fishing derby distribution
365 attended Anchors lunches*
2,950 lunches were served by our kitchen to the 365 seniors who came for lunch in 2016

OTHER

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

GRANTS

This year, a grant of \$8,631 from the State Executive Office of Elder Affairs was awarded to the Edgartown Council on Aging. The Anchors also received a \$4,000 grant from the Friends of the Edgartown Council on Aging.

With the approval of the Town Personnel Board and the Selectmen, these grants were used to employ a part-time outreach worker from January through September of 2016. This outreach worker teamed with Victoria and Wendy, assisting in all areas of outreach responsibilities, including, but not limited to, 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 three 4 hour days, for 37 weeks.

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picture provided by Council on Aging

MARTHAS VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

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

Mission statement:

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

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

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

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

Programs & Services:

Supportive Day Program:

The Supportive Day Program (SDP) is a professionally run social program for individuals who would be at risk if left alone and are unable to participate independently in the programs and services offered at the municipal Senior Centers. Of equal importance is the respite provided for families and caregivers of SDP participants. Many of the clients of the SDP suffer from various and sometimes multiple conditions and/or chronic illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, but wish to remain at home in the care of their families. At the SDP, a wide range of engaging activities are tailored to individual

capacity. Most importantly, loving, careful attention is paid to the individual physical and emotional needs of our clients. Nutritious meals and snacks are provided. Transportation is available.

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

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

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

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

Funding Sources: Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands Title IIIB Grant, \$6,000 grant from Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands, Department of Elder Affairs Grant, \$6,000 (through Oak Bluffs Council on Aging)

Voluntary donations from participants, \$4947. All grants and donations go toward the direct cost of this service.

Emergency Food Program:

MVCL is the island's lead sponsoring agency of the Greater Boston Food Bank Emergency Food Distribution Program. As such MVCL 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. MVCL is responsible for coordinating the pick up and delivery of these shipments for distribution to needy islanders of all ages.

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

Funding sources: Project Bread Grant \$2,000; GBFB Grant \$4,000 for transportation costs;

Vineyard Committee on Hunger donation \$2,195.74; Stop & Shop donations (Food for Friends Program) \$3,491.40; 79,736 pounds of food received (30% increase over FY15); Value of food received \$93,389.95 (45% increase over FY15); Cost of purchased food \$3,235.37; Island Food Products donation (truck, time, storage) valued at over \$30,000.

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

55PLUS Times: Information and Referral:

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

Older Americans Act:

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

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Luncheon Program:

MVCL 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Island Health Care Community Health Center ("My Life My Health Program, \$5,353),

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

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMS and SERVICES

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

Protective Services: Help is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for anyone over the age of sixty who has been abused, neglected, financially exploited, or is at risk of harm due to self-neglect,

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

Senior Nutrition Program: Senior Dining Centers are located at Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Up-Island Senior Centers; Meals on Wheels are delivered in every town for any elder who is homebound.

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

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

Mature Workers Program: Provides training and part-time employment to individuals fifty-five and older.

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

Options Counseling: Provides information and short-term counseling to assist consumers (elder aged 60 and older or individuals over the age of 18 with any disability) in making informed choices about long term care services, supports and settings.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen are trained and certified advocates with the authority to make weekly unannounced visits to facilities to monitor the condition of the home and meet with residents and/or their familie to discuss any concerns they might have about the quality of their care.

Long Term Care Screening: Registered nurses assess an individual's health and functional abilities in order to determine medical eligibility for Medicaid funding of nursing home care.

Respectfully submitted,

JACQUE CAGE, M.V. 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 2016, 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 Meshacket Road. The Committee has been working closely with Adam Turner, the Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, to get the project underway. The Committee is looking forward to presenting the latest plan to the public to get widespread comment on the revised plans, and then to select a developer to bring the project to fruition.

The Committee held a lottery with the help of the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to dispose of a property on Metcalf Drive, that was purchased back from the owner in October 2015. The new owners moved into the home in May. The Committee oversaw the transfer of a property on Chappaquiddick that was entered into the program in 2003 under Zoning Bylaw Article 11.20

(substandard lots for affordable home sites). The new homeowners are expected to close on the house in January 2017.

The Committee continued to work with the Board of Selectmen to develop a unique ownership opportunity for three lots in Ocean Heights that opened in September. The Committee has continued to collaborate with the Edgartown Planning Board, and the Joint Affordable Housing Group to review zoning bylaws and make provisions for Edgartown's growing elderly population and to promote the creation of affordable and community housing.

This Committee continues to work to create unique opportunities for affordable housing in Edgartown. As your appointed committee, we wish to thank the townspeople of Edgartown for their consistent support of all our affordable housing efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK HESS, Chairman
TIM RUSH, Vice-Chair
CHRISTINA BROWN
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 take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who help each year to make our town look so festive for the Christmas season.

Special thanks goes to our Highway Department, always willing to help. They maintain and set up the tree stands each year. They manage to get the work done in time for the "Christmas in Edgartown" weekend, despite any weather complications. We have been working with the Board of Trade to coordinate the decorating in time for the holiday week festivities. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with us.

Others who make the spirit bright are Tom Bassett, who starts the lighting process right after Thanksgiving and stays on top of all the maintenance; Bob Hagerty for the Memorial Park trees, a welcoming site to visitors entering town; and to the staff of Donaroma's, who decorate the town hall and streets of the downtown area.

We welcome your suggestions. In recent years we have added the lampposts on North Water Street and the Donnelly parking lot behind the courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN HATHAWAY, Chairman
GLEN SEARLE
GAIL AVAKIAN
PRISCILLA BETTENCOURT



By William C. Bishop IV

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

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

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

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

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

Martha's Vineyard Playhouse		Cinema Circus	
Shakespeare for the Masses	\$1213	Cinema Circus	\$1340
West Tisbury School		BiodiversityWorks	
Creative Dramatics	\$1214	MV Kindergartens for Monarchs	\$1115
Danielle Doell		Abby Bender	
LanDforms	\$568	Built on Stilts Community Dance Festival	\$1651
Kristina Fletcher		The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival	
Second grade visit to the Whaling Museum	\$660	Vineyard Shorts	\$1005
MV Chamber Music Society		Casey Ann Hayward	
Artist in Residency Project	\$1175	A Genetics Play	\$494
Lisa Sherman		Roberta Kim	
Children's Room Art Mural,		Winter Concert and Community Sings	\$1135
Edgartown Public Library	\$1233	Lynn Ditchfield	
Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute, Inc.		Nightmares and Dreams:	
National Fossil Day Celebration	\$800	Immigrant voices from the Inside	\$1935
West Tisbury Public Library		MV Film Society	
Children's Room Mural,	\$1440	2017 MV International Film Fest	\$1234
		Paul Levine	
		The World of Troubadours and Trobairitz VIII	\$498
		Lynn Thorp	
		MV Signs, Then & Now	\$1117
		Jennifer Rapuano, MVLA	
		MV Minimaker Faire	\$1173
		Emma Young	
		The Book:From Scratch	\$925
		Nathan Luce	
		Oak Bluffs African American	
		Lit. and Culture Festival	\$1258
		Renee Richard	
		New Works Lab	\$1165
		Elise LeBovit	
		Creator Spring, Easter Egg Hunt, Aquinnah	\$973
		Julianne Vanderhoop	
		Cranberry Festival	\$280
		Mabelle Felipe	
		The News & Weather with Mabelle	\$741
		Garden Gate CDC	
		Rights of Children	\$943
		Tisbury School First Grades	
		Attend Theater production at Wheelock College	\$423
		Holly Nadler	
		A Novel: Emily Just in Time	\$330
		Lynne McKenney Lydick	
		Family Letters of Abby Kelley and	
		Stephen Foster	\$465
		West Tisbury School	
		StarLab Planetarium Visit	\$1039
		Aquinnah Cultural Center	
		11th Annual Native American Artisans' Festival	\$1964

West Tisbury School Teachers	
Indoor Mini-Golf	
Multi Disciplinary Collaborative	\$517
Corinne de Langavant	
MV Ice Theater Ballet	\$731
MV Environmental Educators Alliance	
MVEEA	\$324
The Yard Inc.	
The Yard's MAKING IT with	
H.Y. Chen & Dancers	\$1170
Memorial Day Picnic Committee, Tisbury	
Tisbury Memorial Day Picnic	\$510
Lynne McKenney Lydick	
To My Dearest:	
The Civil War Letters of General Ward	\$360
Donna Swift	
Performance Skills for Island Kids	\$1251
Mass Audubon's Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary	
Felix Neck Fall Festival	\$405
Richard Clark	
Great Scott it's Andrew Carnegie	\$346
Liz Witham	
Keepers of the Light:	
The History of the Gay Head Light	\$2802
Ken Wentworth	
Sustainable MV Documentary Series	\$1299

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

Aquinnah	Oak Bluffs
THERESA MANNING	HARVEY BETH, Treas.
ELIZABETH WITHAM, Sec.	WALLACE BULLOCK
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Check out our Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/marthasvineyardcc>

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

Respectfully submitted,

 ROBERT J-P. HAUCK, Chair

VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

financial assistance to help Islanders get needed medications and medical transportation since its inception.

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

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

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

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

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

Funding: The County maintains a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each of the six Island Towns for the ongoing funding of the Access Program. This MOU describes the Access Program's governance structure; the County's role and services provided; town obligations; Municipal Membership Assessments; and Indemnification and Insurance. Our total FY16 budget was \$413,818. By having agreements in place with each town, the Access Program's funding is secured and not subject to service cuts if grant funding is reduced. When the program succeeds in obtaining grants, these will offset the Town funding in the following year. Town funding for FY16 was \$339,054.

Other FY16 funding sources included Island Health Care via the US Health Services Resources Administration, the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority, the Blue

Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, United Way of Cape Cod and the Islands, and local funders including Martha's Vineyard Hospital, the Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation, local businesses and individual donors.

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PLANNING

PLANNING BOARD

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

In 2016 the All Island Planning Board was formed and their first project was to take a hard look at housing on the Island. All island towns voted to participate in the effort to prepare individual Housing Production Plans (HPP). The project was funded by the state and the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The process was guided by two consultants, Jennifer M. Goldson, AICP and Judi Barrett, RKG Associates whose expertise is housing, planning and zoning. The first phase of the project took a hard look at all pre-existing housing studies, the most recent and appropriate demographics and housing history for each town. These summaries and the proposed focus were shared with each town's general public in the first of three workshops. The two subsequent workshops focused on developing community goals and finally, the implementation of strategies. The HPP plan will be submitted to the Selectmen and Planning Boards for approval in early 2017.

The board is constantly seeking the best practices for enforcement of zoning and building projects. An example would be when the Planning Board approved a set of plans for a mixed use project on Upper Main St in 2011. In 2016, after a number of extensions, construction finally began. Unfortunately, in those 5 years, the applicant switched architects and changed the plans, without filing with the Planning Board. Only after the foundation was poured and two modular units were placed on the foundation, did the Building Inspector and the Planning Board discover the plans received by the Building Inspector were not the approved plans. The new plans increased the square footage; increased the bulk of the building by extending dormers, added 2 new balconies, moved a larger balcony to the side of the structure, moved and increased the size and height of the elevator, requiring a new special permit for a non-conforming height increase. A cease and desist order was placed on the project and a new application was filed for the new plans. The applicant had to return to the Martha's Vineyard Commission to explain their situation. In the meantime, the Planning Board struggled to get the pre-built structure modified to become an approved building in accordance with the B-II Business District regulations. The MVC returned the application to the Town to complete. The project is pending.

The new Massachusetts law to allow the sale of marijuana in retail stores has been postponed by six months which will take effect in July of 2018. The state and all

municipalities including Edgartown are taking a hard look at how to manage this new state law carefully and without prejudice.

The largest project before the Planning Board is the application for the Stop & Shop expansion on Upper Main St to increase the existing 25,000+/- sq. ft. building to 40,000+/- sq. ft., an increase of approximately 15,000 sq. ft. The application includes changes to the parking areas, the drive-through Edgartown National Bank and access and egress to the property.

The Planning Board has hired General Code to assist in the re-codification of the existing zoning bylaws and is estimated to be completed in 2018. Included in the scope of the project is research, editorial and legal review to identify conflicts, inconsistencies and other problem areas in need of updating or correction, the incorporation of any necessary revisions, the creation of an index, the preparation of Zoning Code adoption legislation and a disposition list to document the final disposition of all Zoning Code relevant legislation. The Town has also requested a fully searchable online version of the zoning bylaws.

Following is a list of business heard by the Board in 2016:

2016 Special Permits:

McCargo LLC, 8 Green Hollow Way (29-130.1) SP: Surface Water District. Construct one 6' x 20' seasonal float and one tie-off spile located within the Faired Pier Line. *Approved 1/19/16*

Alexander, Alex, 250 Upper Main St (20A-78.1) Minor Modification to SP: B-II Business District. Extend overhang of proposed roof by 6 feet and add iron railing fence around open staircase to basement. *Approved 2/1/16*

Wasque Family Farm LLC/Jones, 45 Pocha Rd (34-231.11) SP: Island Road District. Relocate existing driveway on 45 Pocha Rd with easement to Land Bank and 47 Pocha Rd (34-231.12). *Approved 3/15/16*

Beach St Properties LLC, 2 Beach St (29B-84) SP: Coastal District. Demolition of a non-conforming 125 year old dwelling on a non-conforming lot, and rebuild on existing footprint less encroachments on a town-owned road. *Approved 4/5/16*

Stop & Shop, 225 Upper Main St (20A-57.1) SP: B-II Business District. Minor modification to an existing special permit to display and sell garden products at the store entrance. *Approved 4/5/16*

Dagres, 295 Katama Rd (30-159.2) SP: Coastal District. Deminimis application to construct a 16 foot elevated walkway from pool area to patio to retainer wall. *Approved 4/5/16*

Slough Farm LLC, 15 Butler's Cove Rd (44-35) SP: Coastal & Ponds Districts. Request to renovate two pre-existing non-conforming structures: a farm house and a silo. *Approved 4/5/16*

60 Slough Cove LLC, 60 Slough Cove Rd (44-26) SP: Coastal & Ponds Districts. Request to renovate a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling, construct an equipment barn and a tree house on a pre-existing non-conforming lot. *Approved 4/5/16*

Dream Enterprises LLC, 27 Butler's Cove Rd (44-32) SP: Coastal & Ponds Districts. Request to relocate a swimming pool, pool house and elevated walkway. *Approved 4/5/16*

31 Tower Hill LLC, 31 Tower Hill Rd (29-159) SP: Surface Water District. Request to construct, license and maintain a 17' x 8' extension to a "T;" four tie-off spiles, an 8' x 3' ramp and two 12' x 6' floats. *Approved 4/5/16*

AT&T/Fynbo, 14 Sampson Ave (34-197) SP: Wireless. Construct 104 foot temporary cell tower. *Approved 4/19/16*

Butcher/Thoma, 108 Edgartown Bay Rd (51-16) SP: Coastal District. Demolish and rebuild a 3-bedroom dwelling, sewage disposal system and associated utilities on a non-conforming lot. *Approved 4/19/16*

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, 243-247 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Rd (21-6.21) SP: B-II Business District. Construct a 16' x 8.5' ATM building. *Approved 4/19/16*

"CELLCO" Verizon, 59 North St (29A-96) SP: Wireless. Modification to an existing special permit to replace 12 antennas, 9 remote radio heads, 3 large junction boxes, and install fiber and power cables down existing tower. Construct a 12' x 26' equipment shelter (approximately 787 square feet). Construct a concrete pad/foundation for diesel generator, back-up power, electric and telephone utilities. Expand the existing equipment compound at accommodate the new structure. *Approved 5/3/16*

Mason, Barbara, 9 Kane Lane #K-6 (51A-2B) Deminimis application to install a 10' x 14' x 10'(H) prebuilt shed on shared condominium property in Katama. *Approved 5/17/16*

"Gettin' Fresh" McSweeney, Sue, 243 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Rd Unit 2B (21-6.32) SP: B-II Business District. Change of use to food preparation. *Approved 6/7/16*

60 Slough LLC, 60 Slough Cove Rd (44-26) SP: Coastal & Ponds Districts. Minor modification to existing special permit to relocate barn 14 feet away from farm property to preserve trees. *Approved 6/21/16*

Fager, 104 Wasque Ave (50-5 & 50-26) SP: Coastal District. Construct a one-story one-car garage on two non-conforming lots to meet setbacks. *Approved 7/5/16*

Vineyard Wash, 234 Upper Main St (20A-85) SP: B-II Business District. Add new uses: car detailing and boat cleaning, and sale of retail items including souvenirs, chips and soda. *Approved 8/16/16*

McCourt, David, 85 & 93 Chappaquiddick Rd (30-63 & 30-34) SP: Coastal & Island Roads Districts. Modifications to guest house and detached bedrooms. *Approved 9/6/16*

Conway, Karen Swett, 75 Edgartown Bay Rd (46-53) SP: Coastal District. Replace existing detached garage with new attached garage and kitchen addition to pre-existing non-conforming structure. *Approved 9/6/16*

Bucci/Rice, 9 Briggs Rd (27-9.21) SP: Coastal & Ponds District. Construct an in-ground swimming pool and boat house. *Approved 9/6/16*

Edgartown Water Department, Minor modification to a special permit granted in 1993 to change the use of the old method of exterior spray painting to modern equipment for exterior spray painting that does not affect abutters. *Approved 9/13/16*

Christopher Robin, LLC, 32 Caleb Pond Rd (30-45) SP: Surface Water District. Add 6' x 18' seasonal float to existing licensed pier. *Approved 10/4/16*

Gilligan, Lisa A., 87 North Water St (20D-283) SP: Surface Water District. Add 20 square feet to an existing deck. *Approved 10/4/16*

Jacobs, 106 Edgartown Bay Rd (51-17) SP: Coastal & Ponds Districts. Expansion of a single-family residence and attached garage, installation of a swimming pool with stone terrace and related site improvements on a non-conforming lot. *Approved 10/4/16*

Halbert, Douglas and Catherine, 35 B&C North Neck Rd (18-28.2) SP: Coastal District. Restore existing main dwelling; expand and rebuild existing guesthouse under 900 square feet and convert existing garage apartment to detached bedroom. *Approved 10/18/16*

MV Ocean LLC (Wrigley), 24 Ocean View Ave (29-146, 29-149 & 29-154) SP: Surface Water District. Construct, license and maintain an 87' x 4' timber pier with one 60' x 7' "T" and two 32' x 4' "L"s and four tie-off spiles pending demolition of existing pier. *Approved 11/1/16*

2016 Divisions of Land ANR (Form A) Endorsements:

Osler/Coughlin, 35 Cove Meadow Lane (18-31.2) Lot line adjustment. Osler to convey 812 square feet to neighbor, Coughlin (18-40). *Endorsed 4/5/16*

Owen Norton LLC, Baylies Way (28-15.4, 28-15.5, 28-226) Reconfigure an existing lot and create a new lot. *Endorsed 4/19/16*

Turner, Stephen C., 39 Slough Cove Rd (44-12.2) Divide lot into two parcels. *Endorsed 5/3/16*

Kanarian/Hagen, 120 Pease's Point Way South (29A-34) Divide lot into two parcels. *Endorsed 5/3/16*

Lynch/Look, 56 Robinson Rd (20C-146.2) Divide off small Parcel A (1,088 square feet) to convey to neighbor to provide for access with the use of an easement. *Endorsed 6/7/16*

Higgins/Shapiro, 29 Plain Field Way (28-31.91) Transfer portion of Shapiro driveway on Higgins property to Shapiro. *Endorsed 6/7/16*

Kanter, Rosabeth, Crackatuxet area (53-3) Divide a coastal barrier beach parcel into two non-buildable lots. (MVC Checklist items: 2.6 ANR; 8.5.a Coastal DCPC) *Endorsed 10/4/16*

Carsey/Pinney, 77 & 79 North Neck Rd (31-1.1 & 31-1.2) Combine two lots and divide into three lots with a conservation restriction on large, open lot. *Endorsed 11/1/16*

Woods, Edwin N., 35 Tower Hill Rd (29-155.1) Division of 5.6 acre property into two lots. Conservation restriction to be placed on large, open lot. *Endorsed 12/6/16*

52 Fuller St LLC, 52 Fuller St (20B-95) Lot line adjustment. *Endorsed 12/6/16*

2016 Subdivisions – Form C: None.

2016 Referrals to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission:

Alexander, Alex, 250 Upper Main St (20A-78.1) SP: B-II Business District. Modification to existing special permit to convert 2nd floor open deck to enclosed dormer, relocate mechanicals in basement, renovate three windows in basement, and fill with concrete due to water damage. *Referred 5/17/16*

Kanter, Rosabeth, Crackatuxet area (53-3) Form A: Divide a coastal barrier beach parcel into two non-buildable lots. (MVC Checklist items: 2.6 ANR; 8.5.a Coastal DCPC) *Referred 7/5/16*

Wave Lengths, 223 Upper Main St (20A-95) SP: Construct a mixed use building in the B-II Business District. *Referred 10/18/16*

Wave Lengths, 223 Upper Main St (20A-95) SP: Exceed height restriction in B-II District due to the protrusion of an elevator shaft through the roof. *Referred 10/18/16*

2016 Change of Address & Curb Cuts:

Tharp, Twanette, 77 Fuller St (19A-5): Change of address to 18 Starbuck Neck Rd. *Approved 1/5/16*

Alexandra MV LLC, 96 South Summer St (29B-3): Relocate an existing curb cut. *Approved 4/19/16*

Kleinman, 115 Pease’s Point Way (20B-89.1): Relocate an existing curb cut. *Approved 4/19/16*

Duala, Gary, 57 Eleventh St: Change of address to Tenth St S. Street number assigned by Assessors. *Approved 5/17/16*

Coffey, 343 Chappaquiddick Rd (34-40.1): Site plan review for change of address and access to 1 Quammox Road. *Approved 8/16/16*

Caraboolad, 63 Fuller St (20B-106): Special permit to allow two curb cuts in R-5 District under zoning bylaw 11.24. *Approved 10/4/16*

Pending Applications:

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. *Continued to 1/3/17*

Taylor, Mark H., 27 Mill Hill Rd (29-57.41) Form C: Divide one lot into two lots and construct a road for adequate access. *Continued, pending legal review.*

Schrieber, William & Carol, 128 Herring Creek Rd (45-362.5) SP: Katama DCPC. Construct an in-ground 18’ x 45’ swimming pool. *Continued to 1/3/17*

Wave Lengths, 223 Upper Main St (20A-95) SP: Construct a mixed use building in the B-II Business District. *Continued to 1/31/17*

Wave Lengths, 223 Upper Main St (20A-95) SP: Exceed height restriction in B-II District due to the protrusion of an elevator shaft through the roof. *Continued to 1/31/17*

Again, this year, we encourage everyone to visit the Town’s website 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.

Much appreciation goes to Georgiana Greenough, our assistant, and our clerk, Lucy Morrison, who continues to provide the board with pertinent information, prompt and accurately detailed minutes. Lucy, as the assistant to the Affordable Housing Committee also keeps us updated on housing activities. Additional thanks go to all the town’s departments, who continue to be extremely cooperative.

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 Georgiana Greenough, Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN O. WILSON, Chairman
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FRED MASCOLO
MICHAEL MCCOURT
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JAMES CISEK, Alternate

Staff:

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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 2016:

[The numbers that appear in brackets after the applicant's name represent the town's assessor's map and lot numbers]

1. RORER [29B-216] a special permit under 11.9(f) for renovation and the construction of additions, including a pool and cabana, was approved with conditions.
2. LINDENBERG [29B-28] a special permit under 11.9(f) to demolish and then rebuild a single-family residence and add a pool and garage was granted with conditions.
3. CARABOOLAD [20D-59] a special permit under 11.9 (f) for the construction of additions and the installation of a pool was withdrawn.
4. CHIVINSKI [10-99.48] a special permit for a guest-house under 11.9(f) was withdrawn.
5. MONTEIRO d.b.a. Pizza di Napoli [20D-217c] a special permit under 9.2 c and 11.12 for a pizzeria was granted with conditions.
6. HEDLEY [20D-170] an amendment to a special permit for the relocation of a pool and pool equipment was granted with conditions.
7. MULLEN [20D-97] a special permit under 11.9(f) to allow the construction of a replacement dwelling, the installation of a pool, and a garage was granted with conditions.
8. EDGARTOWN WORKSHOP LLC d.b.a. Covington [20D-194] a special permit under 11.12 for outdoor seating was granted with conditions.
9. ROSSI [11b-24] a special permit under 11.9 (f) for the construction of a garage on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was approved.
10. McNALLY [45-16.6] a special permit under 11.9 (f) for the construction of a pool and pool house was granted with conditions.
11. BEHIND THE BOOKSTORE [20D-196 & 191.1] a request to amend a special permit to allow the relocation of an outdoor bar under 9.2 (c) and 11.12 was granted with conditions.
12. OLIVEIRA [11B-26] a special permit to construct an addition on a preexisting, nonconforming lot under section 11.9(f) was granted.
13. HUGHES [22-1325] a request to add dormers and a balcony under 11.9 (f) was approved.
14. MV TACO [20D-347.11] a special permit to operate a restaurant with outdoor seating under 9.2(c) & 9.4(b) was granted with conditions.
15. CASAVANT [34-171] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct additions on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
16. HELM/CAMPBELL [12B-33] a special permit under 11.9(f) for a garage with a detached bedroom above was granted.
17. DONAROMA [20B-28] a request for a special permit to demolish and rebuild an existing residence and construct a pool and garage under section 11.9 (f) was withdrawn.
18. ACHELIS [20D-142] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to renovate and expand an existing residence and construct a garage and swimming pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.
19. KATAMA GENERAL STORE [29A-23] an amendment to a special permit to allow the construction of a new structure was granted with conditions.
20. MV TACO [20D-347.11] an amendment to a special permit to allow for the expansion of a deck and additional outdoor seating was granted.
21. MICHAELS [20A-37.111] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to expand a nonconforming structure was granted.
22. DONAROMA [20B-28] a request for a special permit to demolish and rebuild an existing residence and construct a pool and garage under section 11.9 (f) was withdrawn.
23. KNIGHT [31-41] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a garage with storage above was approved with a condition.
24. DeSOUZA [11-2.19] a special permit under 11.9(f) for the construction of a guest house on a nonconforming lot was approved with conditions. *This decision has been appealed.*
25. ROSENLICHT [45-16.47] a request for a garage with a detached bedroom above under 11.9 (f) was granted a special permit.
26. HUGHES [28-210] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct additions to residence on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
27. BRENNAN [29A-29.2] a special permit under 5.2(i) for the operation of a small-scale business in a residential area was granted with conditions.
28. SCHAPER [47-104.1] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to extend a nonconforming structure was approved.

29. ZIDES [36-21] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to allow the construction of a swimming pool on a nonconforming lot was granted with conditions.
30. CROGNALE [20C-186] a special permit under 11.9 (f) to allow the construction of additions to an existing residence on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
31. ARONIE [24-2.32] a decision permitting the operation of a food truck was granted with conditions.
32. VAN GORP [22-133.17] a special permit under 11.9(f) to allow the installation of a swimming pool on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
33. MURRAY [20B-58.1] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to construct a replacement dwelling on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was referred to the Historic District Commission.
34. WHITE [36-126] a special permit under 11.9 (f) for the construction of a storage area with a second floor deck on a preexisting, nonconforming lot was granted.
35. MAGNUSON [11-1.321] a request for a special permit under 11.9 (f) to allow the construction of a dwelling to replace one lost by fire on a nonconforming lot was approved.
36. MORRISON [20C-102] a request for a special permit under 11.19 for an accessory apartment was granted.

37. SWARTZ [21-23] a request for a variance to section 5.4 to allow a substandard lot to be buildable was granted.
38. CARABOOLAD [20B-106] a request for a special permit under sections 11.3 A & B was granted with conditions.
39. CHIVINSKI [10-99.57] a special permit under 11.9(f) for the construction of a garage with a detached bedroom above was granted.
40. LaVIGNE [11A-85.2] a request for a special permit under 11.3 to allow the construction of a dwelling with a flat roof higher than 24-feet was withdrawn.
41. SHEMETH/IGNACIO [20A-116] a special permit for the construction of a one-bedroom cottage under section 11.18 – Island Independent Living was granted.
42. WHELAN [20B-81.2] a special permit to construct a replacement dwelling on a preexisting, nonconforming lot under section 11.9(f) was granted with conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

The Martha's Vineyard Commission is made up of 21 Commissioners. Nine are elected by Vineyard voters in Island-wide elections held every two years, six are appointed on an annual basis by the boards of selectmen of the towns on Martha's Vineyard, one is appointed on an annual basis by the Dukes County Commission and five are appointed by the Governor or member of the cabinet, four of whom do not vote on DRIs or DCPCs. The Governor's alternate has full voting power on all MVC matters.

The Commission is supported by a professional staff of ten. More detail is provided below and is available on the Commission's website: www.mvcommission.org.

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

DRI Checklist Review

In 2016, the Commission completed its biennial evaluation of the standards and criteria for what developments should trigger review by the Commission as Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) – commonly called the DRI Checklist. A background report was developed that reviewed historical DRI records and quantified DRI decisions by town and by type. Meetings were held with input from town officials as well as business people, non-government organizations, and residents. The final result continued recent adjustments to increase the thresholds before most commercial developments will be considered DRIs and provided a method for towns to handle development reviews in commercial areas as well as eliminating

unclear references and providing more clarity in other areas. The Commission adopted the changes in August and is awaiting certification from the State.

The Removal of Nitrogen from Island Ponds

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

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

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

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

Economic Development:

State of the State Economy Presentation by Dr. Michael Goodman: The Commission organized and sponsored this Presentation in partnership with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority and MV Chamber of Commerce. Michael Goodman is Professor of Public Policy, Executive Director of the Public Policy Center, and Acting Chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Dr. Goodman offered his perspective on the current condition of and prospects for the Massachusetts economy during a period of considerable economic and political uncertainty. His talk highlighted the state's recent economic performance, assessed the major threats to our economic outlook, and identified the major challenges that are weighing heavily on the prosperity of our people and major institutions with special attention to the implications for Martha's Vineyard and the larger Cape and Islands region.

ArtsMV: Fifth Annual Meeting: Best Practices Planning Session with the some of the following presenters:

- Anita Walker, Executive Director Mass Cultural Council.
- Helena Fruscio, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Technology and Director of the Creative Economy.
- Maria Marasco, Regional Director, Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

Provision of Housing

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

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

Development of DRI Demolition Policy

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

Development of an Island Statistical Profile

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

Opening of the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge

For more than a decade, the Commission has been involved in the planning and construction of the Lagoon

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

Representative Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)

The following are decisions that were made for Edgartown by the MVC as DRIs in 2016:

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

Mapping and Graphics

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

Finances

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

ALL ISLAND EFFORTS

The Commission reviews referred Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) applications to determine

compliance with the Commission policies and the consideration of benefits and detriments as established in Chapter 831.

Projects Reviewed:

In 2016, **54** projects were referred to the MVC for review through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows: **14** were full DRI's reviewed with public hearings that were approved with conditions; one (**1**) was a full DRI reviewed with public hearings that was denied; **14** were minor modifications of existing DRI's that were approved and remanded back to their towns without a DRI public hearing review; **9** were projects referred to the MVC for concurrence review that were sent back to their towns without DRI public hearing review; **2** were previously approved DRI's returning to LUPC for approval of their landscape plan; **3** projects were withdrawn before a decision was made; **7** are either on hold at the applicant's request or still under review; three (**3**) previously approved DRI's were granted extensions; and one project that was referred did not trigger DRI review.

Housing, Community and Economic Development

- **Housing Plans:** specific information on the development of Housing Production Plans is discussed above.
- **Downtown Revitalization and Community Planning:** MVC Staff continued to provide technical assistance to complete *the Oak Bluffs Downtown Streetscape Master Plan Phase I and will continue to assist the town with Phase II.* The Town of Tisbury's ongoing Visioning effort including mapping and other background information. Staff provided technical assistance and support to Aquinnah and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head/Aquinnah to apply for and receive a state designated Cultural District. The Aquinnah Circle Cultural District is the first joint cultural district in the nation to include a municipality and Native American Tribe.
- **Gosnold Long-Range Planning:** The MVC staff continued to work with the Town of Gosnold Selectman and staff on several projects including improvement of the Towns internet/data capability, development of a specific personnel and compensation policy, housing, and transportation grants.
- **Economic Development:** Review of the State's Economic Development & Emerging Technologies Bill: MVC Staff provided towns and county a breakdown of One Billion Dollars in capital spending for various state programs. The Economic Development Bill is aimed at supporting initiatives focused on job creation, workforce development, and infrastructure projects while staff highlighted several key funding appropriations that could benefit Martha's Vineyard

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

GIS:

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

- **Data Updates and Distribution:** The MVC cartography staff maintains and continuously updates a county-wide GIS (Geographic Information System) spatial data warehouse. The MVC uses the GIS to provide data to towns, consulting groups working on town projects, academics conducting research, state agencies, and local residents. The cartography staff produced a series of town maps displaying frequently requested data such as zoning, overlay zoning, watershed boundaries, roads, flood zones, and parcels (available in the MVC website Map Library).
- **GIS/Mapping Software Installation, Training, and Support:** MVC staff provides technical support for the County's Island-wide GIS software contract, giving all Island towns and the MVC unlimited GIS software licensing at a fixed fee. Technical support to towns included software installs, on-site training, twice-monthly GIS how-to sessions, and technical support via phone and email.

- **Assistance to MVC Planning Projects and Island-Wide Efforts:** In collaboration with the Island's Conservation Partnership and with information-sharing and feedback from many conservation stakeholders, the cartography staff updated and refined its trails and conservation land database, which is vital to multiple planning efforts. It also produced watershed maps for the Water Alliance's Living Local exhibit and Watershed Public Awareness Project in Island libraries.

Coastal Resources

- **Climate Change Adaptation:** MVC continued technical work and outreach on impacts of sea-level rise and climate change, and related mitigation strategies. The main challenge here is preparing to adapt to coming changes with vulnerability assessments and mitigation strategies to improve the Island's resiliency.
- **Hazard Management:** *The Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan* is updated every five years to keep towns eligible for FEMA funding of mitigation measures. The 2015 edition, prepared by the MVC, was approved by MEMA and FEMA, and was adopted by each town's Board of Selectmen and certified by the State in 2016. The plan includes management tools as well as keeping the towns eligible for federal funding of mitigation projects. Mitigation measures were highlighted and discussed in various planning sessions.
- **FEMA:** MVC staff coordinated with FEMA to hold Q and A sessions with regulators and professionals on the updated NFIP flood maps. FEMA personnel came in person to speak with the users.
- **CRS:** MVC staff coordinated with two towns interested in pursuing Community Rating System (CRS) rating to potentially lower flood insurance premiums. Neither town chose to pursue the relief further.
- **Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:** The MVC Coastal Planner is the Governor's appointed representative for the MVC on the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. In 2016, the group participated in development and review of the Northeast Ocean Plan.
- **Martha's Vineyard Wind Energy Area:** The MVC, towns, and Tribe kept in close contact with the 2 leaseholders for wind development south of Martha's Vineyard. Various geophysical surveys were conducted in 2016.

Transportation

The MVC provides transportation planning for the Vineyard, in association with the Towns, Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority, Martha's Vineyard Airport, Steamship Authority, public, and the Massachusetts

Department of Transportation (MassDOT). MassDOT contracts for planning in the region and provides approximately \$300,000 to the MVC budget for transportation planning and related services such as mapping.

- **Joint Transportation Committee:** The Commission facilitates meetings of the JTC, made up of appointees from each town, the County, Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), MVC Staff, and the Airport and MassDOT as Ex-Officio Members, to coordinate Island transportation planning. In 2016, the JTC met to formulate, discuss, release for public comment, and approve the certification documents required to continue to qualify for federal and state funding for transportation projects in the region. The certification documents developed in 2016 included the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY 2017-2021. The UPWP and TIP are produced annually on Martha's Vineyard. In addition, the Martha's Vineyard Public Participation Plan (PPP) was developed to provide an overview of transportation planning and outline the public process.
- **Martha's Vineyard Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** The TIP is produced annually on Martha's Vineyard through the JTC and includes federal aid projects to implement within available federal and state funds. In Federal Fiscal Year 2016, \$14,095,057.20 in federal funds were obligated for Martha's Vineyard. **The 2016 update on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects:**
 - o **Korean and Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Bridge:** Construction was completed on the *Lagoon Pond Drawbridge in Tisbury* project, and the MassDOT Chief Executive Officer and Secretary Stephanie Pollack participated with the Veterans, Wampanoag Tribe, and communities in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2016, to officially dedicate the *Korean and Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Bridge*.
 - o **Bus Purchases:** The 2016 TIP year funding was used for Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) bus purchases. The transfer of funds for the VTA bus purchases was toward the purchase of vehicles in 2016 for a total estimated cost of \$1,752,902, with \$432,902 in CMAQ from the TIP, and the remaining \$1,320,000 in state and federal rural capital assistance funds.
 - o **Bicycle-Pedestrian Network Improvements:** Two links in the island planned shared use path (SUP) network are under design, both are along *Beach Road, one section in Tisbury and the other begins at the Lagoon Pond Bridge heading into Oak*

Bluffs to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. MVC Staff continues planning support toward resurfacing of the Correllus State Forest paths with the Department of Conservation Resources, MassDOT, and the Towns.

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

Water Quality

- **Water Testing, Solutions, and Water Policy** projects are discussed above.
- **Water Alliance and Associations:** The MVC Water Planner is an active participant in the Martha's Vineyard Water Alliance, which meets monthly in the

MVC offices, and all Island pond advisory committees.

- **Groundwater monitoring:** In conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) staff monthly measures and maintains database of groundwater elevation at nine well-sites around the island.

Collaboration -The Commission facilitated collaboration on many fronts:

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

and Population Projections. Christine Flynn and Bill Venio have participated in this process

- **MARPA.** The Commission is a member of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Associations (MARPA). The thirteen Massachusetts regional planning agencies that form MARPA are advisory bodies to member communities, private business groups, and state and federal governments. MVC staff meets monthly with other members of the MARPA to discuss legislation and funding programs with senior Commonwealth officials, and to collaborate on many fronts.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR EDGARTOWN

In addition to the efforts described above, the MVC undertook the following activities in the Town of Edgartown:

Coastal, Ocean, and Hazard Planning:

- **Edgartown Dredge Plan:** MVC Staff is working with the Edgartown Dredge Committee to update the Towns Dredging plan and State permit.
- **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.

Economic Development and Affordable Housing

- **Grants:** MVC staff worked with the Town's consultant to provide supplemental materials and coordinated Public Hearing for FY 2016 CDBG Grant Application for approximately \$900,000 which was awarded in July 2016. Notified and help draft letter from the Edgartown Selectmen regarding proposed policy changes to FY 2017 CDBG Funding.
- MVC Staff worked with The Resource Inc. (TRI) to apply for an Island-wide Community Preservation Act Application that would create an Island-wide Interest Free Housing Loan Program.
- MVC Staff worked with the Edgartown's Affordable Housing Committee and Planning Board to review and support island-wide uniform zoning definitions for Affordable and Community Housing and Affirmative Fair Housing Practices. The MVC also funded the towns HPP process through a combinations of funding sources.

- **Potential Affordable Housing Sites:** Staff worked with the Affordable Housing Committee on the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

Geographic Information Systems

- **Mapping:** The MVC's GIS department assisted the Historic District Commission producing maps of the proposed expansion of the historic district for use at the annual town meeting and a black and white version was created for submission to the Register of Deeds. Maps of the regulatory data layers from the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program were provided to the Conservation Commission.
- **Data Updates:** The GIS staff continued their efforts of maintaining the Island-wide database of Open Space and Trail data. Where necessary, new trails were GPS'd in the field by the MVC staff including work in Chappy.

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

- **Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road:** MVC Staff continued to work with the Edgartown Highway Superintendent and MassDOT staff on potential drainage improvements to the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road.
- **Data Collection:** A draft report, *Sidewalk Inventory and Basic Assessment for Healthy Living in Edgartown*, included the results of the GPS and clinometer sidewalk survey, maps, and photos of representative sidewalk locations. MVC data collection in Edgartown included automatic traffic recorder counts on roadways, and Turning Movement Counts at intersections and near the Chappy Ferry dock.

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

- MVC Staff worked with the Friends of Sengekontacket, Tisbury Waterways, the Lagoon Pond Committee, and the Joint Lagoon Pond Watershed Wastewater Committee to devise plans to address excess nitrogen.
- **Water Sampling:** In cooperation with the Edgartown Shellfish Warden, water quality samples and on-station field data were collected from Sengekontacket Pond, Katama Bay, Cape Pogue, Pocha Pond, and Edgartown Great Pond. These data form a baseline

understanding of the ponds and help determine whether the water quality goals from the Massachusetts Estuaries Project's study are achieved. Water Resource Planner collaborates and shares sampling data with Great Pond Foundation. Oyster specimens were collected 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.

Regulatory Activities

In 2016, **13** projects in Edgartown were reviewed in some manner by the MVC through the DRI process. These projects can be classified as follows:

- **4** were full DRI's reviewed with public hearings that were approved with conditions;

- **3** were minor modifications of existing DRI's that were approved and remanded back to town without DRI public hearing review;
- **2** were projects referred to the MVC for a concurrence review that were sent back to the town without DRI review;
- **1** was withdrawn;
- **2** were previously approved DRI's granted extensions;
- **1** project was referred and is still under review at year's end.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINA BROWN
Edgartown Elected Member-at-Large

JAMES JOYCE
Board of Selectmen Appointed Member

ADAM TURNER
Executive Director

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 26.3% received in 2016.

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.

For the April 2016 Town Meeting approved the following articles:

- *Total of \$950,000 appropriated and set aside for further expenditures.
- *\$100,000 for the purchase of land for Island Housing Trust Kuehne's Way Project in Tisbury.
- *\$90,000 for Dukes County Regional Housing Authority rental assistance for Edgartown residents.
- *\$40,000 for MV Camp Meeting Association renovation of benches and chairs at the Tabernacle
- *\$500,000 for historic preservation and capital improvements to Memorial Wharf.
- *\$100,000 to relocate the electrical box on N. Water St. in front of Carnegie Library
- *\$20,000 for the Cemetery Commission to restore and preserve historic gravestones in Edgartown.

*\$30,135 to the Martha's Vineyard Museum for the preservation of Whaling Logbooks.

*\$90,000 for capital improvements to the Edgartown Parks Department recreation areas.

*\$350,000 for interior restoration of Edgartown Town Hall.

*\$25,000 for the Edgartown Conservation Commission to restore historic items and make capital improvements to the Whale Tail Park.

*\$17,800 for fencing around the Robinson Rd Recreation Area Tennis Courts

*\$50,000 to Edgartown Library for a Sensory and Literary Garden.

*\$100,000 to Vineyard Baseball Park at MV Regional High School for restrooms.

*\$125,000 to Dredge Committee to continue beach nourishment at Fuller Street Beach.

*\$14,655 to be returned to the Community Preservation Fund for unspent balances.

The townspeople and visitors are able to enjoy these projects accomplished with the Community Preservation funds through the tax assessment and the state contribution.

I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their input and participation. I also thank our assistant Kristy Rose for her work with this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. SERPA, Chairman
GLEN SEARLE, Vice Chairman
MORTON FEAREY, JR. Morton
TIMOTHY RUSH
EDITH BLAKE
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.
ALAN WILSON

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

The Edgartown Historic District Commission wishes to thank the people of Edgartown for their vote to preserve and protect the architectural heritage of the village by voting to expand the Edgartown Historic District at the Annual Town Meeting. When brought to the town for a vote in 1987, the proposed historic district map was greatly diminished from the submitted map. At the meeting in April of this year, the voters restored and expanded the boundaries of the original proposal. The much sought expansion will help the Historic Commission to preserve and protect the distinctive characteristic and places of historical significance in Edgartown.

The HDC encourages collaboration between the Edgartown residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations to promote heritage tourism, which contributes to the town's economic and cultural vitality. The Commission recognizes the outstanding contributions toward historical preservation and from time to time provides certificates of appreciation.

On November 12th the Commissioners gathered in front of the Harborview Hotel to celebrate the recording of the new map and to install the first of three sign posts highlighting the expansion. Following the planting of the new sign, the members gathered under the hotel's gazebo to share a champagne toast to honor the long process and hard work of this Commission. Edith Blake, a current

Commissioner, was one of the original group who spearheaded the movement in the 1970's at a time before a few of our commissioners were born. Edith is a true clear voice of the history of Edgartown and this Commission honors her long commitment to historic preservation.

The other two new green and gold sign posts will be installed at the intersection of Main Street and Pease's Point Way N. and South Water Street and Pease's Point Way S. The signs read: Edgartown Historic District.

The HDC issued 75 Certificates of Appropriateness in 2016 of which 18 were expedited approvals. This is an increase of 29 from 2015. We anticipate a robust year in 2017 given the expanded map. The Commission will meet in the Selectman's Meeting Room beginning in February of 2017. All HDC meetings are open to the public and are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN CATLING, Chairman
CAROLE BERGER, Vice-Chairman
KEN MAGNUSON
EDITH BLAKE
ROBBIE HUTCHINSON
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
CASSIE BRADLEY
JULIA CELESTE, Alternate
ANN FLOYD, Alternate



By Bricque Garber

CAPE LIGHT COMPACT

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

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

POWER SUPPLY – Stability, Security and Green Power Options

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

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

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

The Compact continues to provide power supply to commercial customers through its contract with NextEra Energy Services and to residential customers through ConEdison *Solutions*. As of November 2016, the Compact had approximately 4,287 electric accounts in the Town of Edgartown on its power supply.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY – Committed to Consumer Interests

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

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

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

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY – Saving Energy and Money

Jan - Dec 2016	# of Participants	Customer Savings	kWh Saved	Rebates/ Incentives Paid to Customers
Low Income	72	\$4,067.80	20,339	\$237,556.83
Residential	334	\$64,236.60	321,183	\$336,277.03
Commercial	81	\$101,272.80	506,364	\$141,903.50
Total	487	\$169,577.20	847,886	\$715,737.36

Funding for the energy efficiency programs (i.e. energy audits for homes and businesses, rebates on the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy education in our schools) comes from a monthly customer “energy conservation” charge (\$0.0025 cents multiplied by the number of kilowatt hours used during the month) and a portion of the “distribution charge” (\$0.01802 for residential customers and \$0.01343 for commercial and industrial customers) that appears on each customer’s electric bill.

Other Cape Light Compact efforts include:

- The Cape Light Compact's Energy Education Program continues to support teachers and students through

classroom materials, standards-based education curriculum, teacher training, and sponsors the All-Island 5th Grade Solar Car Race held in June. In addition, the Compact supports educational efforts of the Living Local Festival held at the Grange Hall in October.

- \$68,853 in incentives plus assistance with consulting services was provided for the Edgartown Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL PIMENTEL
Edgartown Representative

NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

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

The 2015 Wild Commercial Shellfish catch was worth \$596,620 in the following categories:

Bay Scallops 2,480 Bushels	\$364,000
Clams.(Steamers) 87 Bushels	\$24,640
Oysters 1,345 Bushels.....	\$134,500
Quahogs 668 Bushels.....	\$73,480

Oyster farmers in Edgartown harvested 11,250 bushels of oysters worth \$2,700,000. The oyster aquaculture area was expanded to include a site outside Eel Pond in an area of Nantucket Sound called Middle Flats. Oyster farmers also donated 200,000 one year old oysters to the Towns Shellfish Propagation Program.

The following are the landings for Recreational Shellfishing Permit holders and the retail value of the shellfish landed:

Bay Scallops	402 Bushels	\$84,420
Clams (Steamers).....	89 Bushels	\$25,675
Oysters	276 Bushels	\$55,200
Quahogs	697 Bushels	\$156,825
Total Retail Value of Recreational		\$ 322,120

Here is a breakdown by area and species of shellfish harvested both recreational and commercial:

Area	Bay Scallop	Clams	Oysters	Quahogs
Cape Pogue	2,505.....	18	0.....	495
Calebs Pond	6.....	12	40.....	22
Edg.Harbor.....	252.....	15	0.....	27
Edg.Great Pond.....	0.....	12	1,052.....	0
Eel Pond.....	12.....	14	12.....	22
Katama Bay.....	8.....	19	198.....	637
Oyster Pond.....	0.....	0	0.....	0
Poucha Pond	7.....	3	4.....	6
Sengekontacket	92.....	108	315.....	156
Trapps Pond	0.....	0	0.....	0

All reporting is in U.S. 8 gallon bushels. Edgartown Harbor includes both inner and outer harbor areas.

In January 2016 there were more people harvesting oysters than bay scallops, an unusual occurrence for Edgartown, with 5- 10 commercial fishers harvesting

oysters from Sengekontacket and 0-5 harvesting bay scallops from Cape Pogue and the Outer Harbor. Oyster harvest ended in Sengekontacket in February and began on Edgartown Great Pond continuing there through April. New England had a mild winter with not much ice on the ponds so this harvest activity was possible. Through the spring, summer & fall the Shellfish Department monitored the bay scallop populations continuing work done with Clyde Mackenzie of the National Marine Fisheries Service. We observed a healthy amount of bay scallop seed that had survived the winter as well as a decent set of seed in the fall that is a good sign for the following year. Rusty Tide appeared in September and was present for about a month. This type of algae is not good for bay scallops. Fortunately the exposure time was brief and survival was good, but growth was slowed. Recreational harvest of bay scallops began on October 1, 2016 with a small amount of scallops available in Sengekontacket and Katama Bay. Cape Pogue had a better supply especially at the Gut. As in the past no dragging was allowed in Cape Pogue for the first three weeks of October to allow for diving and dip netting. Commercial season began on November 1, 2016 with 45 limits a day being landed. Commercial prices of scallops hovered around \$20/lb. and by New Years Eve we still had 30 limits per day landed.

In addition to the Rust Tide bloom, there was an area wide bloom of Psuedo-nitzschia. This diatom which when present in a very dense bloom can cause the accumulation of a toxin called Domoic Acid in the digestive systems of shellfish. If enough Domoic Acid is consumed by humans, it can lead to gastrointestinal distress, memory loss which can be permanent and in extreme cases death. This syndrome is commonly known as Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning or ASP. New England is routinely monitored for this species of algae. It was first found in Rhode Island with shellfish closures starting there in late September. When found to be present in Buzzards Bay, Vineyard & Nantucket Sounds, all shellfishing areas in and around M.V. were closed October 10, 2017. Water and shellfish samples collected by local Shellfish Constables were sent to various laboratories by the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries. Domoic Acid was detected in the water in Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds but not in any shellfish that was sent from Edgartown. Fortunately the bloom subsided quickly. Shellfish areas were opened on October

31, 2016. This closure affected all shellfish except scallops so the oyster farms in Edgartown were closed as well during this time.

Fortunately for these oyster growers there were no closures due to *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Vp) a bacteria that is present in local waters during the summer months. The Town, with the cooperation of the MDMF, permitted an area in Vineyard Sound for aquaculture to help reduce the occurrence of Vp. This Middle Flats area is too rough during the winter months to be able to keep gear out there but the water is cooler in the summer months which helps reduce the levels of Vp found in the oysters. Both of these areas were monitored for levels of Vp in the water and in the oysters.

The Department and MDMF continued the routine shellfish harvest area monitoring for fecal bacteria. Under this program all shellfishing areas in Town are tested 5 times annually for fecal coliform.

Sengekontacket was under the same rainfall closure program as the previous year. Because of this Sengekontacket was closed from July 2 through July 11 and July 23 through July 27, 2016. Sengekontacket Pond was closed for rain on October 8, and this closure was extended under the ASP closure until October 31, 2016.

The Department continued the shell-stocking program on Edgartown Great Pond and assisted the MVSG with the Remote Set Program for oysters. Again thank you to John O'Keefe and Toni Shute for the use of their beach and electricity for this remote set program. Natural recruitment techniques were deployed as well. Edgartown Great Pond was able to support a commercial oyster harvest this year and the crop looks promising for next year as well. The Department is monitoring a soft-shelled clam set from 2015 to see if a commercial season is possible for the summer 2017.

Edgartown Great Pond was opened to the ocean on the following Dates. Salinities were measured at Wilsons' Landing in parts per thousand, ppt :

- March 17 - 31, 2016 Salinity increased from 15 ppt to 25 ppt.
- May 29 - June 7 Salinity increased from 15 ppt to 25 ppt.
- October 15 Failed attempt
- Nov 5 - 10, Salinity Increased from 15 ppt to 24 ppt
- November 22, Storm Opened Pond. Closed Dec 1, 2016 Salinity increased to 29 ppt.

Due to an extremely dry summer we were not able to have our targeted August opening. However water clarity on the pond remained good all summer. The Edgartown Great Pond Foundation started a new Water Quality Testing program to supplement the work being done by the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The Foundation also funded another year of dredging at the Edgartown Great Pond opening site.

On Sengekontacket, the Department continued its Majors Cove Oyster farm. For the fourth year we purchased 500,000 oyster seed from Musgungis Shellfish Hatchery in Maine. These oysters are purchased early in the spring so that we can maximize growth of the oysters in their first year. With this purchase we reached 2,000,000 oysters raised. Growth and survival was good this year with a survival rate though the first summer at 80 %. These oysters are used to seed family areas around Edgartown and last year we were even able to have a small commercial fishery on Sengekontacket.

We received seed from the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group as usual. The quahog seed that we received in June were placed in rafts in Sengekontacket Pond. Growth and survival was good this year with approximately 85% survival. We started thinning these rafts in August and by October all quahog seed had been planted in Katama Bay and Sengekontacket family areas. The bay scallop seed received in July and August were placed in spat bags to grow out and then thinned into shellfish grow out bags until the fall then planted in Cape Pogue, Katama and Sengekontacket. A milestone was passed at the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group. In January, Director Rick Karney stepped down from the helm of this vitally important organization. During his tenure the MVSG has been invaluable for the propagation and protection of the shellfisheries of the Island. Three Cheers for Rick Karney.

Cape Pogue, Katama and Sengekontacket shared 2-6 commercial quahoggers a day through the spring and summer. There was no harvest of clams from Edgartown Great Pond but there were a few limits per week of hand dug clams available for local fishmarkets.

Recreational license holders found plenty of quahogs at Katama and Sengekontacket. The supply of soft-shelled clams is starting to make a comeback with seed sets in all ponds but adults still tend to be elusive.

The Quahog Depuration Program that was scheduled for October 2016 had to be delayed to spring 2017 because of lack of available harvesters on the mainland.

The Shellfish Department continued its' maintenance program at the Chappaquidick Nursery, with assistance from the electrician hired by MVSG, we repaired the power supply for the submersible seawater pumps. The pressure tank for the freshwater supply was replaced as well. The Department was able to spawn bay scallops there again this year. However out of four attempts we were only able to produce one successful spawn. 25,000 fertilized eggs from this spawn were placed in Katama Bay.

The Shellfish Department continues to monitor for shellfish diseases. Dermo, an oyster disease, continues to be present in our Great Ponds at low levels. The Shellfish Department sent quahogs away to be tested for Dermo through a Barnstable County program and are awaiting results. JOD or Juvenile Oyster Disease was found at low

levels in Katama oysters. The effects of JOD can be minimized by getting oyster seed early in the spring. The growers in Katama have used this scenario with success in the past.

The Department continues to work with the Edgartown Dredge Committee on various projects. Work continues on Fuller Street beach and new permits are needed for the point south of Edgartown Light.

Personnel in 2016 included Shellfish Constable/Marine Biologist Paul L. 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 all areas of our work.

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 2016 season:

FAMILY

Family Resident –262 at \$50\$13,100.00
(764 Free Licenses for Residents over the age of 60.)
Non-Resident Family Licenses – 25 at \$250\$6,250.00
1 week Non-Resident Licenses –141 at \$50.....\$7,050.00
Replacement Licenses – 17 at \$2.00.....\$ 34.00
TOTAL FOR ALL FAMILY LICENSES.....\$ 26,434.00

COMMERCIAL

All Species - 47 at \$350.00\$16,450.00
(62 Free Licenses for Residents over the age of 60)

TOTAL FOR ALL

COMMERCIAL LICENSES\$16,450.00

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ALL

CATEGORIES.....\$42,884.00

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 changed our meeting location from the Edgartown Town hall to the Edgartown Public Library. The meetings take place at 4:30 PM on the first and third of each month. The committee's goal is to monitor and improve the shellfish resources in the waters of Edgartown for all citizens to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

The following activities were undertaken in 2016:

Efforts continued to improve the Chappaquiddick Nursery with important maintenance and repair work. The nursery is instrumental in the successful spawning of millions of scallops and the propagation of steamers and quahogs. The committee expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank and Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group for use of the property.

The Department raised 2.6 million quahogs grown in their quahog rafts. The quahogs were then planted in gravel beds in Katama Bay. This effort has been a huge success with large amounts of quahogs ranging from littlenecks to 10MM seed. The deputies observed the quahog season as one of the best in many years for a recreational season. There was also a natural set of quahogs and steamers with some scallops in Katama.

The Department worked extremely hard to continue its successful oyster farm in Major's Cove. The ongoing maintenance on gear and equipment has really paid off. Recreational fisherman raved about the abundance of oysters in the family areas. The commercial fishermen enjoyed an extended season and most of the adult oysters were removed and the areas were then replanted with more oyster seed, which is exactly what the project was designed to do for nitrogen remediation.

The Fall Bay Scallop Season was very successful with a high yield and high market value. The Department observed an abundance of seed mixed in with adults so 2017 has very high hopes for a great year. With the price of scallops averaging \$20-25 a pound, the department did an outstanding job monitoring and protecting the bay scallop resources (6 violations occurred). With scallop prices soaring above average, the committee began starting an update of shellfish and aquaculture regulations and commercial permit applications.

Additional aquaculture licenses were given to Nick Turner and Dan Donnelly in the Middle Flats area outside the harbor. The Katama Bay oyster farmers did a great job reducing illnesses during the vibrio season (May – October) from 15 illnesses in 2015 to only 3 illnesses in 2016. The success is credited to stricter rules and enforcement including icing oysters within 1 hour and relaying oysters to the Middle Flats area for 14 days of filtering before harvesting. The Committee and Department started working with the Harbormaster and Division of Marine Fisheries to propose a designated work area for aquaculture license holders in view of hazardous working conditions caused by icing and winter weather.

There was an unusual precautionary closure to shell-fishing for all shellfish where the guts are consumed for 3 weeks during October due to high levels of Amnesiac Shellfish Poisoning (ASP). The Department continues water quality testing with the State to ensure the safety of shellfish consumption.

Petey Jackson finished school at MASS Maritime and has been certified as a shellfish constable.

Edgartown Great Pond had a short but successful season harvesting wild oysters.

The department worked with the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Department and Felix Neck in collecting shells and bags to anchor coir logs in the marsh restoration project.

Members of the Shellfish Committee have heard a very positive response from family license holders, both new and old over the abundance of shellfish in our town waters. This has proven possible by the extraordinary efforts of the Edgartown Shellfish Department in both propagation and enforcement. With efforts by the Shellfish Department, aquaculture continues to provide for this community both commercially and recreationally.

It is the Committee's careful consideration that continued strict enforcement is necessary to protect future shellfish harvests.

Respectfully submitted:

CHRISTIAN THORNTON, Chair
RYAN SMITH
DONALD M. BENEFIT
COOPER GILKES
LES BAYNES

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 2016 our program received funding from the six Island towns, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, the Wampanoag Tribe, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Jewish Communal Fund, the Great Pond Foundation, the Edey Foundation, the Farm Neck Foundation, the Vineyard Gazette, the Boston Foundation and other private donors. Highlights of our 2016 program are as follows:

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

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

Improvements at the Chappaquiddick Nursery – With private foundation funding and labor provided by the

Edgartown Shellfish Department, two failed underground electrical lines were replaced at our satellite shellfish nursery facility.

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

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

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

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

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

SEED SHELLFISH DISTRIBUTED IN 2016

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

Scallops	Seed on cheese cloth (estimated)	
Aquinnah		4,000,000
Chilmark		4,000,000
Edgartown		4,000,000
Oak Bluffs		4,000,000
Tisbury		4,000,000
Gosnold*		160,000
Wampanoag Tribe*		150,000
Total Scallop Seed		20,210,000

Scallop Eggs	
Sengekontacket Pond	48,210,000
Scallop Larvae	
Lagoon Pond	280,000
Menemsha/Quitsa Pond	740,000
Lake Tashmoo	2,600,000
Total Scallop Larvae & Eggs	51,830,000

Oysters (Disease-resistant)

Oyster Larvae & Eggs	Tisbury Great Pond	Edgartown Great Pond**
Fertilized eggs	175,000,000	175,000,000
2 Day old larvae	12,650,000	
4 Day old larvae	9,000,000	
19 Day old larvae	180,000	150,000
Released eyed-larvae	1,370,000	2,070,000
Eyed-larvae (Remotely Set)	7,124,000	4,515,000
Total Oyster Larvae & Eggs		387,059,000

Single Oyster Seed

Edgartown Great Pond**	250,000
Tisbury Great Pond	250,000
Sengekontacket Lagoon*	6,500 5,000
Total Single Oysters	511,500

Blue Mussels***

Total Mussel Eyed-Larvae (Remotely Set)	1,000,000
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*Provided under contract

**Provided under private foundation funding

*** Produced under special project funding

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

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. KARNEY
Shellfish Biologist/Director Emeritus



picture provided by Rick Karney of the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group

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 By-law, the Conservation Commission reviewed 31 notices of intent and 30 requests for determinations in 2016. 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. Because of increased winter-storm activity, the Commission also reviewed a number of requests for bulkheads and stone revetments – especially along North Neck Road on Chappaquiddick – to protect homes built prior to 1978.

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), the Boulevard (Reagan), and Slough Cove (Malm).

In 2016 the town signed a lease with the Trustees of Reservations for Katama Farm. Now entering its twelfth year, the Farm Institute will continue to run the day-to-day operations, manage the farm, and oversee its educational programs – all under the Trustee umbrella. 2016 marked a doubling of visitor participation in farm programs and tours: from 3300 in 2015 to over 7000 in 2016. The Institute initiated a program of weekly workshops for adults, including a flower workshop and a well attended brew class in partnership with Bad Martha's. Its very popular summer camp again ran to capacity over the entire 10-week season, and the Institute continues to partner with island schools for field trips and enrichment workshops. Over twenty calves were born this fall and sixty heritage-breed turkeys were raised on the farm, a portion of which were donated to Community Services. As always, the Institute continues to provide the island with local vegetables, meat, and –arguably - the best eggs on the island. Work on the proposed teaching kitchen and greenhouse has been fully funded and is expected to begin sometime this year. Jane Varkonda, the Conservation Agent, worked together with the Farm Institute to control dust and speed of travel on Aero Avenue - the main access to the farm.

The agent has continued to work with Clean Focus, a solar developer, and the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC). All new plantings were installed at the solar array in Katama, as well as a new well and irrigation system to maintain those plantings.

The Commission would like to thank the Dredge Advisory Committee for continuing to replenish the sand on Fuller Street Beach and Lighthouse Beach with dredge spoils from Eel Pond for the second year. The agent worked with the Dredge Committee on a study for the future dredging of Lighthouse Point and Edgartown Harbor Channel. The agent also assisted with a proposal to secure funds from the Community Preservation Committee and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Access Board for improvements to the Edgartown Bay Road boat launch facility. The agent also worked with the Marine Advisory Committee and the Harbormaster to ensure that the use of Fisherman's landing complies with the terms outlined in the gift of the property.

Final approval from The Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Natural Heritage, the Division of Conservation Services, and the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs was granted to allow – at long last – the expansion of the hangar at the Katama Airfield.

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. The Commission would also like to thank Charlie Blair, Harbormaster, and 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
STUART LOLLIS
LIL PROVINCE
GEOFFREY KONTJE

DREDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

This has been a particularly active and successful dredge season. Multiple Town beaches were nourished with high quality sand. The hard-working dredge crew was able to dredge both Eel Pond, as well as the channel and boat ramp in Katama and projects have been initiated and pursued to continue to work towards the maintenance of our beaches, preservation of shellfish habitats and the safe navigability of our waters.

The dredge started the season in Eel Pond where, again, sand was pumped to Fuller Street Beach via pipeline. After an efficient and successful few weeks in Eel Pond, the crew moved the dredge to Katama, where sand was pumped to the parking lot by the landing. Both the channel and launch ramp were dredged and beautiful sand was dewatered in the parking lot before being trucked to Bend in the Road beach. The Dredge Advisory Committee thanks the Highway Department for their cooperation and is very grateful for their help in transporting and spreading the sand.

In addition to the seasonal dredging operations, the Committee has been working on the long-term goals of the department. State funding has allowed for further engineering at Fuller Street Beach, and CPC funds will be applied to engineer plans for the improvement and expansion of the Katama boat launch. In addition, the

Committee has hired a coastal engineering firm to perform work that will allow the dredge to address the sand accumulating south of the lighthouse and threatening the Harbor entrance.

We are planning for a replacement dredge as the current equipment is fast approaching the end of its service life and the cost of annual repairs and maintenance has become greater than the value added. We hope to have the new equipment in service for the 2018/2019 dredging season.

The continued success of this essential town service is only possible with the good work of our dredge crew, who take pride in the work they do, often under difficult conditions, and we thank them.

As we have highlighted in this report, the Dredge Department has had a successful year, with that said, all of this would not have been possible without our Assistant Juliet Mulinare and her tireless work ethic, support, input and insight.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWELL KELLY, Chairman
DUDLEY LEVICK
EDWARD W. VINCENT, JR.
LESLIE BAYNES
ED HANDY



By Juliet Mulinare

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 year the new lifeguard stands at South Beach were completed with the help of CPC funds and have been a wonderful asset for the lifeguards. The new stands are much shorter and allow for the installation of temporary canopies to help provide some shade for the guards.

The summer started with a bang on the 4th of July, beautiful weather, lots of beach visitors and one very dead very odiferous whale made an appearance at the busiest spot on the beach, the left fork. Needless to say, the presence of the whale kept many people out of the water, wary of the potential for sharks and remnants of the badly decayed ocean giant. We were somewhat fortunate that the tides moved the whale east onto Norton Point beach. Still a problem for us all, the Town and Trustees with the help of Donald Benefit and his boat, as well as Steve Handy and his excavator were able to get a tow rope to shore, onto the whale and voila, watched as it was towed miles offshore.

Given that start to the beach season, we had a active but smooth time at our beaches and would like to thank the staff: Tara Nitardy, Beach Director; Paige Nitardy, Head Lifeguard; and the lifeguards: Ryan Berdos, Dan Carnazza, Austin Chandler, David Clinnin, Matt Costello, Nick Costello, David DaSilva, Amelia Durawa, Eamonn Flaherty, Caroline Gazaille, Charles Goldwaith, Katie Hansen, Brian Jordan, Peter Keaney, Alex Mazza, Mike Mussell, John O'Shaughnessy, Austin Reid, Harrison Rodrigues, Jessica Sonia, Alex Vasiliadis, Salin Yancy, Nevin Wallis and Lucy Hackney. Jennifer Passifume was our swimming instructor again this year at the Bend in the Road Beach. The Park Patrol Department, headed up by Dennis Arnold, was again on point with their supervision of the beach and help with all of the areas under the control of the Park Commissioners. Dennis had Donald Herman, Gene Townes, Dan Towns, and Charles Pikor working with him this summer. Their services are invaluable and the Park Department is lucky to have them.

Cannonball Park got some more TLC this fall with thinning of some vegetation to open up views into the park and the addition of a fir tree to add to the display of lights during the holiday season.

With the retirement of Marilyn Wortman we were fortunate to hire Jessica McGroarty as our Parks Administrator in February. She dove into the position feet first and aptly handled the chaos that the summer season, running the beaches and rec area brings with it. Jessica created a Facebook page for the Department with updates on activities we offer and employment opportunities.

We would like to thank our Recreation Director, Kara Ryan, who replaced Lynne Silvia, and her staff: Devin Hill, Audrey McCarron, Celia Mercier, James Murray, Ian Shea and Sarah Strem for making Robinson Road Recreation Area place families like to visit. The Pogue triplets, Molly, Paige and Spencer, were a wonderful addition to the tennis program and were well loved among the children participating. We are planning on replacing and adding to the shade trees at the rec area and making improvements to the rec area building so that it may serve better as an office and hopefully in the future provide more attractive restroom facilities.

Lastly, the Dredge Department and the improvements to the channel at the boat ramp off of Edgartown Bay Road have deposited a lot of beautiful sand at the Bend in the Road beach, helping us stave off the ever present erosion. Hopefully, mother nature will be kind to us this winter and most of the sand will remain in place for the many many families and children to dig their toes and beach toys into this coming summer.

The Commissioners would like to thank the Edgartown Highway Department; the Edgartown Police Department; Edgartown Fire & EMS Department; the Harbormaster; the Selectman and the Citizens of Edgartown.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN SEARLE
KEVIN SEARLE
JANE VARKONDA
JESSICA MCGROARTY,
Park Administrator

BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

The Edgartown Beautification Committee strives to continually enhance the esthetics of our town.

The annual budget is used for plant materials and maintenance of the Triangle “Welcome to Edgartown” area, the Main Street whiskey barrels and the hanging baskets.

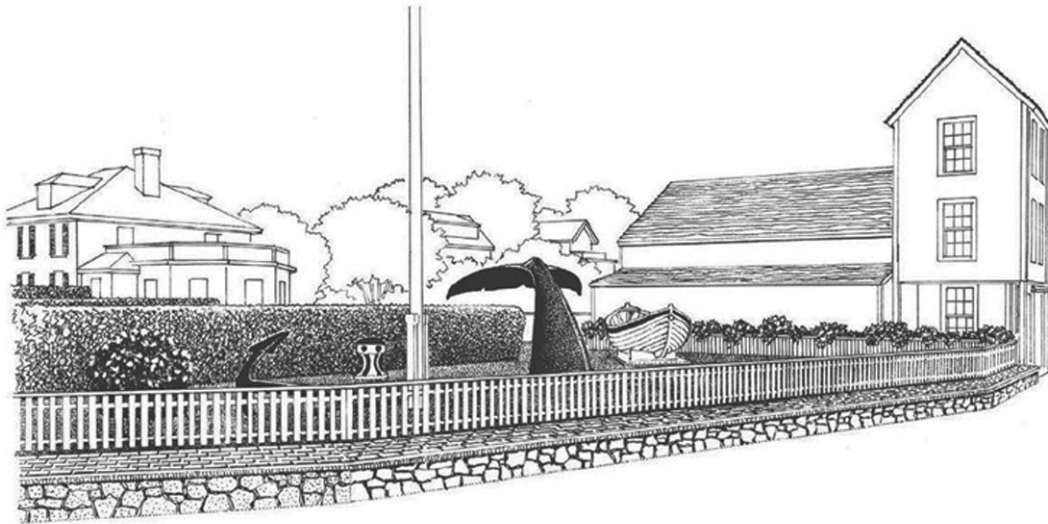
In 2016, the Committee completed a second installation of engraved memorial and honorary bricks at the Whales Tail wall of Memorial Wharf. These bricks are a beautiful and affordable way to honor a friend or family member.

Each bench and lamppost in downtown Edgartown has a plaque which townspeople have purchased in honor of someone. Many of these are still available.

The Beautification Committee welcomes your participation in these projects. More information on how to purchase an engraved brick, a bench plaque or lamppost plaque can be found on the Town of Edgartown website (www.edgartown-ma.us).

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL FLIGOR, Chairman
GERRET C. CONOVER
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RENEE CLERMONT
CAMMIE NAYLOR
GERI SMITH
DORIS WARD



MARTHA'S VINEYARD LAND BANK

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

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

Acquisitions:

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

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

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

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

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

Land management:

Ecological inventories and studies continued at many Land Bank properties: Aquinnah Headlands Preserve, Cove Meadow Preserve, Doug's Cove Preserve, Edgartown Great Pond Beach, Fulling Mill Brook Preserve, Great Rock Bight Preserve, Manaquayak Preserve, Middle Line Woods Preserve, Middle Ridge Preserve, Paint Mill Brook Preserve, Pecoy Point Preserve, Poucha Pond Reservation, Quammox Preserve, Sepiessa

Point Reservation, Tisbury Great Pond Beach, Waskosim's Rock Reservation and the Wilfrid's Pond Preserve.

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

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

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

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

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

Cross-island hike:

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

Budget and related matters:

The following chart synthesizes the Land Bank’s annual finances. Anyone wishing to read the budget in its

entirety, which includes a narrative describing the purpose of each line item expenditure, is welcome to obtain a copy at the Land Bank office:

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

As of December 1, 2016 the Land Bank treasury contained some \$12.0 million in unencumbered funds. The asterisk (*) indicates the Land Bank’s revenue projection.

Gifts:

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

Transfer fee revenues:

Fiscal Year 2016 transfer fee revenues were:

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

This represented a 23% increase over the previous year.

Commissioners and staff:

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

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LENGYEL
Executive Director

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Selectmen and
the Citizens of Edgartown:

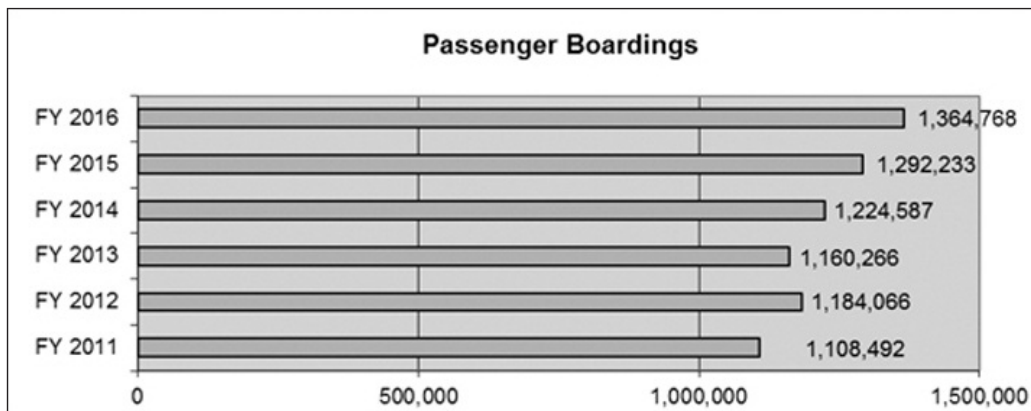
Ridership

Fiscal Year 2016 showed an overall increase of 5.61% in passenger boardings from FY 2015. Passenger boarding

analysis showed a 4.91% increase in the FY 2016 off-season ridership from FY 2015 and a continuing increase of multi-day travel passes and annual passes purchased.

Fixed Route Ridership

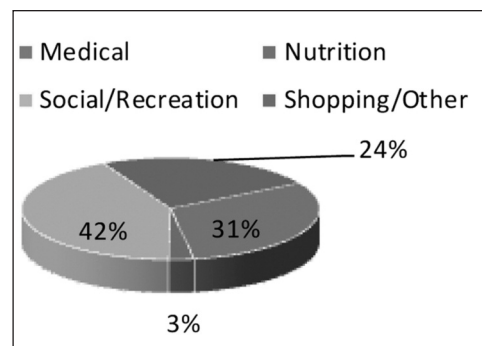
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
July	269,237	290,248	275,455	282,606	293,708	311,650
August	265,686	268,749	291,568	303,175	323,949	330,173
September	118,462	133,887	126,859	129,661	140,739	162,236
October	63,907	67,217	57,637	71,666	76,286	72,149
November	29,096	29,635	29,986	30,053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



"Lift" Ridership

Fiscal Year 2016 showed an increase in medical and social/recreational service trips on "The Lift" resulting in a 13.2% increase over FY 2015. FY 2009

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



Fare Increase

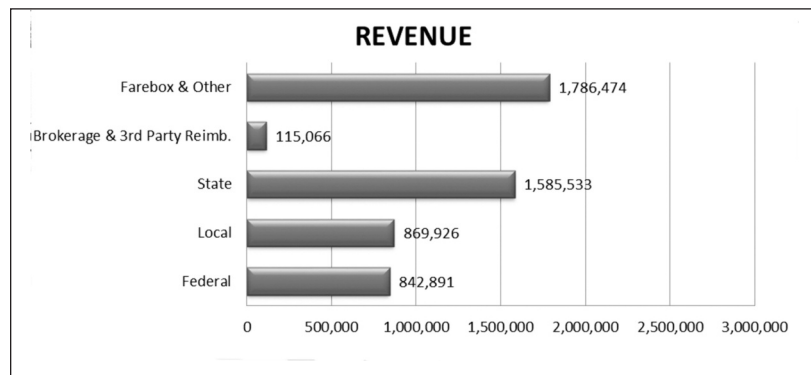
The VTA Advisory Board approved a multi-year fare increase, beginning January 2014:

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

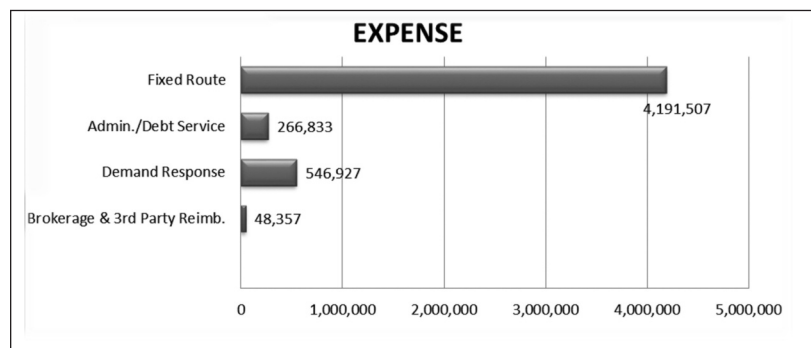
Fiscal Year 2016 Audit Report**Statement of Net Position - June 30, 2016 and 2015**

ASSETS	2016	2015
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 959,025	\$ 1,165,492
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 1,797,504	\$ 1,773,403
Other current assets	\$ 488,750	\$ 411,299
Prepaid fuel hedge	\$ 284,966	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 3,530,245	\$ 3,350,194
Restricted & Noncurrent Assets		
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 168,288	\$ 1,311,369
Receivable for capital assistance	\$ 1,788,713	\$ 456,985
Total restricted assets	\$ 1,957,001	\$ 1,768,354
Receivable for operating assistance	\$ 387,325	\$ 495,342
Capital assets, net	\$10,778,886	\$ 10,185,325
Total restricted assets & noncurrent assets	\$13,123,212	\$ 12,449,021
Total assets	\$16,653,457	\$ 15,799,215
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	\$ 45,785	\$ 2,296
Total assets & deferred outflows of resources	\$16,699,242	\$ 15,801,511
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 207,224	\$ 199,505
Total current liabilities	\$ 207,224	\$ 199,505
Restricted and noncurrent liabilities		
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expense	\$ 1,674,899	\$ 1,625,469
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	\$ 1,674,899	\$ 1,625,469

Other post-employment benefits	\$ 257,178	\$ 86,246
Net pension liability	\$ 267,629	\$ 245,465
Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Total restricted and noncurrent liabilities	\$ 3,699,706	\$ 3,457,180
Total liabilities	\$ 3,906,930	\$ 3,656,685
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension`	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities & deferred inflows of resources	\$ 3,906,930	\$ 3,656,685
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets	\$10,778,886	\$ 10,185,325
Restricted	\$ 282,102	\$ 142,885
Other current assets	\$ 1,731,324	\$ 1,816,616
Total net position	\$12,792,312	\$ 12,144,826



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



Alternative Fuels Assessment & Feasibility Study

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

- ALICE BUTLER, Chairman, Oak Bluffs
 - JOHN ALLEY, West Tisbury
 - JUNE MANNING, Aquinnah
 - JAY GRANDE, Tisbury
 - LEONARD JASON, Chilmark
 - LOUIS PACIELLO, Edgartown
 - RUSSELL ASHTON, Rider Community Representative
 - Vacant.Disabled Community Representative
 - ANGELA E. GRANT, Administrator
- Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

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

		Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday	
W	Selectmen	4:00 pm	Wastewater	2:00 pm	Marine Advisory	4:00 pm	Park Commissioners	10:00 am	Sign Committee	8:30 am					
E			Planning	7:00 pm	Beautification Committee	11:00 am	CPC (as needed)	4:00 pm							
E			Shellfish	4:30 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	HISTORIC DISTRICT	4:00 pm							
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W	Selectmen	4:00 pm	Water	3:00 pm	Personnel Board	1:00 pm	Dredge Advisory	4:10 pm							
E			Fire Engineers	4:00 pm	School Committee	4:00 pm									
E			Health	6:00 pm	Conservation Commission	5:00 pm									
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NOTE: MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. DEPARTMENTS NOT LISTED MEET AS NECESSARY. CONSULT THE TOWN HALL BULLETIN BOARD FOR UP-TO-DATE LISTINGS.



TALENT BANK

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

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

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

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
ADDRESS _____
OCCUPATION _____
BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE _____

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 |